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Convocation of Boards and Agencies in Conferences A and B scheduled

The Convocation of Boards and Agencies of Louisiana Conferences A and B will be held at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, January 22-23. During this time many of the final details of the merger of the two conferences will be discussed.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the opening General Assembly will be held at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will present information about the boards and agencies of the merged conference, the schedule for this year's Annual Conference session and the plans for pre-conference reports.

At the Friday evening dinner Dr. Broadus N. Butler, the new president of Dillard University, will be presented. The Rev. William R. London, Jr., chairman of the Program Council, Conference B, will preside.

On Friday evening there will be a general meeting in the Sanctuary to hear a number of reports. These will include: report of the special committee working on the matter of the merger of Conferences A and B; report of the Re-districting Committee, by Dr. G. W. Pomeroy; report on the closing-out and the Service of Merger, by Dr. Robert F. Harrington; entertainment and arrangements for Annual Conference, by Dr. Jack Cooke; legal matters of merger, by Tom H. Matheny. The evening meeting will also hear a progress report on the Fund for Reconciliation.

On Friday afternoon the boards and agencies of Conference A and Conference B will meet separately to complete necessary business before the joint meetings which will be held on Saturday morning.

The speaker for the closing assembly of the Convocation on Saturday morning will be Dr. G. Leon Netterville, president of Southern University. He will speak on "The Future of Our Church As We Complete the Merger." The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, chairman of the Program Council A, will preside.

Following lunch on Saturday there will be a joint meeting of the Boards of Laity of Conference A and B at Holiday Inn.

Persons planning to attend the Convocation are requested to make their own motel reservations. They are also asked to return by January 13 the card making reservations for meals during the meeting.

Additional information may be secured from Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Director of Program Council, Louisiana Conference A, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, La. 71104, or from the Rev. Howard Milo, Director of Program Council, Louisiana Conference B, 3236 Burdette Street, New Orleans, La. 70125.

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Meeting on Perkins intern program in Shreveport Jan. 9

The Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, has developed a new program which requires every seminary student seeking the new Master of Theology degree to spend a full-time internship with local churches, prior to graduation.

Dr. Claus H. Rohlfs, director of Field Education for the school, will preside at a three-hour session Saturday, January 9 at the R. E. Smith building on the Centenary Campus in Shreveport to present this new program to the Louisiana Conference. Pastors and six selected laymen from fifteen churches in the Shreveport-Ruston-Alexandria area have been invited to take part.

According to Dr. Rohlfs, this new requirement of seminaries will provide a better background and foundation for their future work. According to the Perkins field education director, since the majority of seminary students preparing for the ministry will work with local congregations after graduation, it makes good sense to have them spend a period in full-time association with a local congregation to help them develop their ministry prior to ordination.

The pastor, lay leader, chairman of the Administrative Board, chairman of the Council on Ministries, WSCS president, UMYF president and chairman of the finance committee of churches in these cities have been invited: Shreveport (seven churches); Bossier City, Mansfield, Hosston, Vivian, Natchitoches and three churches from the Ruston District.

Dr. Rohlfs will present the details of the new internship program with the plan in mind that at least some of the churches together will work out an arrangement whereby Perkins theological students may fit into local church programs during the time required.

Starting time of the meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 9. Miss Alice Flint, a Perkins intern who is working in the Program Council Office for the 1970-71 school year, and Cecil Bland of the Program staff will also take part in the program.

Circulation Campaign major emphasis during January

During the period of January 17 to 24 United Methodist churches in Louisiana will be participating in the 1971 Circulation Campaign for **The Louisiana Methodist.** Materials which are being used by the pastors in this week emphasis the theme "How the Word Does Get Around Through The Louisiana Methodist." This idea was suggested by the church-wide study on communications in which most of our churches have shared, and speaks to the central place that the area newspaper holds in the interpretation of the changing mission of the church.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton has urged the district superintendents, the district directors of **The Louisiana Methodist** and the pastors to make the preparations that will make possible another increase in the circulation of **The Louisiana Methodist** to match the 10% increase in subscriptions secured last year.

Although a number of local churches presented their people with the opportunity to subscribe to the paper during their recent periods of Every Member Visitation, the heart of the successful operation of the periodical continues to be the circulation week in January.

For many years **The Louisiana Methodist** has been made possible through the support of the plan which was developed by Dr. E. T. Wayland when he was editor. Other areas of the church have been impressed by this method of using one week in January as the major means of stimulating individual subscriptions to the paper.

Beginning with the issue of February 4 weekly reports on the Circulation Campaign will appear for five weeks. It is hoped that each local church will send in its initial report by January 28 in order that they may be included in the Feb. 4 report..

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Wayne Wilkerson, second from right, is the general chairman of the Christian Responsibility Crusade being conducted at First United Methodist Church, Pineville. Others in this planning group are: (l. to r.) Bill Beeson general visitation chairman; Cannon Matthews, one of the team captains, the Rev. Richard E. Walton, the pastor, and Jean Lohrey, Crusade secretary.

Pineville Church conducting Crusade

The Kick-Off for the Christian Responsibility Crusade at First United Methodist Church of Pineville took place on January 3rd according to Wayne Wilkerson, General Chairman of the Crusade. Wilkerson noted that the church would be conducting a drive to cover the 1971 operating budget as well as to secure pledges to enable construction of a new education building and renovation of present educational facilities. The church is attempting to raise $100,000 over a three-year period in order to begin construction of the new educational wing.

The new building will contain six classrooms, a kitchen and a recreational and fellowship hall. Wilkerson noted that present facilities were inadequate to handle all requirements of the church school program and that the new facilities would be used primarily for the youth of the church.

The Rev. Charles N. Welch from the Department of Finance and Field Service of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church is directing the crusade which will run through January 12.

The new facility will be named the Wilson Watson Education Center in honor of the late Rev. Watson, who was pastor of the church from June, 1967 until his death on January 11, 1970. The plans toward an expanded educational program were initiated by the late Rev. Watson.

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Missions executive dies

Miss Dorothy L. Barnette, 51, a staff executive of the United Methodist Board of Missions, died December 7 in Nairoba, Kenya, of injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident in Nairobi December 12 while on a sabbatical fact-finding project.

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The Fairfield United Methodist Church Day Care Center, a project of the Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries, holds open house.

James Graham (right), coordinator of Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries, one of the Fund for Reconciliation projects in the Louisiana Conferences, is shown presenting the final payment for the special showing of the movie, "The Cross and the Switchblade," to Larry Blazer, regional representative for Dick Ross and Associates, who provided the film.

NEW FAIRFIELD DAY CARE CENTER HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Fairfield United Methodist Church Day Care Center recently held "Open House" for members of the Shreveport community to view the new facility. The center which has been given its initial thrust from the Fund for Reconciliation opened full time in September. A well-planned program of enrichment and motivation is offered the pre-schoolers.

The Rev. J. D. V. Hamilton, Jr., is the pastor of Fairfield Church which houses the Center. This is one of the projects of the Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries, coordinated by James Graham.

The Day Care Center was decorated gaily with seasonal emphases throughout. Some of the decorations displayed were done by the children. Visitors to the center seemed impressed with the work being done.

The staff is headed by Mrs. Bessie Page, director and Mrs. Gladys Jones, teacher. Regular volunteers are Mrs. Jane Cochran and Mrs. Doradean Rodgers. Mrs. Lizzie Patterson serves as cook. Mrs. Imma L. Austin is Chairman of the Council on Ministries, the sponsoring agency.

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Shreveport Metro-Ministries sponsors special film showing

The Shreveport Metropolitan Ministry of the Shreveport District of the United Methodist Church sponsored a special showing of the movie, "The Cross And The Switchblade" at the Shreve City Cinema on Dec. 5. This movie dealt with a minister who extended the arm of the church beyond the FOUR COZY WALLS of the sanctuary. The ministry of the church was shown to include the drug addict and the inner city poor.

The showing of the movie was in keeping with the aim of the cultural enrichment program of Metro-Ministry to help build bridges between racial and cultural groups in the Shreveport area.

Through the efforts of the Coordinator of Metro-Ministry, James Graham and David Stone, youth director at First United Methodist Church, over one hundred underprivileged youth from the "bottoms" area were given the opportunity to see this significant movie. United Methodist Youth Fellowship groups came from several churches in the Shreveport "A" and "B" Districts. First United Methodist Church of Shreveport provided transportation for the underprivileged youth from the "Bottoms" and "Stoner Hill communities."

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Editorial

DOES FAITH REALLY CHANGE ANYTHING ?

The key verse in the familiar "faith chapter" of the New Testament, Hebrews 11, says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Many people are concerned with knowing whether faith is "substance," or whether it is a "substitute" for things hoped for. Is it a creative force that changes things? Do things, and people, and ideas plus faith make a sum that is greater than those three without faith?

There are those who hold that faith is merely an attitude to help us accept circumstances which we cannot change. In a day when questions are being raised about so much of the Christian faith, it seems to us that we need to reaffirm that faith is a real, creative force which can let loose in the world something that does not exist when it is absent.

A dream of the ancient alchemists was the discovery of a process by which gold might be manufactured from other metals. When the atomic age was born, modern alchemists found that they were converting the element uranium into lead as a by-product when they split the atom. We doubt that there will ever be much future in manufacturing lead out of uranium, but we have learned that when great power is released a new substance can be the result. Can we deny that we have longed for a process of spiritual chemistry through which new creatures and new situations might come into being? A Christian definition of faith goes beyond the belief in something and becomes a creative act through which all relationships can become renewed. The main reason we are encouraged about the Church today, when many others are discouraged, is the faith we have in her ability to be renewed. The concept of the Church as a servant comes to us from our faith in its basic nature.

There are many definitions of "faith," ranging all the way from the little boy's statement that it is "believing what we know ain't so" to the pronouncement of James Russell Lowell that "the only faith which wears well and holds its color in all kinds of weather is that which is woven of conviction and set with the sharp mordant of experience."

During our days as a student at Candler School of Theology, one of the most beloved members of that faculty was Dr. Andrew Sledd. We remember his treatment of the "faith chapter" in Hebrews, in which he defined the great concept as "what we do about what we believe." Dr. Peter Marshall put it this way: "You may believe I can push a wheelbarrow across Niagara Falls. You have faith in my ability to perform that act when you are willing to ride across with me."

There is an ancient Hebrew legend which affirms that the waters of the Red Sea did not part when Moses arrived at the water's edge. The miracle took place, according to the story, when the first Israelite waded into the waters up to his nostrils. Dr. Theodore P. Ferris of Trinity Church, Boston, has put it this way: "There is a difference between seeing and believing. To see you just stand and look. To believe a thing, a man must surrender himself to it; welcome it; feel it; and commit himself to it."

Faith has been creative in changing a world of chaos into a world of order. Every act of progress in creation has been made by faith. The will to believe is necessary to progress. Someone had to first believe that the world was round, and then an effort was made to circumnavigate it. There had to be the faith of a Pasteur that a cure could be found for hydrophobia, and then there was the rescue from the cruel bondage of that dread disease. There was first a belief that the air could be conquered, and then the flight at Kitty Hawk by the Wright brothers. These all happened because of faith, and thus we have all been the recipients of the fruits of these creative acts.

Faith has demonstrated the power to transform totally unrelated individuals into closely related groups, and that cement has been a real addition to the total resources of the world. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick said, "Alike in the circle of homes and the world at large, our experience of personal relationship is primarily enriched by the people in whom we have faith." Faith is truly the basic builder of personal relationships.

In romance, family life, and in friendship, faith in the people concerned is in the long run at the heart of the success of the relationships. One cannot be happy ultimately loving a person in whom he lacks faith. So while romantic love may launch a home, and strong continuing love be its driving power, it's very hull and keel are the faith we have in one another.

We have all seen illustrations of the reclamation of weak lives through faith. Listless students with possibilities but no purpose have been transformed by a faith in a person or a vocation. In such a case the faith was as truly a part of the educational process as any part of the curriculum.

Then, all of us know of the way in which faith has changed the lives of men in their religious convictions. When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus and expressed his faith in him, he was no longer the same man. The conversion experience of Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus shines as a great illustration of the creative power of faith.

Test the man of faith by any measuring device you know, and you will find that there is something extra there. Measure him for heighth, and he will stand head and shoulder above those around him. Test his vision, and he will demonstrate that he sees more. There is even a radiance about him that is not found elsewhere.

Faith truly is a substance.

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the Editor's Corner

A WORD ABOUT YOUR PICTURES

We continue to appreciate the many excellent pictures that come to us from our readers. They are a vital part of this publication, and we are happy to note that many new cameras are in use. However, may we again make some suggestions about the kind of pictures that are most useful.

First, there are the basic matters of contrast and focus. The former quality refers to the sharpness of the black and white areas. It is impossible for us to reproduce a picture which lacks this contrast. Many of you are using Polaroid cameras, and for you we suggest that you take a second or a third picture until you have one with contrast. Perhaps the major fault in pictures is lack of focus. This means you have not judged the distance properly and your subjects do not stand out in sharp detail. Please do not send us pictures that are out of focus, because they simply cannot be used.

Next, there is the question of composition. This involves the arrangement of your people to the best advantage. Get close enough to show the faces of the main subjects, and then try not to let anything get in between your camera and your main grouping. Quite a number of pictures of Christmas activities showed only the backs of people. If an event is worth photographing it deserves your posing the people so that they may be identified by the readers.

Occasionally we receive colored prints. Some of these we can use, but they lose a great deal of their quality in reproduction. If you have the chance, it is always better to send us a black-and-white print instead.

We would also like to remind you that you will be helping the staff a great deal if you send only one picture of the same event in the local church. Usually we have to make the choice if more than one picture is sent, because of the limitation of space.

Finally, remember that the pictures of the special seasons come in such quantities that you cannot expect them all to be used without spacing over several weeks.

Keep your pictures coming, but strive hard to improve them, so that we may reflect the story of your church in a better way.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A $2.6 million low-income housing complex has been launched in Jackson, Miss. by the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Christian Brotherhood Homes, a corporation set up by the denominations, is said to have obtained funds through the Federal Housing Authority for the 200-unit project scheduled for completion within a year. Apartments, ranging from one room to four bedrooms, will rent for one-fourth of the tenant's income. The complex will contain a community center, a laundry, day care center, offices, and playgrounds. Similar projects are planned in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, La., and Atlanta, Ga.

The U.S. District Court in Colorado has ruled that the use of the name "YW-YMCA" by recently merged YWCA-YMCA groups in Colorado Springs is in "unfair competition" with the National Young Women's Christian Organization. In line with National policy, the Colo. Springs YWCA relinquished its affiliation with the parent body when it merged with the YMCA in 1968. The Colo. court decision permits continued use of the name if there is a "clear, unequivocal and meaningful" disclaimer made of any connection with the National YWCA.

Rabbi Abel Respes of Temple Adat Beyt Moshel in Elwood, N.J., a congregation of black Jews, says that he and some 50 members of his temple intend to emigrate to Israel "within a year." The rabbi said the emigration is designed to "fulfill a biblical prophecy" and to allow the group "to live where we can really feel at home and Jewish." Members of the temple have no affiliation with any national Jewish body. The congregation has been functioning since 1951.

Disciples of Christ delegates to the Arizona Convention of the Christian Church will be asked in Feb. to join a three-denominational commission—already approved by state units of the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ. If approved the new unit which is designed to combine programming and administration, will result from several years of negotiations. Youth and campus ministry programs are already unified. Under the new program plan, each denomination would retain "polity, ecclesiastical responsibilities, including national and regional denominational matters, such as ordination and placement of pastors." Program staffs would work under the direction of the joint commission.

There is neither preferential treatment for, nor discrimination against, ministers in current tax laws and the issue needs no further study, according to a Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) committee. Since clergymen come under income tax provisions for self-employed persons, the study committee said, there are no restrictions or loop-holes not available to others in the same category.

Twenty-four percent of Japan's Christian population of less than one million lives in Tokyo, according to the Rev. Kenny Joseph, director of REAP (Reinforcing Evangelists and Pastors). The evangelical mission worker reported that 65 percent of the towns and 85 percent of the villages have no Protestant activities. In addition to the church members he estimated that there are three million "agree-ers" with Christianity.

The Bay Area Funeral Society (Berkeley, Calif.) an advocate of funeral reform has announced a plan to aid pensioners and low income groups. A local longshoremen's union will try out the plan at first. A pre-arranged, simple, low-cost funeral service will be provided. The Society previewed a filmed production which it will circulate to groups interested in the movement. Purposes and aims are set forth in an artistic manner. The sound track concludes its appeal with folk singer Malvina Reynolds pleading in her earthy voice, "Bury Me in My Overalls." Elaborate funeral rites, the society holds, do not compensate for the loss of a loved one.

Commenting on the use of American Bible Society supplies and services by Protestant groups, Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary, told the ABS Advisory Council that an "equal number of Roman Catholics are beginning to call on us to help provide easy access to the Scriptures for all their people." "It is no longer only somber theologians who predict impending judgment—even the end of the world—but secular commentators," Dr. Holmgren added. He declared that the picture would be "utterly hopeless, but for what we Christians know as the overarching and overruling power of God."

Legislation which could award non-profit agencies, mostly churches, some $9.2 million in war claims was hanging fire as the 91st Congress rushed toward a close. At stake are claims for loss of property, mostly in the Far East, during World War II. Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish organizations are among the non-profit claimants. Americans United for Separation of Church and State opposes the bill as being representative of special treatment for religious groups. Recipients must use funds received for "promotion of social welfare, religious, charitable or education purposes."

A panel of top level international experts has recommended the creation of a "World Population Institute." David Morse, who headed the panel and submitted the recommendation to UN Secretary General U Thant, told reporters that the primary goal of the institute would be to provide a focal point where leaders and experts could "realistically examine the ethical, moral and practical implications of the birth control issue." The economic committee of the General Assembly has adopted a resolution designating the year 1974 as "World Population Year."

Following an evaluation of replies to questionnaires by families of United Methodist clergymen in the Minnesota area Psychologists Dr. Kenneth McDonald and Dr. Allan Hedberg reported some conclusions at a two-day convocation. They said that the wife of a typical UM minister sees herself as a mixture of "Betty Crocker," the "Old Woman in the Shoe" and "Our Gal Friday." Concerning fathers the researchers said many of the children did not mind sharing their fathers with others, if the time they gave their families was used wisely. The research was undertaken to help promote a better understanding in parsonage families and a more effective relationship with their congregations.

A comprehensive survey of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) reveals that about 77 percent of members give 10 percent or less of their total earnings to the Church. Conducted by the denomination's Bd. of Christian Education in Richmond, Va., the survey showed that pastors and directors of Christian education were the most generous. When asked what would most likely lead the respondent to increase his level of giving, 37 percent of communicants voted for "increased emphasis on winning people to Christ." One-third of the professional staff chose "increased relevance of the church in solving social problems," while only 13 percent of communicants gave this as a reason for raising the level of giving.

A small room in the Pentagon has been dedicated as a quiet place for meditation and prayer by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird. Mr. Laird explained that the meditation room "is an affirmation that, though we cling to the principle that church and state should be separate, we do not propose to separate man from God." The defense secretary said, "until now this building lacked a place where man's inner spirit could find quiet expression."

The Rev. Allen B. Barnes, Sr., founding pastor of the First Baptist Church in Sun City, Ariz. is co-developer with his son of a practical lighted cane, designed to aid the elderly, crippled and invalids to avoid accidents in the dark. Barnes is now president of the manufacturers and distributing firm of Family Enterprises, Inc., of Tucson. The "Walk-in-Light" cane, equipped with two small batteries, lights up at the touch of a switch. The cane comes in 18 colors and in five lengths and is priced at $19.95.

NAGPUR, India – Worshipers participate in a festive service of inauguration, communion and unificatian in Nagpur marking the formatian of the Church af North India. The new bady encompasses six Protestant denaminations with more than 500,000 members. Forming the new Church were the Council af the Baptist Churches in Northern India, the Church af the Brethren, the Disciples of Christ, the Church of India, the Methadist Church under the British and Australian conferences, and the United Church of Narthern India (Congregatianal and Presbyterian). (RNS phota)

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Jan. 10 Sunday	John 15:1-7
Jan. 11	John 17:1-8
Jan. 12	Acts 13:24-33
Jan. 13	Acts 20:28-35
Jan. 14	II Cor. 5:18-21
Jan. 15	Gal. 5:10-14
Jan. 16	Gal. 6:1-6
Jan. 17 Sunday	Phil. 2:12-16

The Rev. and Mrs. James L. Adams (right and center) greet Lee Thompson, vice-president of Methodist Men of the Jonesboro Church, at the recent Open House held at the Jonesboro parsonage.

COLLEGE YOUTH PRESENT PROGRAM AT MONROE

Young adults of First United Methodist Church, Monroe, had charge of the 5:30 Vesper Service on December 27. Ray Mears was the leader for the program presented by the college youth.

The three speakers were Freddy Zeagler, on the subject "The Establishment"; Kerry Bruce giving "Our Mission"; and Jerry Putnam on "Race".

Special music was by The Famous Putnam Brothers — Jerry, Wesley, Jan and Billy; also by Virginia Harkey, Kerry Bruce, with Wesley, Jan and Billy Putnam. Others on the program were Anna Agnew and Louis Harkey.

The Rev. James W. Putnam, associate pastor, was program coordinator. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor.

This "Chrismon Tree" was located in Jefferson United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge.

"NO ROOM IN THE INN," a program of music and readings, was presented in Wesley United Methodist of DeRidder on December 20 and again at the Merryville United Methodist Church on December 22. June Taylor was the director and Dottie Spann was accompanist. The Rev. Walter Clarke is the Wesley minister.

THE PLAQUEMINE UNITED Methodist Church plans a Lay Witness Mission for the membership the weekend of January 15-17. The Rev. Lonnie Sibley is pastor.

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"CHRISMON TREE" FEATURED AT BATON ROUGE

The Chrismon Tree in Jefferson United Methodist Church at Baton Rouge was featured on a full page of the Baton Rouge **Sunday Advocate,** December 20. The article written by Charles Lindsey was accompanied by several pictures.

The young people of Jefferson Church began the project of making Chrismons (monograms or symbols depicting events in the life of Christ) last September following a weekend retreat at Camp Istrouma.

Their study of Christian Heritage led to their interest in the symbols representing that heritage. For the "Chrismon Tree" decorations, the young people designed the symbols, cut them from white styrofoam and decorated them with gold glitter. The original Chrismon tree was designed by a Lutheran congregation a few years ago, and their copyrighted plan requires that all decorations be representative of Christ and be made of white or gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Savior.

Following three months of study and many hours of work, the young people presented the tree to the Jefferson congregation on the first Sunday of Advent, and explained the 60 symbols used in decorating the tree.

Youth leaders who were photographed preparing the tree include Barbara Westall, Tommy Westall, Cynthia Crosby, Keith Walker, Esther Sandifer and Mary Wade. The Rev. Tom O. Crosby, Jr. is their pastor.

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At Pelican, Chrismon decorations were added to the Christmas tree each Sunday morning during Advent. Members of the Youth Fellowship and counselor, Mrs. Beth Magee, made the Christian symbols and explained their meaning as they decorated the tree. From left, are Mrs. Magee, Rickey Gregg, Lynwood Taylor, Jan Magee and Debbie Welborn.

Vinton youth presented the Christmas program at church, Dec. 20. AT LEFT: Standing by their Chrismon tree are Owen Pickett, president and soloist, Teena Kimball, soloist, and Ricky Watson, narrator. ABOVE: Vinton program participants included, from left: Debbie Wilkinson, Pam Williams, Donnie Moreland, Debbie and Pat Grauke, Pat Richard, Gail Williams, Theresa Miller, Ricky Watson, Teena Kimball and Dale Grauke. They were led by UMYF counselor, Nora Lee Parish and Mrs. Floyd Kimball. The Rev. W. W. Bevill is minister.

Dr. A. W. Townsend, Jr., was the recipient of honors recently as he celebrated his 40th anniversary as a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference. ABOVE: Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard, president of the New Orleans District WSCS, presents him a Special Membership from the Algiers Church Women's Society. Mrs. Mary Jane Champagne, Algiers WSCS president, made the presentation at the early service, Dec. 20. At a church family dinner held December 6, Dr. Townsend was presented a check by Edgar E. Cayard, church lay leader, in honor of his anniversary.

LSU WESLEY FOUNDATION HOST TO LTI STUDENTS

Over 100 young people at the Louisiana Training Institute at Scotslandville were treated to a Christmas party on December 15 by students from the LSU Wesley Foundation of Baton Rouge. Under the chairmanship of Miss Gwen Pine, Wesley Foundation vice president for community life, dozens of LTI students assisted in preparing cakes, cookies and sandwiches on the day prior to the party. Special entertainment was provided by Wesley Foundation musicians, Steve Fleming and Phil Ward. The Rev. Delton Pickering is campus minister at LSU.

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BELL CHOIRS FEATURED IN CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Over 400 members of First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, witnessed the blending of handbells and voices to tell the story of Bethlehem, Sunday evening, December 20.

The nationally known Wesleyan Handbell Choir of First Church opened the Vesper Services with two selections from their new recording, followed by the Introit blending the sound of the bells with that of the Chancel, Youth and Wesleyan Choirs.

The Primary Choir rendered four selections featuring soloists Karen Holloway, Greg Bergstedt, and Karen Sue Batchelor. The Junior Choir sang three carols, one being from Venezuela and one from Poland. The Carillon Ringers, the younger Handbell Choir, presented four numbers—one with the unusual blending of the flute played by Karen Jones. The Chancel Choir sang four numbers, featuring the Men's Chorus in "Advent Chorus," Van Schmutz as soloist, and then combined their voices with that of the Youth Choir in "Come Heavenly Choir."

The evening services were climaxed with the combined voices of the Choirs and those of the Wesleyan Bell Choir in "Glory to God in the Highest" and "A Carol of Bells."

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The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 17: Is It Worth My Life?

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:44-50; Luke 14:15-24

MEMORY SELECTION: Whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help each of us discover the priorities of the Christian life and the kingdom of God; to lead us to a deeper commitment to those values which Jesus taught should demand our all.

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In the time of Jesus the interests and loyalties which were deep seated in the hearts of men often stood in the way of their full acceptance of the "good news" he brought. A great deal of his time was spent in trying to break down the old standards of value so that they would not turn a deaf ear to the spiritual riches so characteristic of the kingdom of God.

Today people of every age are seeking to discover the meaning of life. Many young people are finding little challenge in some of the goals which their parents have held to be important. Jesus used three parables which speak to this contemporary search for meaning. They are the stories of the hidden treasure found in a field and the pearl of great price, both found in Matthew 13, and the parable of the great feast found in Luke 14. They all speak in an affirmative voice in answering the question raised about the kingdom, "It is worth my life?"

Behind many of the lags in communication and the lack of understanding between groups are the differences in value judgments to which we have referred already. Some who have found an emptiness in their lives are earnestly seeking purposes to which they can give themselves completely. We will be looking at these parables in today's lesson for answers to the question of why people value different things and why some reject what seems to others to be a priceless gift. Jesus was speaking to his own disciples at the stage in their spiritual maturity at which he was convinced they were ready for the challenge to sacrifice everything for his cause. It is a good time for us to re-examine the degree of our own commitments. How do we feel about the question "Is it worth my life?"

In Matthew 13 just before the parable of the hidden treasure Jesus had told his listeners that "the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed"—so small in its beginnings that it seems inconsequential, yet moving out to engulf the whole of life. The master teacher continues in figures that are familiar to make the point that what he is offering is worthy to be compared with treasure. As we observe the changing values in our day and the way in which so many are being confused by them we can welcome the teachings of Jesus' parables as a means of showing us how we might resolve these confusions.

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THE TREASURE AND THE PEARL

The twin parables of Matthew 13, though brief, contain some of the exciting elements that have always been associated with tales of hidden treasure and maps for which men have been willing to fight and die. Who has read the story of **Treasure Island** and of Long John Silver without a romantic thrill? In Palestine the discovery of concealed riches was not unlikely. Even today archeologists are finding priceless antiques for which the wealthy individuals and nations are willing to pay great sums. In 1948 after the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the verification of their authenticity the gathering of these manuscripts became a great concern of the new nation of Israel. Today the Shrine of the Book houses these valuable findings and it is an inspiring experience to stand in their presence.

The purpose of both these parables is to depict the surpassing worth of the kingdom of God. Each detail of the brief stories centers on this truth. Dr. Buttrick has said in his **Parables of Jesus:** "The joy of the man finding hidden wealth, his tremulous fear lest his secret cannot be kept, his eagerness to purchase that field reckless of the cost—each item quickens our sense of the value of treasure."

We read in Matthew 13:44, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Some modern interpreters have raised the question as to whether the man was morally obligated to tell the owner of the land that it contained a treasure. Here is an illustration of the principle we established that each story had a central point. That main idea in the parable of the hidden treasure was the man's joy that led him to sell all that he had in order to buy the field. Jesus was saying that when we discover the kingdom, we will gladly make any sacrifice for it.

The second story is that of the pearl of great price. It is equally as dramatic as the other, especially as we realize that in Jesus' day the pearl was so rare and costly that it was regarded as the mark of affluence. This jewel was the prized possession of emperors and kings and was therefore thought to be a suitable symbol of the kingdom of God. In this story the merchant, who evidently was well acquainted with lesser jewels, came into the presence of a pearl so perfect that he was willing to dispose of many others in order to possess this one.

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THE PRIMACY OF THE KINGDOM

The main point in these twin parables is that the kingdom comes first, representing life's highest value. In the story of the man anxious to possess the field and the merchant who could not rest until he owned the pearl, Jesus is approving of the appreciation of supreme worth in the hearts of men. The message he is bringing to us is that the kingdom of God is the ultimate blessing whose glory makes all other riches fade into insignificance.

Jesus is telling his disciples in every age that there is in life a supreme good—a joy awaiting discovery. He calls it the kingdom of God — man's utter dedication to the purposes of God. Other pearls may be picked up along the way for lesser prices and seem for a time to fulfill our needs. Popularity, possessions, and power may still leave the soul restless and discontented. There comes often to us the realization that life is incomplete. Then we go seeking like the pearl merchant for that which will bring us the satisfaction he knew. It is an experience reserved for those who give themselves completely to the kingdom of God.

Are we not all seekers for something beyond that which we have? Dr. Buttrick says in Interpreter's Bible: "So the thoughtful man is ever dissatisfied with moderate joys and shortened goals. Earthbound prizes, even in the noble court of King Arthur, could not hold Lancelot or Galahad; they sought the Holy Grail." Someone has called the little twin parables a religious tract written by Jesus to answer the question "Are You Satisfied?" Its purpose is to plant discontent in the hearts of all men who have not been introduced to the kingdom.

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THE INVITATION TO THE BANQUET

In addition to the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price, today's lesson is based on the story of the great feast found in the 14th chapter of Luke. There is a similar story found in Matthew 22 telling of a marriage feast. It's setting is in the house of Simon the Pharisee and the story is told after a discussion of secondary social amenities. Jesus first makes the point that when men entertain at dinner they should not restrict their invitations just to those whom they regard as their own kind but that they should reach out and invite "the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind."

This parable emphasizes the value of the kingdom also but in a very different way. Here Jesus tells us that this concept is of such importance that all men should have an opportunity to be included. In the story a man planned a feast and invited his friends. In the companion story in Matthew 22:1-10 the man became a "king," and the feast is the wedding banquet of his son. One interpreter has pointed out that this story is one more illustration of the joy that characterized Jesus' presentation of the kingdom. We cannot imagine John the Baptist using a feast as a symbol of the overture of God to men. The kingdom to him was an advancing doom, but for Jesus it was a great feast. No wonder the critics of Jesus said of him "the Son of man came eating and drinking."

The invitation speaks of God's desire for us all to come and be a part of his kingdom. He asks us to come with whatever talents we possess. Throughout life these invitations come to us as opportunities for service. Can you recall the first time his clear voice came to you inviting you to be a part of the great feast of his kingdom? It is no accident that we discover what God wants us to do with our lives. All along the way he arranges moments when we see our ability over against some great need of the world and this becomes our "call." It is our part to respond and know the joy of Christian service.

Some scholars have suggested that Luke had a special purpose in including this parable. It was that he was trying to interpret the mission of the church to include all men. As he affirmed that all men were welcome at the feast Jesus is saying that there is room in the arms of God for Jews and Gentiles. From this we move logically to affirm in our own time that the church as the family of the kingdom must be all-inclusive. None should be denied an invitation.

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THE INVITATION REFUSED

After the invitations have gone out we read in Luke 14:18, "But they all alike began to make excuses." The theme here changes from the extended invitation to the refused invitation. We are told of three men who believed that they had perfectly good reasons for not becoming a part of the feast. The first said, "I have bought a field and I must go out and see it"; the second said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them"; while the third said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."

Like all gifts the kingdom cannot become a reality to those who will not reach out and take it. It must be accepted or there is no saving reality for the individual. God does not force himself upon us. The refusal not only "made light" of the kingdom and was an affront to the one who had extended it, but it was also an evidence of a short-sighted perspective.

One cannot find anything seriously wrong about the excuses given by the three men in the story Here we are dealing with comparative priorities. A simple way to discover a person's priorities is to observe what he spends his time doing. The excuses did not deal with violations of the moral law. It was simply a question of what came first; the feast (the kingdom of God), or the land, cattle, and wife. This is not a question of dropping business and family concerns to do the work of the church. It is a matter of first loyalties and first love. A farm, a yoke of oxen, a wife—each closed the supper to an invited guest. The world, the cares of business, the flesh—each close the kingdom to men who have been invited.

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THE HIGH COST OF THE KINGDOM

As we summarize the teachings of these parables we find that Jesus was underscoring the high cost of the kingdom. The question at the beginning of the lesson is "Is it worth my life?" The answer involves not merely a materialistic approach to life, but is concerned with every aspect of our being.

The parables of the hidden treasure emphasize the discovery of the richness of the kingdom; the priceless pearl speaks of the quest for the kingdom; the great banquet tells us of man's excuses and God's compelling love. In each of these we see some aspect of the kingdom that calls us to give it all that we have and are. Do we really think Christ's kingdom is worth everything, or does it come somewhere lower on our list of priorities?

Mid-quadrennial report on UMVS

NEW YORK (UMI) — Midway in the 1968-72 quadrennium, a major thrust of the United Methodist Church's Quadrennial Emphasis has involved almost 1,000 persons in ministries of reconciliation, according to a recent report. Some ministries, the report says, are with persons "far removed from the mainstream of American society."

The thrust is United Methodist Voluntary Service (UMVS), which was authorized by the 1968 General Conference. UMVS is supported financially by United Methodism's Fund for Reconciliation, and is given policy and program guidance by a special committee of the over-all Quadrennial Emphasis Committee, and by various task forces. The program is lodged for administration in the National Division of the Board of Missions, with offices in New York.

New information on UMVS is given by the Rev. Randle B. Dew, executive secretary for voluntary Service, in Progress Report #13 released in December. Pointing out that December 31, 1970, marks the halfway point in the Quadrennial Emphasis, Mr. Dew says that 615 volunteers have served in the last two years, including 290 who have completed terms of service and 325 active currently. They have been related to 100 projects.

However, he notes, "counting volunteers, project directors, supervisors and related workers, the UMVS network involves almost a thousand persons engaged in ministries of reconciliation, some in areas of deepest alienation, working with persons far removed from the mainstream of American society. Others are involved in efforts to change cruel and repressive systems . . . Budget expenditures are on schedule, and funds for volunteer support from UMVS budget in 1971 have already been allocated."

Cautioning that expansion of full-time voluntary service in 1971 depends on resources at local and annual conference levels, and from other sources, Mr. Dew points out that "for the most part, UMVS is not a national recruiting type voluntary service program. Volunteers are recruited locally, or better yet, self-generated volunteers are affirmed and encouraged. Thus de-bureaucratizing the system means more dollar resources for volunteers, more indigenous volunteers and more work getting done."

About a year ago, plans to internationalize UMVS by bringing overseas volunteers to America were announced. In Progress Report #13, Mr. Dew discloses those plans are now being realized: "Two young South Africans are working in Camden, N. J., in day-care and employment programs sponsored by the Haddonfield (N.J.) United Methodist Church. Both have been active in the Methodist Church of South Africa and, in a sense, are 'missionaries to America.' A British Presbyterian works with children and youth groups at an Episcopal church in New York."

Wide variety is reflected in the kinds of volunteers and their projects, Mr. Dew writes. Among examples cited: "The American Indian Task Force of UMVS has volunteers working in community centers, assisting in alcoholism programs, organizing youth in self-help activities and helping in a prisoner rehabilitation project.

"The Spanish-speaking UMVS Task Force has concentrated on chicano concerns in south Texas. In one instance, volunteers discovered a destitute elderly couple who had been in residence 4½ years, or six months shy of the local (and illegal) regulation of five years' residency to receive commodities. A volunteer having legal training but not able to practice law prepared a suit against the county commissioners which a local lawyer filed. The illegal regulation was cancelled, and not only the couple but hundreds of poor people were helped.

"The Black Task Force of UMVS sponsors a day-care program at Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church in Breman, Ga. It may not be like the day-care programs in big cities, but benefits for the children served, for the parents freed to work, for the volunteers who previously had no income and for the pride of the small congregation are considerable."

Grassroots voluntarism is an essential component for any system to attain social goals, Mr. Dew notes, "Professionals alone can't get the job done, and voluntary service in many forms is essential. Also, voluntarism must be primarily indigenous to its own community. The traditional form of voluntary service is to recruit and send someone somewhere. Why not discover the persons already there who are trying to do something and place resources at their disposal? This is a style of UMVS, and one reason why half the volunteers are from ethnic minority groups rather than the usual predominantly white middle-class participants."

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A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

6. THE LIVING FAITH

Chapter V of the Plan of Union deals with the foundations on which the faith of the united church will be established, and offers an excellent opportunity for us all to review the foundations on which our faith rests. As with many of the other sections of the document we may think we are dealing with material that is trite. However, it is just here in the revitalization of the dogmatic positions of each of the participating denominations renewal is seen possible.

First, we have the affirmations that man's hope is in Jesus Christ who was before all things and is that cohesive force that binds all things together. "In him the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things."

The faith of the united church is expressed in Scripture, tradition, creeds, confessions, preaching, liturgies, baptism and the Lord's Supper, and in action in obedience to our Lord.

Scripture: We begin by seeing that the united church is to be first of all biblical in its orientation. The scriptures of the Old and New Testament will serve as the supreme norm of the church's life, worship, witness, teaching, and mission.

Tradition: Tradition (spelled with a capital "T") is perhaps the vaguest of the foundation stones we are seeing here. This is defined as "the whole life of the church insofar as it is guided and nourished by the Holy Spirit. Scripture is itself included in the Tradition and is interpreted in its light. In addition to the one Tradition which runs through all the churches there are the separate traditions of the denominations which will be recognized and preserved as far as possible but which "always stand under the judgment of Scripture and the one Tradition."

Creeds: Two of the traditional creeds are accepted in the uniting church. The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed are seen as witnesses of Tradition to the mighty acts of God. "Conditioned, as all formulations are, by the patterns of language and thought of their time, these symbols (creeds) have to a remarkable degree transcended limitations by their continuing power to set forth the reality and mystery of the Incarnation." It is noted that these ancient creeds have a wider acceptance than some more recent statements of the faith.

Contemporary Affirmations: Although not spelling out the acceptance of any more recent creeds, it is recognized that the united church will continue to use such statements for the enrichment of its own understanding of the Gospel. It will not, however, require the acceptance of these statements by all.

Inclusiveness: The united church affirms that it will address itself to contemporary wrongs which alienate man from himself, from his brother, from creation and from God. It takes its stand against all forms of prejudice, hatred and discrimination based on supposed racial superiorities or purity. It will insist upon freedom from racial discrimination within its own life and will work for the abolition of injustice in society at large.

Worship and Action: The united church will seek to translate its faith into action as it gives itself in suffering love for the world. It will witness through liturgies which not only define faith but also demand action. The people of God will express their faith through concerned witness and action, particularly as they explore and risk new approaches in their areas of daily responsibility and special competence.

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Book Reviews

by AAK.

Georgia Harkness, THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION, $2.45, Abingdon, 160 pp.

In these complex times, a comprehensive understanding of reconciliation is imperative if Christians are to meet its challenge. Dr. Harkness begins this study of a Christian ministry of reconciliation with a survey of biblical thought, for here one finds the lasting and universal truths of the matter. She observes that many denominations are engaged in programs of fund-raising for reconciliation projects, she seeks to give some aid to an interpretation of the guidelines.

Following chapters on reconciliation in the Old Testament, reconciliation in the New Testament, reconciliation in the individual person, reconciliation through friendship and through justice, there is an excellent concluding chapter on "The Christian in Controversy," in which she makes suggestions as to how we must at the same time witness to Christian love and work for the course of action indicated by injustice and need around us.

This is a practical and knowledgeable look at the mission of the Christian church, based on the understanding that the church is a "fallible and human instrument, but with a divine commission for carrying on Christ's work in the world."

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Jesse Lyman Hurlburt, THE STORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, $3.95, Zondervan, 254 pp.

This is a reprint of a brief and concise history of the Christian Church written by the author of the well-known Hurlburt's Story of the Bible. He traces the twenty centuries of the church's existence in six periods: the apostolic church, the persecuted church, the imperial church, the medieval church, the reformed church and the modern church. The style is that of a very readable textbook and there is an outline printed in the margins that contributes to the usefulness for church school teachers. A very simple church history, this book has already had wide usage.

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Warren R. Ebinger, YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE, $1.00, The Upper Room, 64 pp.

The assistant general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns who was at one time executive director of the Council of Churches of Greater Kansas City, is a talented writer of poetry and the Upper Room has performed a service for us in publishing this fresh material concerning the world around us. He writes, for example, of the flight of the Apollo in terms of the continuing act of creation. In the title piece he places the realities of the resurrection over against the many voices of our world that declare "you only live once."

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Methodist and Baptist broadcasters confer with vice president and general counsel of the National Association of Broadcasters at World Association for Christian Communication, North American Broadcast Section meeting. Left to right, Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director Southern Baptist Radio Television Commission, Dr. Paul B. Comstock, vice president of the NAB, and Mr. Nelson Price, assistant general secretary for TRAFCO of the United Methodist Church.

North American Christian communicators meet in Florida

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish radio and television broadcasters meeting here recently for their first North American gathering under the auspices of the World Association for Christian Communication were told that using all the acceptable church words may indicate religious faithfulness, but does not insure good communication.

Dr. Albert H. van den Heuvel, director of communications for the World Council of Churches, said that many of the traditional words of the faith are not understood by today's listeners. He described the role of the church radio and television broadcaster as the same as that of the minister—the proclamation of the "good news." He indicated that the broadcast media afford a chance to confront the masses with the truth, but said, "If you want to convert an individual, talk to him face to face."

Dr. van den Heuvel brought the keynote address and served as a major resource person during the remainder of the five-day meeting.

Participants in the meeting were exposed to news programming, broadcast regulations, advertising techniques, the industry's view of church broadcasting, the citizen's view of broadcasting, the potential and problems of cable television, audience analysis, youth programming, and samples of some of the best programs.

Donald V. Taverner, president of the National Cable Television Association, pointed out that this is the fastest growing aspect of the communications industry and predicted that it will bring greater attention to public concerns than commercial television does. He predicted that cable television is bringing a new dimension to the broadcasting of religion, especially with the emphasis on local programming which is indicated by Federal Communication Commission rules.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, said at the meeting, "We are not religious broadcasters. We are professional broadcasters who specialize in religious material."

Dr. Paul B. Comstock, vice president of the National Association of Broadcasters, expressed the opinion that "Public Service time is a major obligation of every broadcaster. There should be more public service time available to the church in prime time."

During the meeting several of the delegates from the southwest met to make plans for an interdenominational approach to the hundreds of cable television stations that are being authorized.

The North American Broadcast Section of the World Association for Christian Communication is expected to continue meeting on an annual basis.

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Jurisdiction makes new AV feature available

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—"Who Will Answer?" the thirty minute 16 mm audio-visual presentation prepared by the Youth Division of St. Stephens United Methodist Church of Houston, Tex., which has been shown across the nation by ABC network affiliates and by a number of local church groups, is now available from the South Central Jurisdiction's AV Library in the jurisdiction office at Oklahoma City.

The program features the Senior High UMYF of St. Stephen's Church, and was written and edited by the Rev. Daniel C. Steere, associate minister. The show surveys the world in which teens find themselves today — drugs, war, gaps in generations, communications and morality. Members of the St. Stephen's youth group voice some of the frustrations they feel with the world, the church, and their culture. They talk strongly and positively about the church's influence on their lives. In their own words they convey some of the personal growth which they have experienced through participation in a group which required a high level of commitment from them.

The program is a warm and positive statement that the church can be effective in reaching teens, and that church involvement does make a difference in the lives of youth.

Incisive comments by four area religious leaders give added depth to the show. Comments are included from: Dr. Leo Allen, superintendent of the Houston West District of the United Methodist Church; John Bradshaw, professor of Philosophy, Dominican College of Houston; the Rev. Nolen Holcomb, director of Youth Ministries, the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church; and Mr. Steere, associate minister, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church.

The film has been made available by the South Central Jurisdiction's Communications Commission for Conference and Local Church groups as a youth-adult curriculum resource and may be booked through the Jurisdiction Office, 201-203 Bixler Bldg., 2400 N. W. 23rd, Oklahoma City 73107.

United Methodist Council of Bishops announces committee changes

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — Several committees or personnel changes have been announced by Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, secretary of the United Methodist Council of Bishops.

These include a special committee of bishops for an emphasis upon peace, another to consider the Plan of Union of the Consultation on Church Union, delegates to the 1971 British Methodist Conference, and several changes in the membership of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs.

In an earlier release, United Methodist Information reported that the Council of Bishops at its recent Portland, Oregon, meeting took steps toward a "peace emphasis" in future church programming and voted to name a seven-man committee to act in liaison with several United Methodist and interdenominational agencies dealing with matters of human development and world peace and to bring specific recommendations to the Council's fall meeting in 1971 so that "a presentation can be offered to the 1972 General Conference."

Members of the special committee on an Emphasis on Peace are: Bishop James Armstrong, Aberdeen, S. D., chairman; Bishop John Wesley Lord, Washington, D. C. (currently president of the Council of Bishops); Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Topeka, Kansas; Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, Seattle; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.; Bishop C. Ernest Sommer, Frankfurt/Main, Germany; and Bishop Roy C. Nichols, Pittsburgh.

The special committee to consider the Plan of Union document prepared by the Consultation on Church Union and report back to the Council consists of Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn., chairman; Bishop R. Marvin Stuart, Denver; Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Sun Prairie, Wis.; Bishop Hermann W. Kaebnick, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Bishop Short.

Delegates named to represent the United Methodist Church at the 1971 British Methodist Conference are: Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston; Bishop Ole E. Borgen, Stockholm; Dr. David Self, general secretary of the Board of the Laity, Evanston, Ill.; and Mrs. Fredrich Wunderlich, Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

The Council of Bishops also announced the following changes in membership of the church's Commission on Ecumenical Affairs:

Dr. Merlyn W. Northfelt, president of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., for the former president, Dr. Orville H. McKay.

Dr. Jameson Jones, president of Iliff School of Theology, Denver, for the late Dr. Lowell Swan.

Bishop Ole Borgen, Stockholm, for the late Bishop Odd Hagen.

Henry L. Bowden of Atlanta for Paul Webb, resigned.

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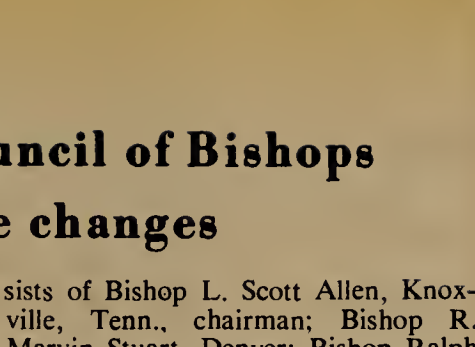

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"Call to Prayer and Self Denial" observance has new schedule

NEW YORK (UMI)—Preparations are under way by United Methodist women, through their two organizations, for what they consider one of their most important annual observances, the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial."

The organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, have designated January 1-15 as the suggested time within which to observe the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." Expected to join in the observance are more than 1,500,000 women in 38,000 local units of the Society and Guild throughout the country. Each local unit is asked to set aside one or more days for the observance.

The January 1-15 suggested period is new in 1971. Suggested date for the observance in 1970 was April 2; in past years, it has been in October. The January dates are expected to continue to be the time suggested for the observance.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial focuses on prayer, a deepened spiritual life, guided mission study and a special offering for world and national projects. The major events suggested for the observance are a "Quiet Day" program, prayer, meditation, a silent meal and an interpretation of the mission projects to which the offering will go. Theme for the 1971 program is "Yes, Lord? Yes, Lord!"

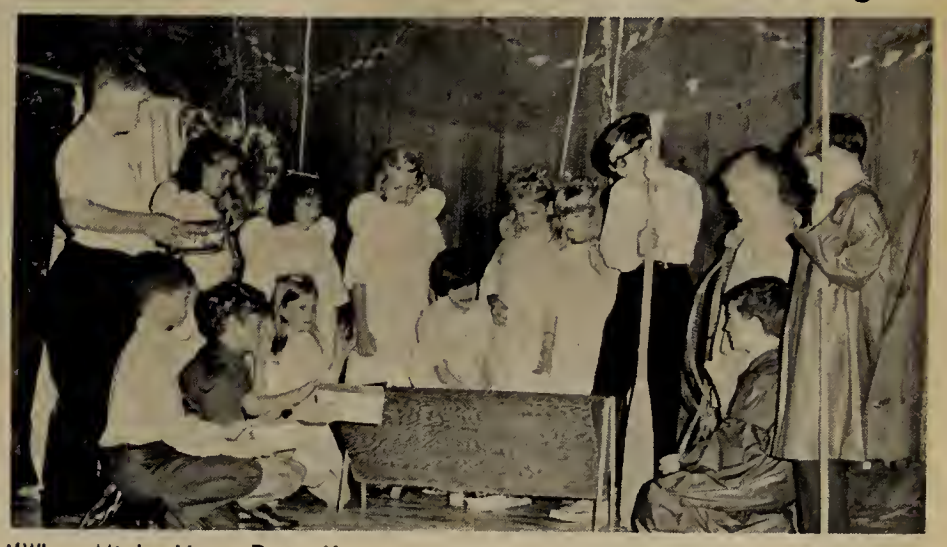
Women's Division leaders emphasized both the "prayer" and "self-denial" aspects of the observance, saying: "Prayer drives us to obedience in active service, and serious active service drives us to prayer. Attention is called to the meaning of self-denial. Does our knowledge of the needs of human beings make any difference in our spending? Is our giving a 'token,' a 'tip,' what is left over, or is it the fruit of intentionally giving up some things. This observance is not only for intercession on behalf of the persons and work for which offerings from Call to Prayer and Self-Denial are given, but for examining one's self before God."

Selected by the Women's Division to receive the 1971 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering are: "1) Training Laity for Ministries in Social Change Overseas; 2) Deaconess Pensions in the United States." In 1969 the offering totaled more than $700,000. Each woman who takes part is asked to save over a length of time and present her offering for the projects. Women are also asked to pray for the workers and those served by the projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Craig and baby portrayed the Holy Family at the "Birthday Party for Christ" held in Pine Grave Church, Ruston District. Rita Tuggle, Cynthia Sandige, Denie Wren and Lynn Lankford formed the Angel Choir. The party was spansared by the Rev. and Mrs. Frank C. Lankford and daughter, Lynn, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Krouse and children.

Mrs. Bentley Sloane, secand from right, entertained the wamen of First United Methadist Church, Alexandria, at a Christmas caffee at her hame. Ca-hastesses with Mrs. Sloane, the wife af the pastar, were Mrs. DeWitt Ginn, at left, wife af the associate pastar, and Mrs. G. K. Walker, second fram left, a member of the church staff. They are greeting Mrs. William T. James, at right. Also assisting were Mrs. Vernan Gordon, WSCS president, Mrs. Cedric Lawrey, WSCS vice-president, and circle leaders: Mrs. C. E. Ewing, Mrs. Albin Jahnsan, Mrs. Edward Fleshman, Mrs. N. M. Sandefur, Mrs. Charles Scott and Mrs. Julian Thomas.

Nativity Pageants with modern settings



"What Might Have Been," a nativity pageant with a Cajun accent, was presented in First United Methodist Church af Lake Charles.

LAKE CHARLES NATIVITY PAGEANT HAS CAJUN ACCENT

A new and intriguing dimension was added to the Christmas story in First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles on Sunday, December 20. Following the traditional Christmas pageant presented by children of the Elementary Department IV, V and VI grades, the same group presented "What Might Have Been".

They set their scene in the Bayou Country of Louisiana in the 1800's portraying what it might have been if the Christ child would have come at this particular time in history.

Lee Allured, in a Cajun accent narrated the Christmas story setting the tone and scene for the children. The scene was the Gulf near the Port of Cameron aboard a fishing boat with the Holy family, portrayed by Vicky Corley and Paul Miller, wrapping the Christ child in sailing cloth and placing him in a bunk. The girls represented angels as parents and friends sang "Angels We Have Heard on High." Arriving on the scene were fishermen instead of the traditional shepherds. Instead of the Three Kings, three young boys, Bruce Barnett, Grady Sutton, and David Toney, came as officials of the land to pay homage to the Babe.

The adaptation of the Christmas story was well received by more than 150 parents and friends and was presented later at a nursing home.

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INGLESIDE WESLEYAN SERVICE Guild of Baton Rouge held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. P. Bright. A brief business session was held and final plans made for gifts to be given to the needy. The Guild tradition of exchanging gifts and discovering the identity of "secret pals" was a highlight of the evening. Mrs. Harry Faulkner is president of the group.

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NATIVITY SCENE IN MODERN SETTING AT LOVE CHAPEL

"The Birth of Christ in 4 B.C. and 1970 A.D." was presented by the Sunday School, Junior UMYF and Senior UMYF of the Love Chapel Church, Haughton, on Sunday night, December 20. On the left side of the chancel, Sunday School members portrayed Mary, Joseph, the Christ Child, the shepherds and the wise men in a series of traditional Christmas tableaux.

On the right side of the chancel, other Sunday School members presented a very unique series of modern Christmas tableaux, showing how the Nativity might happen in 1970. Mary and Joseph were a young couple with no money and a broken down car. The shepherds who came to honor the Baby Jesus were a group of Sunday School children, a newsboy and a milkman. The 1970 wise men were a Salvation Army Lassie, a Red Cross nurse and a teacher.

The "Harmonettes", a well known singing group from the Love Chapel Senior UMYF, sang Christmas carols and served as narrators for the program. Elizabeth Evans, Janice George, Terri Humphreys and Susan Allen are members of the Harmonettes. All members of the congregation took part in a candle light service at the close of the service. Joe Pat Keeton, Sunday School superintendent and counselor of the Junior MYF directed the program.

Following the program, Gary McFadden, chairman of the Administrative Board, presented the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Ovenshire, the pastoral family, an engraved silver tray, a "pounding" of foods and a pair of aprons embroidered with the names of the members of the church.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of the Greater New Orleans area delivered 550 boxes of homemade candy to the United States Public Health Hospital at Carville. Mrs. Edward R. Thomas was in charge of the project.

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During a Family Night dinner at First Church, Lake Charles, Santa Claus gave out candy to children as he received "White Gifts" for the Navajo Indian Mission at Ft. Cobb, Okla. Will Dublin Jr., education and youth director, stands at left of Santa in picture; the Rev. George Pearce Jr. is pastor.

Ladies of St. James church in Marrero package presents for the men at Jackson Barracks for the Christmas party at Angola. Money for the project came from individuals and churches of all faiths. The Rev. Ted Smith of the St. James church ministers to the men at Angola each Saturday.

Scene from the annual Christmas banquet held at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, under sponsorship of the Methodist Men's Club. More than 300 persons attended—nearly half were guests from the free world. The Rev. Jesse L. Means Jr. is minister for the club group.

Senior Citizens at First United Methodist Church in New Orleans during Christmas party and luncheon held in their honor.

Fifteen youth were confirmed at Warren United Methodist Church in Lake Charles on Sunday, Dec. 13. The Rev. M. T. Jackson is pastor of the group shown here.

The UMYF of First Church, Hammond, presented a Christmas drama entitled, "Angels, Please Come to Order," under the direction of Mrs. Katie Wainwright and Mrs. Shirley Wiginton. Children of all ages participated. The Rev. Henry C. Blount Jr. is pastor.

This foursome received God and Country awards during a special ceremony during Dec. 13 morning worship service at First Church in Lake Charles. FROM LEFT: Edwin F. Carmouche, Travis Gillham, William B. Monk and John Levardsen. Troy Parsons, scoutmaster and the Rev. Jim Ailor, associate pastor worked with the young men who achieved this honor.

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OUR BISHOP'S LETTER

New Orleans, Louisiana
January 14, 1971

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

May I remind you of the annual subscription campaign for **The Louisiana Methodist** which our churches will be observing January 17-24.

Last year we had a very successful campaign and increased our subscriptions by 10 per cent. This year we desire very much to achieve another such increase in the circulation of the paper in Conferences A and B.

I do not need to call your attention in detail to the various ways in which **The Louisiana Methodist** serves us. It carries information to our people concerning the United Methodist Church on the local, conference and connectional levels, and helps us to promote in every way the total program of the church. Through its news columns it acquaints us with what the people called Methodists in Louisiana are doing. Through its pages we share our needs and our successes. **The Louisiana Methodist** should be in every Methodist home in Louisiana.

Our district superintendents, district directors of **The Louisiana Methodist** and pastors will be leading you in this circulation campaign. Please give your full cooperation and help to make this effort successful in every way.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey G. Walton

Centenary Homecoming, February 6

The Centenary College Alumni Association will hold its annual Homecoming this year on Saturday, February 6, according to an announcement by Mrs. Bruce Middlebrooks, president of the Association. Invitations have gone out to the 6,500 former students of the college reminding them of the date and the events planned for this year's event.

One of the highlights of the yearly reunion of former Centenary students is the announcement of the recipient of the Alumni Hall of Fame award which goes to some distinguished alumni of the college. Mrs. Middlebrooks said that nominations for the award are still open and urged anyone interested in proposing a name for the award to send it to the Alumni Association office at the college immediately.

Nominations should be based on the following criteria: The recipient must be a former student; the date of termination of attendance at Centenary must have preceded the award by at least ten years; the recipient must have made a distinctive contribution to his particular profession, and must have evidenced his continuing interest in and support of Centenary College. Deadline for the receipt of nominations is January 15.

The Hall of Fame award, together with the Honorary Alumnus and outstanding Teacher awards will be made at the Homecoming Banquet and Dance at the Shreveport Convention Center at 7:30 p.m.

Other events scheduled for this year's gathering on the Centenary campus include a reunion of the Maroon Jackets, campus tours of the two new buildings, the Hamilton Hall Administration Building and the domed physical education building on the south campus, the Homecoming basketball game between the Centenary Gentlemen and the University of Eastern Michigan at Haynes Gymnasium at 2:00 p.m. and the 25th and 10th anniversary renunions of the classes of 1946 and 1961.

Mrs. Middlebrooks urged all Centenary alumni to make their reservations for the events as soon as possible. Tickets are available at the Alumni Association office at Centenary and from members of the board of directors of the Alumni Association.

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Daughenbaugh Scholarship Sunday announced for January 17

Sunday, January 17, has been designated Howard L. Daughenbaugh Centenary Scholarship Sunday, according to an announcement by C. O. Henneman, chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the Conference A Board of the Laity. This scholarship fund was originated by the late Howard L. Daughenbaugh of New Orleans, former Conference A lay leader of the Louisiana Conference.

Under the leadership of Mr. Daughenbaugh, a systematic program was instituted to provide scholarships for young women who wished to pursue careers in Christian Education and Service. At the present time five young women from Louisiana Conference A are engaged in studies at Centenary College in preparation for careers in Christian service through this program.

A Daughenbaugh Scholarship pays $600 per year for four years at Centenary College in Shreveport. Any young woman in the conference with a high school diploma who wishes to enter the field of Christian service may make application through her pastor.

The five young women who are currently studying at Centenary College under this program are: Mary Theresa McConnell of Springhill; Linda Marie Miller of Kenner; Betsy Anne Disharoon of New Orleans; Rebecca Marie Boggs of Sulphur, and Shirley Bell Miller of Kenner.

Each District Board of the Laity is given a $300 per year quota to raise for this project. The money comes from United Methodist Men's groups; Women's Societies of Christian Service; adult Bible classes, individuals, other church school groups, and organizations.

It is hoped that local congregations will accept their responsibility for the training of qualified young women who are dedicated to the pursuit of Christian service.

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Bishop Aubrey G. Walton welcomed the Congress on Evangelism to New Orleans at the opening session on January 4.

Louisiana hosts Evangelism Congress geared to changing times

As one seeks to delineate the mainstream philosophy which guided those who participated in last week's United Methodist Congress on Evangelism in New Orleans it seems that all were committed to the concept that they need to bring their pietism and their activism together in a new understanding of and participation in what it means to be committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior for the last third of the 20th Century. This was not a conference in which the Church was attacked, but one in which there seemed to be a unanimous feeling that the world was more ready to hear the message of Christianity than ever before if that message can be seen to have relevance.

More than 2,300 United Methodist laymen and ministers of every section of the nation, and some from overseas, came in numbers far beyond the anticipated attendance, giving a witness to their great concern about a new emphasis on evangelism in the Church. Street preaching in the French Quarter, a Thursday evening rally in Jackson Square, and a great deal of music in the contemporary idiom were included in the means by which the concerns of evangelism were expressed.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of the Louisiana Area brought greetings to the Congress, presenting a concise historical picture of the city of New Orleans and the work of the Church there.

The Congress was challenged to look toward a new spiritual awakening by Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of church history at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, delivering the four Harry Denman Lectures during the meeting. Speaking on the theme, "Evangelism in the Wesleyan Spirit," Dr. Outler pointed out similarities between the Eighteenth Century and our own time, and told the delegates that he hoped today's United Methodists could grasp the essence of the Wesleyan tradition and update it in the church that honors him.

Dealing with a familiar difference of opinion between so-called "pietists" and "activists," Dr. Outler said that "Wesley had a horror of men who professed themselves Christian but who neither understood nor could communicate their faith through the witness of their words and lives."

Pointing out that later generations have lost sight of an important aspect of Wesley's evangelistic program, he said, "For Wesley, the essence of faith was personal and inward; but the evidence of faith was public and social. Witness in daily living is the necessary confirmation to our witness in inward faith."

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Evangelism Congress

Dr. B. A. Galloway, New Orleans; Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, New Orleans; and the Rev. Kenneth McDowell, New Orleans.

The Rev. Nathaniel Perry, Alexandria, and Dr. W. C. Handy, vice president of the Methodist Publishing House.

LEFT: The Rev. Richard Calvin, Sr., New Orleans; the Rev. A. C. Epps, Atlanta, Ga.; the Rev. C. S. Stinson, Atlanta, Ga., and the Rev. Howard Milo, Conference B Program director.

BELOW LEFT: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Arnold, New Orleans, and Dr. David Self, Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Board of the Laity. Dr. Self spoke on Jan. 3 at Napoleon Avenue Church, New Orleans.

MEMO

TO: Chairmen of all Boards and Agencies of Louisiana Annual Conferences A and B, the United Methodist Church

FROM: Grayson Watson, Director of Church Relations

As you know, the Annual Conferences of Louisiana will convene in Shreveport on May 31, 1971. Centenary College, intending to be of service to the Church, will do everything possible to plan for the convenience of those who attend.

Of **special importance** is the reservation of rooms on campus for all Conference **boards** and **agencies** who will need space for their work and planning during the session. If it is possible, please determine your needs at the Convocation of Boards. Size of the room is important, so give me some idea of your space requirements (large group or small, approximate size if possible). Also, list any special needs for your meeting rooms, such as a blackboard or table, etc.

Please contact me directly by mail as soon as possible after the Convocation of Boards. Centenary College will do everything possible to be of service to your agency.

Mardi Gras Coalition needs your help

Last year the tremendous influx of young people into New Orleans at Mardi Gras time caused some serious problems. Many were stranded without enough money to pay hotel and food costs; they slept on levees and wharfs and were often harassed and arrested.

This year a Coalition of concerned persons representing a variety of agencies and organizations has been preparing to relieve some of the tensions and problems of the Mardi Gras season. The Coalition was initiated by the involved Christians of Canal Street Presbyterian Church and Mike Star, the person primarily responsible for establishing H.E.A.D., a free medical clinic in the French Quarter.

Many church people have already become involved in the planning stages of the Coalition because they understand the human needs involved. The Methodist affiliated Metropolitan Ministries is furnishing the Old Redeemer Church on Esplanade as a communication center where legal, medical, transportation and other emergency or general information can be dispensed.

Beyond the communication center, the Coalition is working through the Mayor's Commission on Mardi Gras to secure space (preferably City Park) on which young people can camp.

Churches can help meet the Coalition's needs of manpower and finances. Donations should be sent to "Mardi Gras Coalition" c/o St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart. Youth groups, young adult groups or interested individuals would be extremely helpful in the communication center, or the peace-keeping force at the camp site; resourceful individuals would also be welcome on the planning task forces.

Interested persons should contact Lorely Thompson at St. Mark's Community Center (581-3995, 524-1446).

SUMMER YOUTH DIRECTOR NEEDED!!

The Hammond First United Methodist Church is trying to employ a college student (male or female) who is interested in directing a summer youth program for junior high and senior high youth for two months, June 15, 1971 through August 15, 1971. Applicant should have at least two years of college training. Please apply to the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., P. O. Box 69, Hammond, La.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rev. Rex Squyres is a patient in Room 467, Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tex. 77025. He has asked us to pass on the following information to you:

"All correspondence and need for information related to the Non-Metropolitan Reconciliation program should be directed during the month of January to the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, 2119 22nd St., Lake Charles, La. 70601.

"Also during this time, all correspondence related to the Town and Country Commission should go to the Rev. Conrad Edwards, Box 326, Hosston, La. 71043."

Dr. Jolly B. Harper, pastor at Natchitoches, says to Superintendent Jack H. Midyett of the Methodist Home Hospital, "Jack, this makes $750 from my church for your 'Capital and Improvement Fund,'" as he presents check.

Editorial

METHODISM HAS A CONSCIENCE

A question of major importance for all United Methodists concerns the conscience and its relationship to the immortal souls which we nurture in our Christian lives. This becomes a matter of special relevance when we raise a further question concerning the responsibility of the church for making our consciences more sensitive. We are suggesting that it would be appropriate for us to consider these questions today.

In the story of creation as recorded in Genesis man is described as having moved through three stages as he became a living reality. First, the writer tells of God's forming his body using the materials at hand. The important thing here is not how he created but that man's body came into being through the work of a kind Father. After the body had been shaped and called good, God breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul. This body was now empowered to move and act.

At this stage the process was still incomplete—man was not man in his largest sense until he had a conscience—an inner guide enabling him to recognize right and wrong and to make decisions in the light of this recognition. Man's conscience was still to come. This was an unfolding developing process which is described throughout the pages of Scripture and the maturation of man.

We would like to suggest that the story of the creation and development of the United Methodist Church have followed the outline of the creation of man, and that as an organic reality it is to be seen as fully developed only when it has a mature conscience.

The church has a body. The organization through which the people known as United Methodists function is a live and active reality. This body has changed many times during its lifetime, and in these changes new strength has come periodically to enable those who make up the church to find more effective means of giving their Christian witness. In the Eighteenth Century God reached down and created a vibrant new church out of the dust of an ecclesiastical organization which had grown cold. He formed the Wesleyan Church in Great Britain and the Methodist Episcopal Church on the North American continent as spirit-filled groups through which his will could be made known.

This body resembled in many ways the one out of which it had sprung, while moving toward its own individuality. However, there were many points at which it took new directions because of the warm-hearted spirit. God had "breathed into it the breath of life and it had become a living soul."

The body also changed through the years as a result of the inner tensions which divided her, and then, through God's leading, reunited her. Although some few have opposed reunion at each step of the way, we thank God that the great majority of the people called Methodists have given their active support to the building of this body.

Now we are engaged in a great search for a new structure —a new body. Exciting directions are being charted as the Commission on Church Structures named by the General Conference of 1968, moves ahead to give us another new body. We believe that the 1972 General Conference will have no more important business before it than their report, and that its action will be a vital part of the creative process for our church.

However, from the beginning Methodism was distinguished from the church out of which it sprung and from its contemporaries by the warmth of its soul. John Wesley was called "the prophet of the warm heart," and the people who became a part of this movement did so because of the soul within the body. Sometimes it has been this characteristic which has prompted some people to judge that the church was not moving as it should. Yet, when they have looked beneath the surface of the structure of the church the warmth of the soul has been seen there.

Continuing our parable, let us point out that a man without a conscience is a puppet and not a person. So we can say that a church without a conscience, and without the power to arouse the collective conscience of the community is not a church at all.

So often people whose personal desires or entrenched interests have conflicted with the exercise of the conscience of the church cry out, "Let the church mind her own business!" These people do not see that the church has no more important business than that of furnishing a conscience to the community and doing all it can to keep it sensitized. Any United Methodist who is willing to leave this up to other denominations simply does not know the history of his own group.

From the first days of its being the United Methodist Church has been a leader in the development of improved social and moral conditions in the world. John Wesley was at the heart of every great move for social reform in England during his century. For the sake of all that is high and true, let us never take the stand that the conscience of our church should be silenced. She is not getting away from minding her own business when she speaks out against individual and social unrighteousness.

United Methodism does have a conscience.

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the Editor's Corner

RECOLLECTIONS OF A COACHING CAREER

As some of you may know, this writer taught in the public schools of his home town, Paragould, Ark., for three years before he heard the call to preach and went to Candler School of Theology for his seminary work.

What you may not know is that during two of those three years he served as a junior high coach. At the beginning of the second year of teaching we had a change in superintendents which brought Clifford Blackburn to that post after several years as a coach in North Little Rock.

He wanted very much to initiate an athletic program in the junior high school, but came to the first faculty meeting without having a coach approved in the budget. I can still remember that day when he "put the finger" on me and announced that I would be coaching. When I protested that I was totally unprepared for such an assignment, he told me that all I would have to do would be organize the practices while the technical skill would come from the principal of one of the elementary schools and some of the stars of other days who were available around town.

Well, you can imagine some of the frustrations we ran into in such a program. However, we did field a team for two years and filled a rather ambitious schedule for a day when few schools were playing football at the junior high level. We had practically no money on which to operate, and I can remember that most of the trips away from home were made in a truck provided by the father of one of our players.

I decided at the end of the first year that a little coaching preparation was indicated, and so I attended the summer session at the University of Missouri. During the second season I did feel a little more at home with the coaching responsibility and gained a great deal of enrichment from it.

One thing that we do recall from it all is that memory of a fine group of young men who worked hard and played hard and later made a substantial contribution to the senior high athletic program and found a solid place for themselves in life. These two years of coaching are a priceless memory for me.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The Emergency Union of Germans, a conservative group within the Evangelical Church in West Germany (EKID), has denounced what it calls "neo-Marxist tendencies" within German Protestantism. The group contends that "if theology is going to be replaced by Marxist ideology, if sermons and pastoral care are to be replaced by political discussions and revolutionary action, our church, as we conceive it, will soon be dead." The EU said that while protests are continuously sounded against shortcomings in Western countries "one no longer dares to call by name the injustices and lack of freedom in the lands under Communist dictatorship."

A group of clergymen has asked the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources to edit its promotional films to eliminate references to the age of the earth which, the ministers say, are "offensive to the beliefs of thousands of Wisconsin citizens." Members of the Eastern Wis. Branch of the Bible-Science Assn., organized to combat the theory of evolution, say that the Genesis account of the Creation is accurate and that the earth is between 6,000 and 10,000 years old. A letter signed by the 11 clergymen told the department that the films, which place the age of the earth in millions of years, had perpetuated the doctrine of evolution. "Children and lay people seeing these films assume the state has investigated and concluded evolution is fact," the letter said.

The Church of the Nazarene had a net membership gain of 3.8 percent in 1970, according to recently released statistics. Sunday schools registered an all-time high with more than four million persons involved in the U.S. and abroad. Organized in 1908, the denomination has 6,287 local churches and 6,931 ordained ministers, and maintains 11 institutions of higher education.

Trustees of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. have unanimously voted to comply with a request from the Tenn. (Southern) Baptist Convention that it rescind permission to hold campus dances. Dancing was first allowed last March. Subsequently, both the executive board and the state convention asked for a reversal. Approximately 100 congregations in the state had decided to withhold all funds from the state convention's program until dancing was again outlawed at Carson-Newman.

Dr. Chester A. Pennington, senior minister of Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church in Minneapolis, has been elected president of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. He succeeds a lay member of the United Church of Christ who was named treasurer.

The next fight over state aid to non-public schools, struck down in October by the Louisiana Supreme Court, is scheduled to go before the La. Constitutional Revision Commission which has already begun its task of revising the state constitution. Spokesmen say the revision process is expected to require several years—as much as ten. However, as revision of each article of the constitution is completed it will be submitted to the state legislature and then to the electorate. With the work of the commission as a background, the superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge held out the strong possibility that a number of parochial schools will not re-open in Sept. for lack of funds.

The Rev. Eugen Stegmann, 42-year-old Lutheran pastor to some of the 12,000 people who travel with Germany's circuses and carnivals, recently spent three months visiting the U. S. under the sponsorship of the Lutheran World Federation. His purpose: to study various "specialized ministries" in this country—how the churches minister to "mobile" populations, campers, theater and show business people, and travelers. In his homeland, Pastor Stegmann lives in a trailer which he pulls behind a Volkswagen sedan, as he ministers to circus and fair personnel—preaching, baptizing, confirming the young people, and "identifying" with the special life style of circus people.

During the 1960's, the United Presbyterian Church had a net gain of 980 ordained ministers, lost 426 local churches and ended the decade with one clergyman for every 299 members, according to a Religious News Service Report. Results of a study by the denomination's Division of Vocation showed that a decrease in the number of clergy candidates took place between 1958 and 1967, when the number leveled off. The Rev. William H. Henderson, division secretary, said the UP Church has received more ministers from other denominations than it has lost to other churches.

Israel's President Zalman Shazar joined 23 leaders of various Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant communions in Jerusalem in a prayer for a "just, permanent peace" in the Middle East. Shazar expressed the hope that "all men of faith and conscience, without distinction of church, community, origin or race, may succeed in spreading among their flocks the feeling of human brotherhood and mutual responsibility."

Some 600 Bible-carrying collegians from all over the northeastern states, members of Campus Crusade for Christ, gathered in Philadelphia for a Christmas week conference. For four days they worked on techniques for winning their contemporaries away from drugs, sex, and confrontation politics. Instead they offered Christianity. The conference was organized by Jesse James, Crusade staff member at the Univ. of Delaware, from Kansas, and the great-great grandson of the famous bandit.

A church made from a single redwood tree will be the home of a museum dedicated to Robert Leroy Ripley, the "Believe It or Not" cartoonist. The Santa Rosa community in Calif., where Ripley was born, plans to fill the 100-year-old church with personal memorabilia of the cartoonist. The church is said to contain 78,000 board feet of lumber.

Another step toward the long-proposed united Church of Lanka, the native name for Ceylon, was taken recently when ministers of the Methodist Church approved the plan of union. The Methodist Conference will vote on the proposed plan, issued nearly 25 years ago, next August. Anglicans, Baptists and Presbyterian groups have previously approved it. Methodists in Ceylon (who follow the British pattern), number about 30,000 and form the second largest Protestant denomination. If negotiations toward the merger are complete by the Fall of 1971, the Ceylonese united Church will be the third major Protestant merger in the Far East within a year. The Church of Pakistan and the Church of North India were formed during 1970.

A pilot program in land redistribution in three Ecuadorian provinces will place about 50,000 acres of land belonging to the Catholic Church in the hands of some 12,000 families. Five church properties are involved in the project directed by a non-profit organization. Carlos Vallejo, who heads the Ecuadorian Center for Agricultural Services, noted that the plan moved slowly because of the "negative response" by some Church leaders who, he claimed, refuse to think in modern terms regarding land administration.

Many people of East Pakistan still have "absolutely no food, clothing, or shelter," according to a Hong Kong representative of World Vision International, a missionary and relief organization. WVI provided a team of ten Christian university students with food, water, rice, protein biscuits, water purification tablets, and clothing for a thousand people. The team traveled by boat to the island areas hardest hit by the recent cyclone. From its Monrovia, Calif. headquarters the organization arranged for shipment of more supplies including cholera vaccine, tools, cooking utensils, and building materials.

The 1971 budget of the United Presbyterian Bd. of Christian Education will be $666,660 below that of 1970, according to the Rev. James R. Gailey, general secretary-elect. Major reductions will include appropriations for board-related colleges, support of educational staff members in synods and presbyteries, resources for church education, and staff salaries. The staff will be reduced by nine executive and seven clerical positions. Major increases include salary raises—most of them on a cost of living basis, projects with special emphasis on leadership development and projects in youth ministry.

Often the child who for one reason or another, cannot live at home with his or her own family has no alternative but institutional care. The United Methodist Church's Board of Health and Welfare Ministries in seeking an acceptable alternative to this, has encouraged the concept of the "group home." Several annual conferences agencies have acted upon this counsel. These girls living in such a home are exposed to a normal family atmosphere, and they receive the additional benefits of professional guidance and counseling from their specially trained "group parents." (World Service photo)

— Who's Who —

Fifteen Centenary College students have earned membership in the 1970 edition of "Who's Wha Amang Students in American Calleges and Universities." Thase selected far the hanar must excel in academic achievement, service ta the callege and cammunity, and leadership in extra curricular activities. Thase hanared at Centenary this year are: (TOP ROW) Mary Ann Garrett, Susan Glanville, Lynn Harne, Virginia Jahnsan, and Cathy Knightan, Shreveport; (SECOND ROW) Sherran Bienvenu, De Ridder, La.; Hugh Gilmare, Fort Warth, Texas; Paul Heffingtan, Memphis, Tennessee; Peter Kastl, Alexandria, La.; Fred Miller, Oklahama City, Oklahama; (BOTTOM ROW) Theresa Margan, El Darada, Arkansas; Dennis O'Malley, Little Rack, Arkansas; Marianne Salisbury, Manrae, La.; Charles Simmans, Franklintan, La.; and Sylvia Snyder, Zachary, La. Three seniars, Fred Miller, Theresa Morgan, and Charles Simmans are repeat winners fram last year.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

by the Rev. Lea Joyner, Southside United Methodist Church, Monroe

As we come to the close of another year, we are reminded of the words from the book of Genesis, "I have learned by experience." Just as Laban discovered some things concerning God's purpose for him and through him, many of us have learned in the school of experience things that will enable us to set our face toward the light and work a little harder to be a better person for Christ and His Church.

Some experiences have been enjoyable and others hurtful; some havc made us smile and others have made us weep, but as wc put them all together, we are grateful for the leadership that God has given to us. With one accord we say with St. Paul, "Forgetting the things that are behind, I press toward the mark of the high calling of God."

At the end of the year it is a wholesome thing to think about life in terms of experience, and the first obvious thing is that our experience is our own, and therefore part of our character. Whatever lead we have made in experience, we have footed it ourselves. What you and I are today is a result of our yesterday.

There are unnecessary experiences. Actually there are some things wc need never learn by experience. There is a knowledge of evil things acquired by curiosity or by willful experiment which has made our battle with the tempter a little harder and our victory over evil a little more difficult. There are times that you and I excuse ourselves for indulgence in evil on thc pretext that we want to see life and that life is an opportunity for collecting experiences. But this is really not true.

Let us not forget that with every loss of self-control you and I become the loser; our vision of life becomes more blurred, truth more smudged, and our sense of delight more enfecbled. There is really no worse lic than the statement that sin is novel, interesting, and vivacious. Yet, there are some necessary experiences. Therc are some things we can only learn by experience.

You recall Christ's answer to Pilate when Pilate questioned Him with thesc words, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "Sayest thou this thing of thy self or did others tell thee of me?" This is Christ's way of rebuking second-hand experience and self produced spirituality. It is the stern reproof of unreality in religion. We might compare it to the difference between artificial flowers and those that are real. One is manmade and lacks perfume and true beauty. The other is produced by God, created by Him, and has fragrance and loveliness. So is life lived in the spirit of God's power through a deep experience of His saving and sanctifying grace contrasted with a life of self-effort and struggle to imitate Christian virtues.

There are many things which we who believc in Jesus may learn by experience. The first of these is that God's salvation is perfect and His remedy for sin meets every part of our need. I cannot add to nor take away nor improve upon the salvation that God has provided.

The sccond is of equal importance when we say God's way is always the best way. We learn by experience what is the good perfect and acceptable will of God.

The third thing we learn by exper-

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NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. C. R. McCAMMON returned to his pulpit Sunday, January 3rd, after having recovered from surgery he underwent in November. He is pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Franklin, La.

AT NAPOLEON AVENUE United Methodist Church in New Orleans, the Rev. and Mrs. Franklin P. Poole had charge of special music on Sunday, December 20. Frank is the son of the Napoleon pastor, the Rev. D. W. Poole, and is a graduate of LSU, Emory University School of Theology, and will get his doctor's degree in Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary, N.Y. in the spring of 1971. His wife is a graduate of Ole Miss and has her masters in organ music from Union.

THE SENIOR HIGH UMYF of First Church, Shreveport, held a Spiritual Life Retreat from Monday through Thursday, December 28-31, at Petit Jean Mountain in North Central Arkansas. The Rev. Keith Tonkel, pastor of Wells United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, was the spiritual life leader.

BOB O'QUIN, SR., who has been secretary of the Sunday School in First United Methodist, Alexandria, for over 50 years, was honored at a recent Sunday morning worship service in that church. Dr. Bentley Sloane is the pastor.

FIVE RAYVILLE BOY SCOUTS were presented God and Country Awards in the First United Methodist Church of Rayville last Sunday, January 10. All members of Troop 43, they are Jim Ball, Ken Bowdon, Fred Franklin, Fred Holtzclaw and Read Yancey. The Rayville minister who worked with them on the awards is the Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr.

PULPIT GUESTS AT MANGUM Memorial Church, Shreveport, while the Rev. Alfred M. Brown and family were on vacation in California in December, include: Dr. Jack Cooke, Shreveport district superintendent, the Rev. Frank C. Collins, retired, the Rev. Grayson Watson, director of Church Relations at Centenary College, and the Rev. James B. Grambling, retired.

THE CARROLLTON PULPIT was occupied on January 3 by the Rev. Charles D. Whittle of Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Whittle is with the General Board of Evangelism and was in New Orleans in connection with the Congress on Evangelism. He was director in charge of "Missions in Brazil" in 1966 in which Dr. James T. Harris, Carrollton pastor, participated.

BEST WISHES are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Groves of Natchitoches who recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary. They were honored by their children at a reception held in fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church, Natchitoches.

FOUR BOY SCOUTS from Troop 5, sponsored by First United Methodists of Lake Charles, were presented "God and Country" Awards at morning worship services, December 13. Receiving the awards were John Levardsen, Bill Mink, Travis Gillham and Edwin Carmouche. In making the presentation, Dr. George Pearce, Jr., pastor, explained to the membership that the boys had given special and outstanding service to the church for at least one year, taken part in many phases of church life, from ushering, leading in public prayer, special service projects, and know the history of the church and of Methodism. Only then was approval granted by the Work Area on Education under the leadership of Miss Kay France. Troy Parson is scoutmaster of Troop 5. The Rev. James Ailor, associate pastor, is chaplain for the troop.

STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICES

LYNN MERRILL, son of Lafayette District Superintendent Merlin W. Merrill and Mrs. Merrill, was the speaker at three services in First United Methodist Church of New Iberia on Student Recognition Sunday. The Rev. Fred S. Flurry is the pastor.

OPEN HOUSE for the college and career young people of First Church, Lake Charles, was held in the Prien Lake Road residence of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Ruhl, on Wednesday, December 30.

BRADY FORMAN, CAMPUS minister at Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, led student services in First Church, Hammond. Speakers included Lou Thomason, Kirby Larpenter, Becky Forman and Ken Kenelly.

RADIO STATION KYCL broadcast Student Recognition services from First United Methodist Church of Winnfield. Earl Denning, III, was leader. Talks were given by Vivian Panzigrau and David Dietzel on "What It Means to Me to be a Christian." Other participants were Max Kelley, Jane Brady, Barbara Hughes, Jimmy Walker and Nancy Holmes.

HENNING MEMORIAL CHURCH of Sulphur had Mark McMurry, Cathy Keever, Chad Carnahan and Randy Langley participating in Student Recognition services, December 27.

STEVE CARAWAY led the Carrollton Church Student Recognition services. Carrollton is justly proud that five of its members are preparing for full time religious service. They are Steve Caraway, Linda and Shirley Miller, and Tami Osoinach, all in Centenary College, and Roy Walters, student in Southeastern at Hammond while serving as pastor at Wesley Chapel and Lee's Landing.

AT PINEVILLE, Joey Crouch and Cindy Stamey brought messages on Student Recognition Day. Other students who participated include Jerry Honigman, Kenneth Daniel, Pinkie Humphries, Earl May, Jr., Steve Hathorn, Gary Stroud, George Dunbar, Mike Migues and Wes Smith.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Jan. 17—Sunday	Philip. 2:12-16
Jan. 18	Col. 3:12-17
Jan. 19	I Thessa. 1:1-10
Jan. 20	I Thessa. 4:13-18
Jan. 21	Heb. 2:1-4
Jan. 22	Heb. 4:1-13
Jan. 23	Heb. 6:1-12
Jan. 24—Sunday	James 1:21-27

RON GREER, second year student at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, was the speaker in First Church, Minden, on December 27. The Truth Seekers formed the choir. Afterwards, the college group met at the home of Carol Williamson.

ALEXANDRIA FIRST U.M. Church had college students in charge of both morning services, December 27. They were under the direction of the Rev. James Jones, student director at Northwestern College, and Lyle Smith, director of Christian Education at First Church. That evening, college students had a buffet supper and fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ewing, Jr.

BOBBY BURGESS, student at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, spoke during the 10:50 service in Southside Church of Monroe. Charles Floyd, student at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, spoke at the 8:30 a.m. service.

AT JENNINGS FIRST U.M. Church, Doug Foreman gave the student message, and Johnny and Alice Jean Adams presented special music on Sunday evening, December 27.

DR. BEN KAPLAIN, counselor and teacher, gave a message for youth at Sunday evening services in First Church, Lafayette, December 27. He spoke on "Community Responsibility – A Challenge to Youth." Dr. Kaplain was also the speaker at both morning services January 3. His subject was "The Family in America Today." The Men's Choir from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church sang a 15-minute program.

The traditional Christmas program of the Slaughter U. M. Church was presented December 20 by the Cherub and Youth Choirs (shown above) of which Mrs. J. M. Beauchamp (at right) is director. An offering was made for the building fund. Fellowship and refreshments followed the program.

The Olla United Methodist Youth Fellowship had as their guest, Dec. 20, the Rev. Frank Jones (standing in background), chaplain of the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston.

COMMENT

For many weeks, we have all been involved in giving to others — now let's give ourselves some gifts to last all year.

First, give yourselves the priceless opportunity of sacrificial giving through the Call To Prayer and Self Denial observance. In March, join with Christians around the world in the World Day of Prayer; in May, reaffirm the ties that bind all Christians when we observe May Fellowship Day. In July, give yourself the wonderful experience of growing and learning at our Conference School of Christian Mission. Then, in September, a very special gift—a chance to join hands with Women's Society members throughout our conferences in our Annual Meeting, to reaffirm our purpose to grow, to challenge, to unite, and to develop.

With these priceless gifts yours for the taking, you can look forward to the new year with the knowledge that as a Methodist woman, you are indeed rich.

My gift to all of you, this little poem by an author unknown to me, inspired by Psalms 18:28:

"This slender, waxen thing that is my Faith,
Fire it, Lord, with some divine white spark
Until its circle, widening at my feet,
Will mark my certain way across the dark.
Thou wilt light my candle — and thus assured
I shall go forward through this unknown land;
The way can never grow too long — too dark;
I shall bear this lighted candle in my hand."

Mrs. George Chastain
Chairman, Program Area of Spiritual Growth
Louisiana Conference A

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CENTENNIALS OBSERVED IN INDIA

(Constance Myer)

NEW YORK (UMI) — A group of 24 United Methodists from the U.S. participated in centenary celebrations December 10-13 for three of Methodism's pioneer institutions in India.

Observing their 100th birthdays were Isabella Thoburn College, First Christian college for women in India; Clara Swain Hospital, first hospital for women in Asia, and Lal Bagh Higher Secondary School, which has nursery-kindergarten through junior college classes. The college and school are in Lucknow; the hospital in Bareilly.

The three institutions were founded by the first appointees of the former Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Miss Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara A. Swain, for whom the college and hospital are named. They arrived together in Bombay in 1870, and moved to the north where they began educational and medical work.

A special India Centennial Tour, sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Missions, left New York November 28 and was scheduled to return December 19. In the group were Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr., president of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions and national president of the United Methodist Church's women's organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild which have a combined membership of 1,800,000 in 36,500 local units.

Society and Guild members are spiritual and organizational heirs of the WFMS and other former Methodist and former Evangelical United Brethren women's groups. Mrs. Harrington, who is representing both the Women's Division and the Board's World Division at the India celebrations, said during the WFMS centennial observance in 1969 that in its 70-year history (1869-1939) members "laid almost $70,000,000 on God's altar and sent out 1,500 missionaries to 19 countries."

Leader of the tour, which includes sightseeing and visits to other United Methodist work in India, is the Rev. Dr. Harold D. Neel, assistant general secretary, Section of Education, Board of Missions. Mrs. F. E. Kennon of Minden, Louisiana, president of the Women's Society of First Church, Minden, was among those of the tour-party.

Today, Isabella Thoburn College has an enrollment of about 400 young Indian women; Clara Swain Hospital, has 260 beds and a nursing school, and annually treats about 3,000 patients; and Lal Bagh School has an enrollment of more than 1,600.

The present 33-acre campus of the college, occupied since 1923, is about two miles from the original site. A new Student Center, gift of United Methodists in the U.S., was dedicated during the celebration as the Centenary Building. The United Presbyterian Church in the USA cooperates in support of the college.

A unique part of the centenary celebrations was a procession with elephants and floats through the city of Lucknow December 13. This was followed by a joint thanksgiving service in a public park to mark the anniversary of all three institutions.

On a record about the college, produced by the Board of Missions, Victor Koilpillai, editor of the **Indian Witness,** Methodist newspaper, says the college has an important role to play in transforming society and is helping to work a revolution in Indian attitudes. Further information about Isabella Thoburn College is found in the Board's new filmstrip, "Saris in the 70s," which honors Miss Thoburn and Miss Swain, and the achievements of Indian women who are continuing and advancing their work today. The Board also has produced a new 19-minute, 16mm color movie, "The Hope of the Morning," a history of Isabella Thoburn College. Gilbert Galloway, New York, associate director of the Board's Audio-Visual Resources and a former missionary to India, coordinated the productions.

Miss Wanda Guice, at right, was presented a Special Membership by the Ruston District Wesleyan Service Guild at a recent meeting held in Jonesboro. Mrs. Robert Allen, District Guild chairman, is making the presentation. Miss Guice has served the district as secretary for more than four years. She has served her local church at Homer as a member of the Chancel Choir and teacher of a young people's class, in addition to filling various Guild offices.

Ladies of the Golden Meadow Church WSCS are shown at the annual Christmas party.

Mrs. James M. Dolbey

NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF CWU TO BE IN NEW ORLEANS, JANUARY 29

Mrs. James M. Dolbey of Cincinnati, Ohio, national president of Church Women United will be the speaker for Church Women United of Greater New Orleans at their annual meeting to be held on Friday, January 29, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1329 Jackson Avenue.

Mrs. Dolbey is active in civic, as well as church affairs. She has been a member of the Cincinnati City Council and has served as Acting Mayor. She has received the "Good Neighbor Award" from the Wise Temple, the "Courageous Citizenship and Civic Activity" award from the American Broadcasting Company, and the "City Brotherhood Award" from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1966, she was elected "Ohio Mother of the Year".

An active Methodist, Mrs. Dolbey is a past president of the Women's Society of Hyde Park Community Methodist Church, a member of the Board of the Cincinnati Council of Churches, past president of the Council of Church Women United of Greater Cincinnati.

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WOMEN AT ST. GABRIEL Prison were the recipients of toiletry articles and jewelry, gifts from members of the Women's Society of the Plaquemine Church. Mrs. Mark L. Arnold was hostess for the Christmas Coffee for the Plaquemine Society.

MRS. CARVER DELOACH was honored with a Special Membership, presented to her by Circle One of the Women's Society of North Highlands Church, Shreveport. Mrs. Travis Hailey received a Special Membership from the Women's Society.

The Pledge Service for the Eunice Women's Society was held on December 2. Mrs. R. O. Harris was leader in the program. Participating with her were, from left, seated: Mrs. Carey Martin and Mrs. Clara Hundley; standing: Mrs. Curtis Carlin, Mrs. H. L. Ninemire, Mrs. Dean Childs and Mrs. Harris. The Rev. Carey Martin is pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JANUARY 24: God's Seeking Love

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 15

MEMORY SELECTION: The Son of man came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help us understand that it is the nature of God to be concerned about all of his children no matter how far they may seem to be removed from him; to give us insight into the current emphasis on reconciliation with its challenge to Christians to be actively involved in seeking the alienated and disenchanted.

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In this time of recvaluation of issues to which the Christian church should be speaking most plainly there is an increasing number of challenges that call us beyond the traditional in church programming. As each one of these new forms of ministry is planned some among us raise questions about it. Within the United Methodist Church the major emphasis of the current quadrennium is on reconciliation, and yet some of us do not see our part in this ministry.

As we read Luke 15 we find three parables of "the lost," told by Jesus after criticism had been directed at him for "eating with publicans and sinners." It was the leadership within his own faith that found fault with him for this offense. The "publicans" were the Jewish people who had turned against their own to collect taxes for the Roman government while "sinners" were those who were beyond the social acceptance of their neighbors of their moral acts. To associate with such people was bad enough; to eat with them was worse. Against such a background Jesus spoke with gentle logic as he answered his critics: "What man of you losing even a single sheep would not seek it? Or what woman losing a coin would not seek it in every corner of the house? Or what father with a son lost in a far country would not keep him always in his thoughts, ready to enclose him in his arms on the day of his return?" Jesus was saying in these parables that this was why he was sent from the Father.

Most of us are willing to believe that God is prepared to welcome the sinner when he returns in penitence to the church. We are even willing to go out and talk to him about this decision. However, if we see that God is really filled with love for all his children we must understand that there are many forms of lostness in our time. Wherever there is a child dying from starvation, or a young person being destroyed by the drug habit, or a part of our society being deprived of their rights — here is a place where the followers of Jesus can be expected to be at work in his name.

Someone has suggested it might be better to give new titles to these three stories. The story of the lost sheep is really about the good shepherd; the main idea in the parable of the lost coin is the persistence of the woman who searched for it; and the principal character in the story of the prodigal son is the anxious father.

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"GIVE ME WHAT IS MINE"

The parable of the prodigal son begins with the crisis which arose when a wealthy man was confronted by the younger of his two sons asking that he be given his share of the father's resources. This was not an unusual request in some of the countries of the East, but it was unusual in a Jewish family. Normally a younger brother would receive half as much as the elder brother. Although the claim seems to have been legitimate, the thing we regret about it is that it symbolized the cutting of his ties with the home.

In our present world we are seeing an increasing number of young people who want to go their own ways. Back of such a desire is the idea that the young person does not need any parental guidance in the determination of the course of his life. As we think of the father in this story we see the young man's desire to be independent of God and to become a god to himself. This is the sin of pride, which is at the heart of all other sins.

Certainly we must recognize that there is a yearning in every heart for independence. As we seek to understand some of the issues inherent in the "generation gap" of our time, we need to be tolerant of the prodigal spirit which dwelt in the breast of this young man. What approach would you take with your own son if he came to you with such a request? The hardest thing for parents to decide is just how much freedom to give their children, and at what age. We can well imagine that what the father in this story did was the hardest decision he ever made. It would have been easier to have said, "No, son, I know what is best for you. What you are proposing is foolish and will not work."

We cannot ignore the freedom that God gives to man — the gift of choice. Dr. James Reapstone says in **Rozell's Complete Lessons,** "When a man decides that he wants to go off on his own and be independent of God, promising himself something better that way, God allows him to make the trial. God allows him to discover, by painful proof if necessary, that true freedom and satisfaction are found only in the freedom we have in the Lord Jesus Christ."

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FINDING HIMSELF IN THE FAR COUNTRY

After the young man had exchanged his inheritance for cash he took his journey "into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living." For a while he must have known a kind of happiness as he was able to attract friends with the money he had at his disposal. But then the day arrived when he had spent everything, and we read in Luke 15:14, "a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want."

This young man was probably not wicked at first, but was resolved to live his own life. He gave no thought to the life of his father, or of his elder brother. He was thinking only of himself. Many a young man had walked this path before him, and many would walk it after him. Like so many he must have thought a way would be opened to him that others had not been able to find.

When his money ran out, and the friends were not around when he needed them, our young man was faced with the necessity of finding a way to survive. The depth of his despair is described by Jesus when he says that "he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into the fields to feed swine." This was an unthinkable task for a Jewish boy, but there was no alternative. He tried to feed on the same husks which he was feeding the hogs. However, he discovered that such food is not for men, and it did not take care of his needs.

The story reaches its climax in verse 17, where we read that "he came to himself." Dr. Paul M. Pettit says in Adult Bible Studies, "It is always reassuring to believe that our real selves are not these sordid, grasping, cowardly selves that the world so often sees. Underneath there is a core of respect, kindness, generosity, and love. If only it can be released!"

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THE RETURN AND THE ACCEPTANCE

Artists of the world have found the return of the prodigal a subject to challenge their greatest skill. Not only had the father waited for the return of his son, but we can be sure that he anticipated the great event by often walking down the road. Luke tells us in verse 20 that "while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion." This tells us a great deal about the nature of our Heavenly Father, and indicates the attitude he takes about our wanderings from his will.

We can be certain that God still recognizes us as his children no matter how much we may have wandered in far countries. The scars of the life of depravity did not conceal the kinship to the father. Love is never blind to the possibilities that remain in the person loved. You will remember how Jesus demonstrated the ability to see beyond the limitations of some of his own disciples. He knew Simon's headstrongness and other weaknesses of personality and character. Yet he indicated his trust in him as a leader, and brought him along to strength. As Dr. Buttrick puts it: "He said that while man is yet a great way off from God, with hardly more than one swift thought of home to his credit, God sees him, recognizes him for his own child, and runs down the road to meet him."

Perhaps we need to see more of the father's attitude in our own homes. What do we do when our children flout our example and our teaching, make the wrong decisions, and even wind up in deep trouble? One of the speakers at the World Methodist Family Life Conference in 1966 told the story of a father who refused to receive his daughter back into the home after she had spent a period of time in a correctional institution. Can you imagine that kind of reaction on the part of a parent?

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THE JOY OF THE CELEBRATION

Although the son had been prepared to enter the employ of his father's household as a servant, he was pleasantly surprised to discover that he was received fully as a son. There are several tokens of welcome mentioned in vv. 20, 22 and 23, each of which is rich in meaning. The father embraced him and kissed him; he called for the best robe; for new shoes for his feet; a ring for his finger; and a fatted calf for feasting. Jesus was going to great length to assure us that God's welcome to the penitent was unreserved.

We need just such reassurance, because it is difficult for us to believe. When alienation occurs in our experience, we find it so difficult to come back together in a relationship that approximates the one we previously knew. And because we find it hard to forgive, we make God in our own image and think the same must be true of him. This does not mean that God's pardon is easy or superficial. It means rather that his love goes so much beyond our love. As he rejoiced at the son's return, there was no word of sharp reproof, no making sure of a sufficient sense of guilt, no requirement of probation, no sentence to quarantine until the disease of sin should be cured. There was only the fullness of a father's love, and the joy of celebration that accompanied it.

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THE ELDER BROTHER'S REACTION

It would made a more pleasant story if it could have ended with the words, "And they began to make merry." However, it takes the discord of the elder brother to make it seem true to life. These stories were inspired by the critical reaction of the Pharisees to Jesus' concern for sinners. The elder brother in this parable serves as a mirror in which those critics might see themselves in their relationship to God. When he discovered that his father was celebrating the return of his prodigal brother, he became indignant and protested that there had never been a party for him. The elder brother has many descendants among us. He may be an active member of the church who does not feel that we should go out beyond the walls of the church to seek the lost or communicate with the alienated. When a minister was once asked his opinion of the identity of the elder brother, he replied, "I only learned it yesterday . . . it is myself."

Many a prodigal has been driven back to the far country by the lack of love in an elder brother. Some are saying that the church is not concerned about their wants and needs, and many of them are right. Exciting things are taking place in the church today, and we can be a part of the joy and celebration concerning them if we are not possessed of the spirit of the elder brother.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

7. THIS PEOPLE AT WORSHIP

Our next emphasis in the Plan is on worship and the forms it will take in the united church. Chapter 6 is a carefully prepared treatise on the foundations of worship in the participating churches, and establishes the position that in the new church opportunities will be given for the use of worship and service books which have been generally accepted. However, the united church will encourage in every parish the experimental use and interpretations of the liturgies of all things uniting churches and traditions. Implicit in this development will be a steady movement toward the creation of new forms of worship expressive of that faith of the united church.

Worship, both private and public, are seen as the natural outgrowth of the Christian's baptism into the Body of Christ. "In the corporate worship of the church, he celebrates with his neighbors the goodness of God, asks forgiveness for his sins and those of his society, experiences the grace of God and matures in the multi-racial fellowship of God's people, and prepares to go forth into the world as an ambassador of Christ to all men."

The united church will be asked to encourage all its people to become familiar with the hymns and music of the entire church, including older forms of music as well as emerging new forms. The important emphasis is on room for wide variety, with each parish being free to work out its forms of worship.

The Scriptures: The reading and hearing of the Scriptures and the proclamation of the Word are indispensable, and, although new forms of proclamation will be emerging, the needs for remembrance and reformation will continue to be essential through the readings from the Scriptures.

The united church will work ecumenically toward the observanec of a common Christian year, with the use of lectionaries through which the rich treasures of the Bible will be made available for the inspiration of the preacher and the edifieation of the people.

Preaching: Preaching is lifted up as the prophetic gift of the Holy Spirit, and is seen as central to public worship. The Plan says, "The preaching and the hearing of the Word of God have a saeramental character."

The Sacraments: Baptism-Confirmation: Through the act of baptism, seen as a whole, the confessing believer is cleansed and incorporated into Christ by death, burial and resurrection with him. It is planned for both infant baptism and the baptism of consenting believers to be maintained in the united church. Following appropriate instruction and preparation, baptism shall be administered with water (by immersion, affusion, sprinkling or pouring) in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Supper: The united church must say as much as it can about the Lord's Supper, as Christians in every age have struggled to do, yet it should recognize that words can never fully express but only point toward redemptive mystery. The emphasis in this section is on the sharing of the act rather than on any effort to make all the members think alike concerning it.

"The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated in such manner as to include the use of Christ's words of institution and of the two elements ordained by him. The form shall include the visable acts of taking of the bread and the cup, the giving thanks or 'blessing' over them for the gifts of God in creation and redemption, the breaking of the bread, and the partaking of the elements by the congregation in communion."

In addition to the sacraments of baptism and the Holy Communion, the united church recognizes the sacramental character of other acts from the record of the Gospel and from the Tradition of the church, including "the Word of God heard, preached, or expressed in the visual arts, marriage, ordination, declaration of the forgiveness of sin, anointing of the sick, foot washing, feeding of the hungry, the giving of drink to the thirsty, the welcoming of the stranger, the clothing of the naked, the visiting of the sick and the imprisoned. All of life has been invested with a sacramental character by the activity of the creative and redemptive Word incarnated in Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit."

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

NEW YORK—United Methodist participation in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity became "dramatically apparent" in 1966-67, and has continued vigorous since, says Dr. Robert W. Huston. More and more, adds the general secretary of the denomination's General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, those who participate in "this significant season see it not as 'our week to be ecumenical' but as the impetus to stronger, deeper, more extended ventures in ecumenism."

In 1971 the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be January 18-25. Begun more than 60 years ago to bring "separated" Christians together, it is now widely observed by Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians. In addition to its original purpose, the Week has also become an occasion for prayer and work for reconciliation among those Christians who may be separated by race, age, political views or economic class. Sponsors are the National Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order, in collaboration with the Catholic Graymoor Ecumenical Institute and the World Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order.

Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity including posters, leaflets and suggested prayers are prepared by the Graymoor Ecumenical Institute (Graymoor, Garrison, New York 10524). 1971 materials are commended by Dr. Huston as being more adaptable for local use than some past materials and as having a strong youth emphasis.

METHODIST AND UNITED CHURCHES DROP PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN RHODESIA

NEW YORK (RNS)—Two American Protestant Churches are getting out of primary education in Rhodesia, partially as a result of restrictions placed upon the schools by the Rhodesian government and the apartheid style Land Tenure Act.

Spokesmen for the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church said that the Rhodesian government's decision to reduce its salary grants to teachers was a crucial factor in their decision.

In African countries it is not unusual for the government to subsidize mission-run schools since the church institutions often provide most of the education available. Church-state relations in Rhodesia have been sticky since the passage in 1969 of the Land Tenure Act, a plan which divides the country into two areas of about equal size—one of the nation's 250,000 whites, and one for the nearly 5 million Africans.

Clergymen were afraid that the act would infringe upon religious liberties and force the Churches to cooperate in legislated racial segregation.

The United Methodist Church said that it wouldn't accept the government reduction in subsidy to its schools, and that it did not intend to "serve as a government agency." While the Methodists in Rhodesia still maintain upper primary and secondary schools, lower primary schools have been completely turned over to the government.

Juel Nordby, executive secretary for the Board of World Missions of the United Methodist Church, said that the denomination's move was "part of its stand against apartheid-type policies of the Rhodesian government."

About 45,000 pupils were enrolled in schools maintained by the Methodists, Mr. Nordby said.

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N.Y. MINISTER HEADS MEN'S GROUP AIDING UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN

NEW YORK (RNS) — Dr. David H. C. Read, minister of Madison Avenue Presbyterian church here, is the new chairman of the Men's Committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation.

Dr. Read succeeds the late Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, founder of the group of 500 men in the U.S. who work on behalf of International Christian University in Tokyo.

The new chairman was born and educated in Scotland, and was chaplain at the University of Edinburgh before coming to the United States in 1956.

He is preacher of the National Radio Pulpit on NBC Radio and is host of a television series, "From Now On."

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Bishop Palmer dies

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UMI)—Bishop Everett W. Palmer, resident leader of the United Methodist Church's Portland (Ore.) Area, died while on vacation here January 5 after suffering a heart attack. He was 64.

A native of Wisconsin, he was a hard-rock gold miner and contractor in the Black Hills of South Dakota when he was married to Miss Florence Wales of Dallas, S.D., and through her encouragement, and a football scholarship, he entered Dakota Wesleyan College to become an athletic coach. A month after entering college, he decided to enter the ministry and was named student pastor of a church described as "19 years dying and one year dead."

After finishing at Dakota Wesleyan, Bishop Palmer received his theological education at Drew Theological Seminary and served pastorates in New Jersey from 1933 until appointed to First Methodist Church in Glendale, Calif., in 1951. He served there until elected to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdictional Conference in 1960.

After eight years in the Seattle (Wash.) Area, Bishop Palmer was assigned to the Portland Area in 1968.

At the time of his death, the bishop was chairman of the Board of Education's Department of Ministerial Education, vice-chairman of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs and the Commission on the Structure of the United Methodist Church Outside the U.S.A., a member of the Board of Missions, and president of the board of trustees of Alaska Methodist University.

During his pastorates, he was known for his work in both evangelism and social concerns, and during his appointment in Glendale a new $1,300,000 sanctuary was erected. In 1968, Bishop Palmer received the Liberian Star of Africa: Grand Band, the highest decoration given a non-Liberian.

Survivors include his wife and three daughters—Mrs. Clifford C. Cate, La Canado, Calif., Mrs. A. Ross Cash, Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. John A. McKean, Honolulu, Hawaii.

A private family service was held January 8 in Hollywood Hills, Calif., and a memorial service was conducted on January 10 in Glendale First Church. A memorial service in the Portland Area will be held in about ten days.

Bishop Palmer's predecessor in Portland, Bishop A. Raymond Grant, died in office in 1967. Earlier, Bishop Bruce R. Baxter died in 1947 while presiding over the annual conference session.

Miss Lindo Goines, center, o student ot Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., presented the voice of youth at the recent Congress on Evangelism in New Orleons. Shown with her ot the meeting ore Dr. Ira Gallawoy of Ft. Worth, Tex., president of the Council on Evongelism, left, ond Dr. Emerson Colow, postor of Hyde Pork Community United Methodist Church, Cincinnoti.

Lord Donold Soper, one of the leoding voices of British Methodism, is shown as he deolt with questions from the oudience at one of the "coffee house" experiences ot the Congress on Evongelism.

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Evangelism Congress

ing," Dr. Outler told the Congress that "without some type of evangelical revival the future of the church and of the world is bleak indeed." Indicating how the first and second "'great awakenings" in the American continent saved the people from dangers of their times, the Congress was challenged to see that, even though these are different times, there is no less need for an awakening. He said, "If there is to be a new awakening, it must be ecumenical, social-action oriented, and be an outpouring of thc Holy Spirit."

In his keynote address to the Congress, Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general sccretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, indicated a number of currents which indicate that the Church is recovering a new sense of evangelistic concern. Some of these are: a major concern of all the agencies engaged in planning which "expresses a universal agreement that the number one priority is for a new understanding of and participation in what it means to be committed to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; the interest shown in the attendance at the Congress; the refreshing challengcs of the lay ministry movement; the discoveries that the ecological crisis is to be solved only in the human dimension; and the enthusiasm which has been generated for "Key '73," interdenominational program which promises to involve churches of widely-differing backgrounds in a united front for Christian witness."

Calls from two sides of the world for the Christian community to be obedient to and involved in issues now, rather than apathetic and future-oriented only, featured the session on Tuesday morning when Dr. Samuel Kamaleson, a minister from Madras, India, said that "Good intentions are not enough, and it is impossible to be a Christian in isolation. Christians are called into visible community in order to carry out God's will in the world."

Sharing the platform with Dr. Kamelson was John H. Staggers, Jr., former sociology professor and community organizer in Washington, who said he is not worried about extreme elements in American life, but by the "marginal man—the bulk of the population — apathetic, fence-straddling, good persons, but not involved with issues." Out of these convictions and his own relationship to the prayer breakfast movement, he said, camc his belief that "the challenge today is for that marginal man to fulfill his Christian responsibility," and that the key is "how people trust one another."

Lord Donald Soper outstanding British preacher who has an effective record of confronting the people through open-air services over a period of more than 40 years, told the meeting that "it is stupid and futile to feel that persons are incompetent to deal with the problems of the world." He stressed the need for preaching to be "relevant where people are; in an age that is characterized by doubting and secularity." He said the preacher must "locate the Kingdom of God not beyond the stars, but where Jesus put it—in the present tense."

The Rev. Bruce Larson, New York Presbyterian minister who heads Faith at Work, Inc., said that affirmation and vulnerability are two of the most hopeful signs of the "emerging church." He said that the Church must move from a John the Baptist approach of proclaiming doom and affirm the worthwhile and wonderful in people." He continued, "Affirmation, rather than criticism, and vulnerability whereby persons admit their human imperfections, are signs of new ways of dealing with things in the church."

On Thursday morning, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. of the Charlotte Area spoke to the Congress on "The Why of Evangelism," and Mrs. Virginia Law, director of the Family Worship Department of the Board of Evangelism, spoke on "Christian Affirmations for Today's World—Christian Relationships."

In the closing session of the Congress, Dr. Oral Roberts, United Methodist evangelist and educator based in Tulsa, said that if Christ is not in the now world, he's never been. He said, "If he's not here he's not anywhere. If he doesn't care for you he's never cared for anyone, if he cannot help you through one of his followers today he's never helped anyone through any of his followers through history."

Emphasizing the healing ministry, Dr. Roberts spoke of the central place held by healing in the ministry of Jesus, pointing out that the word 'salvation' originally meant wholeness so that Jesus came with a Gospel to make men whole."

In speaking of the United Methodist Church which he officially joined in 1968, he said, "I believe that Methodism is one of the two or three groups in the world that has the possibility of complete spiritual renewal, of an outpouring of the Holy Ghost, of repeating the acts of Jesus in all their charismatic power, of being fully unashamed to stand on a street or in a pulpit to go where the needs are. We're not bound by man-made laws, theological cliches, we're mostly unstructured, we have a free pulpit . . . it's exciting."

Making reference to the theological controversy between "liberals" and "evangelicals," he called it "a paradox." He said, "How difficult it is for the evangelicals to consider social action as a part of the gospel and how difficult it is for the social action people to consider the miraculous power of Jesus Christ. It seems to me it is not either or but if we accept the social needs of people we are going to have more than humanism."

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PARISH CONCEPTS REVIEWED

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UMI) — If there is "a new church for a new world," as goes this quadrennium's United Methodist slogan, it isn't entirely evident yet in the parishes.

And while three dozen participants in a recent consultation here still consider the parish concept valid and viable, they would agree that the parish —however you define it—is in trouble. Stressing flexibility, the impossibility of using any single pattern, these people stressed and reiterated the need for planning, training and cooperation.

They learned that forward steps have been taken in some places, but aren't widely known. They found that some good changes have been made for the wrong reasons. They saw that the problem is not exclusively United Methodist, but were told that thc denomination's view of connectionalism as the "best system" may be insulating it against both some problems and some solutions.

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Asbury bicentennial observance to follow World Methodist Conference

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (UMI) —Plans for a three-day celebration of the 200th anniversary of Francis Asbury's arrival in the colonics have been announced by the Rev. William K. Quick of Durham, N. C., committee chairman.

The special Labor Day week-end program will be held at Lake Junaluska Sept. 3-5, 1971, and is expected to draw 1,000 persons, including a number of visitors from overseas who will have been attending the World Methodist Conference in Denver during the latter part of August.

While the celebration is sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History, it is wider in scope and will be the primary national observance of Asbury's coming to America, Mr. Quick said.

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., president-designate of the Council of Bishops, will be the keynote speaker on Friday evening.

Addresses will be presented during the weekend observance, by the following roster of speakers: Dr. Frank Baker, church historian and professor at Duke University Divinity School; Bishop William R. Cannon of Ralcigh, N. Car.; Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., executive secretary of the Gencral Commission on Archives and History, of Dayton, O.; and Bishop Gerald Kcnncdy of Los Angeles. A special feature will be a dialog between a black Chicago pastor, the Rev. Herbert Martin, and Dr. Gordon Melton, founder of the Institute of American Religions, Evanston, Ill. Theme of the discussion will be "Asbury and Richard Allen" (Allen was founder and first bishop of the A.M.E. Church).

In connection with the Asbury bicentennial, a commemorativc medallion will be issued as well as a souvenir plate and a porcelain bust of Asbury. A 200-member commission is at work promoting the event.

Luling congregation celebrates Founders' Day

The congregation at Luling United Methodist Church in New Orleans observed Founders' Day on Sunday, December 6 with a special celebration—"calling together all members, old and new, to renew love and loyalty for the work of Christ through the Luling Church," according to the Rev. Lloyd Foreman, pastor.

The guest preacher for the special observance was the Rev. John T. Redmon, retired member of Louisiana Conference A—now residing in Hollywood, Florida. Redmon founded the Luling church and served as its pastor in 1954. (Although in a retired relationship with the Louisiana Conference, Redmon is presently serving the Wesley United Methodist Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. as pastor. He is now in his 53rd year as a Methodist minister, and the Redmons are about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.)

Also sharing in the day's activities was the Rev. Tom Crosby, who served the church during the early 1960s. Crosby is currently serving as pastor of Jefferson United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

An early Communion service, administered by Pastor Foreman and former Pastor Redmon, began the special celebration. The regular morning worship service was highlighted by the introduction of charter members and members who joined during the first year of the church's existence.

The day's agenda included a reception honoring charter members, a covered-dish supper followed by an old fashioned hymn-sing led by Wally Long, and a sharing session of reminiscences from earlier years in the church's comparatively young history

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Early Communion service began the Luling church's Founders' Day observance. Officiating were the Rev. Lloyd Foreman (right), pastor, and former pastor, the Rev. John T. Redmon.

These members of the Luling church, who joined during its first year of existence, were recognized during morning worship on Founders' Day.

Charter members of the Luling church which had its beginning in 1954 were introduced.

Ministers, past and present, – along with members of their families–who participated in the Founders' Day celebration at Luling Church. SECOND ROW (left to right): The Rev. Lloyd Foreman, Pamela Foreman, Mrs. Nyra Foreman, Mrs. Wilma Crosby, the Rev. Tom Crosby, Mrs. Alice Redmon, the Rev. John Redmon; FRONT ROW: Erin Foreman, Douglas Foreman, Gene Crosby, Cheryl Crosby.

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GLEANINGS

ience is that God's ways are often mysterious and cannot be explained by pure logic. We can never learn to use our experiences in life unless we first learn humility that comes from wonder and awe in the presence of God. We learn to say with Job, "I knoweth the way I take and when He has tried me, I shall come forward as gold."

To me, the most important thing that experience does is to fit us to sympathize with other people. The thing that qualified Jesus as the true friend of men was His own experience of life. "Ours is no high priest who cannot have sympathy with our weaknesses, but one who has been tested in every respect like ourselves, yet without sin."

Let us seek to follow in His steps that we may have compassion, show sympathy, and understanding for those who need us. We need to love greatly because we have been forgiven greatly.

1970 is behind us; let us build on the experiences that we have had and go forward in His strength.

Aid to Pakistan moving

NEW YORK (UMI) — The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) is helping to fund a fully equipped 200-bed hospital for stricken East Pakistan, air-lifted from Frankfurt, Germany, by the West German church relief organization "Bread for the World." This hospital will be staffed by a team of Scandinavian doctors and nurses, according to Dr. J. Harry Haines, the United Methodist relief organization's executive secretary.

"At last we are moving in a significant way after an initial period of frustration over the internal transportation situation which has now been solved," Dr. Haines reports.

Following consultation with the Japan Christian Council, two Japanese relief experts have been sent to Dacca, East Pakistan, to coordinate with the East Pakistan Christian Council the massive rehabilitation effort and emergency relief problems. The East Pakistan churches have fielded twenty people to assist in setting up distribution centers.

Ten thousand blankets, 50,000 pounds of clothing and water purification tablets, adequate for rendering safe more than 2½ million gallons of contaminated water, were airlifted by Church World Service to East Pakistan cyclone and tidal wave victims.

After the initial relief effort is over, a massive clean up and rehabilitation task faces East Pakistan, Dr. Haines says.

United Methodist churches, groups, and individuals are urged by UMCOR to contribute to East Pakistan relief. Gifts should be sent to: United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Room 406, 475 Riverside Drive. New York, New York 10027.

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Participants in an ecumenical wedding performed in the sanctuary of the ESM United Methodist Church in Bogalusa, following the ceremony. Signing the license is Robert Bush, member of Annunciation Roman Catholic Church, Bogalusa, while the bride, the former Sharon Matheny, member of the E.S.M. Church observes. Officiating were the Rev. Roy E. Mouser, E.S.M. pastor and Father Hubert Gorman (l.) of St. Joseph's Abbey, Covington, La.

Members of Ponchatoula First Church presenting handmade gifts to residents of the Kemp Street Nursing Home in Ponchatoula the Sunday preceding Christmas. The Junior Highs made candles and members of the Women's Society of Christian Service decorated boxes of Kleenex. The Rev. T. M. Lancaster is pastor.

Members of the Ponchatoula Church were guests of the Senior High UMY's at a reception following the presentation of a Christmas cantata. Here some of the members gather around the serving table as 20 persons of various age levels light the candles on the traditional birthday cake. The 20 candles symbolize the 20 centuries of Christ's reign on earth. The cake with star-shaped top layer was fashioned by Mrs. Hilda Fletcher.

Children who took part in the Christmas program at Wesley United Methodist Chapel on the Coushatta Charge, display acrostic letters spelling out the word "L O V E" —symbol of the "love gift" of money in the amount of $170 which had accumulated in money stockings placed on the Christmas tree by the 40 members of the church. The Rev. Paul C. Carroll is pastor.

Three active groups at Crowley's Wesley United Methodist Church are pictured below. LOWER LEFT: Newly organized Methodist Men's group during fellowship supper. Officers for the new year are: Percy Barbier, president; Marvin Leger, vice-president; Warren Hoffpauir, secretary, and Buford Benoit, treasurer. LOWER CENTER: New UMY officers (l. to r.)—Donald Hoffpauir, assistant reporter; Phyllis Benoit, reporter; Kenneth Hoffpauir, secretary; Janie Lyons, vice-president; Janet Benoit, president, and Warren Hoffpauir, UMY counselor. RIGHT: Members of the Crowley W.S.C.S. who prepared and served a recent gumbo from which they netted $300 for their church. The Rev. Gary L. Van Horn is pastor.

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CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

We would remind all our readers of the 1971 Circulation Campaign for The Louisiana Methodist, the dates of which are January 17-24. The first printed report on the results will appear in the issue of February 4, containing all reports received by Friday, January 29. We hope that all of you will send us a report of the progress of the campaign in your church in time for the first report. AAK

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Conferences A and B Laity Boards to meet

The Boards of the Laity of Louisiana Conferences A and B will hold a joint meeting, Saturday, January 23, at 2:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn in Alexandria. This meeting, which will follow the Convocation of Boards at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, will be for the purpose of working out details of the coming merger of the Boards of the Laity. The preparation of a new constitution and other details of the merger will be discussed.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will be the speaker for the 6:00 p.m. banquet for the laymen and their wives.

During the meeting, John L. Hereford and the Rev. Richard S. Smith from the General Board of the Laity, Evanston, Ill., will conduct a two-section workshop on Stewardship and Finance, and Lay Life and Work. All the work of the Boards of the Laity come under one of these two commissions. These training sessions will be held Saturday afternoon and evening and on Sunday morning. On Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., the Commissions will meet together as the Board to adopt plans and participate in worship.

All members of the two Conference Boards of the Laity are urged to attend this meeting to make plans for the future. They are asked to arrive in Alexandria in time to attend the 11:30 a.m. closing session of the Convocation of Boards at First United Methodist Church. Dr. G. Leon Netterville, president of Southern University, Baton Rouge, will be speaking at that session on "The Future of Our Church."

The complete agenda for the Board of Laity meeting follows:

Saturday, January 23:

1:00 p.m.—Committee meetings as scheduled.
Joint Committee on Merger
Conference A Committee on the Consultation
2:00 p.m.—Joint Board Meeting
3:30-5:30 p.m.—Workshop-Training Session, with two Commissions meeting separately.
6:00 p.m.—Banquet with Bishop Aubrey G. Walton speaking. Wives are invited.
8:30-10:00 p.m.—Separate Workshop Sessions continued.

Sunday, January 24:

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—Separate Workshop sessions continued.
10:30 a.m.—Commissions meet together as Board of the Laity to adopt plans and participate in worship.

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Centenary President reports on student assistance program

Figures released recently by Centenary College President, Dr. John H. Allen, show almost $400,000 annually is spent for student assistance at the college, including scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment.

Dr. Allen said figures show that Centenary believes that the capable student is welcome at Centenary, even though he may not be able to pay the entire cost of his education.

The Centenary president said that at the present time more than half of the full-time students at the college receive some form of financial aid and many receive a combination of two or more kinds of assistance.

The figures released by Dr. Allen today are for the 1969-70 academic year and show a total of $238,290 for scholarships; $49,358 for student loans; and $107,912 for part-time employment positions on campus. The assistance from these sources amounted to $395,000 which went to a total of 402 students participating in the program.

Dr. Allen said that about 25% of

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Ministers' Week to feature speakers of diverse backgrounds

An Australian Methodist leader and a well-known Jewish rabbi will join four preachers of widely-divergent backgrounds and ministries as guest lecturers for Southern Methodist University's 36th annual Ministers' Week Feb. 1-4.

More than 500 ministers and other churchmen from throughout the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church are expected to participate in the four-day program.

The Rev. Arthur M. Jackson, president of the South Australia Conference of the Methodist Church, will present the four Fondren Lectures on the subject "Tension in Mission."

Rabbi Levi A. Olan, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, will deliver the three Jackson Lectures on "The Prophetic Faith in a Secular City."

Four outstanding alumni of SMU's Perkins School of Theology will share the Peyton Lectureship by delivering sermons within the context of varied types of experimental workshop services. Following each service, its preacher will discuss the place of preaching and worship in today's church as illustrated in the preceding

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FROM LEFT: H. F. "Corky" Falbaum, Noel Church, Shreveport; James R. Lee of Hosston church, Dr. Claus Rohlfs of Perkins School of Theology, and Alice Flint, Conference A Program Office. Miss Flint is a second year seminary student at Perkins who is serving a year of internship with the Conference Office.

Dr. Claus Rohlfs, director of Field Services Education at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Texas, is shown presenting a proposed intern program for Perkins Seminary students to representatives of various churches in the Shreveport–Ruston–Alexandria districts. The new program would make seminary students available to local churches to provide needed pastoral services for them, and experience for the students.

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FROM LEFT: The Rev. Jimmy Buskirk, evangelist and graduate student at Emory University, Candler School of Theology; Dorothy and "Tank" Harrison. The Harrisons are well known in Louisiana for their work in Lay Witness Missions.

"Tank's Ministry, Inc." formed

E. H. "Tank" Harrison, a profcssional police officer on the Mcmphis city policc force, and well known by lay speaker, has formed a non-profit corporation "Tank's Ministry, Incorporated," for the purpose of extending his lay ministry.

Tank says that plans are in the making to obtain a mobile home bus which will provide him with a self-contained vehicle with living quarters so that he may extend the boundaries of the area in which he does his ministry.

Plans are underway for Tank to go to Alaska in May and Viet Nam in June. For the information of those who are interested in finding out more about "Tank's Ministry, Incorporated," write to 4795 Durbin Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38122.

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Ministers' Week

service.

The four Peyton preachers will bc Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Dallas since 1946; the Rev. Nathaniel Lacy, who came to Perkins last fall as coordinator of black studies after several years of urban ministry in the Los Angeles area; the Rev. C. Ebb Munden, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska; and the Rev. Dan Rodriguez, pastor of La Iglesia Methodista Unida, "El Mesias," in Mission, Texas.

Other special events of the week will include a panel discussion on "Counseling the Draftee and His Family," informal small-group discussions with Perkins faculty members on current developments in their fields of specialty, and presentation of portraits of former deans of the Theology School.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson, thc Fondren Lecturer, is pastor of a Methodist church in Hawthorn, South Australia, in addition to heading thc South Australia Conference since 1968. He also has been for several years a part-timc lecturer in homiletics and Greek cxegesis at Wesley College and a columnist for **The Advertiser,** a daily newspaper with a circulation of 120,000.

His varied background includes serving as a chaplain in the Australian Army and at the University of Adelaide, as well as a wide pastoral experience.

Rabbi Olan, this year's Jackson Lecturer, was spiritual leadcr of Temple Emanu-El for 21 years before his retirement last September. Since then he has been in London serving as visiting professor at Leo Baeck College. He has been a visiting lecturcr at Perkins for many years and was appointed Univcrsity Profcssor at the University of Texas in 1969-70.

Rabbi Olan, who was awarded an honorary doctorate from SMU in 1968, has given leadership to numerous humanitarian and civic causes throughout his career.

The Ministers' Week Lunchcon will present an opportunity for informal dialogue with Mr. Jackson, Rabbi Olan, and Perkins Dean Joscph D. Quillian, Jr.

The Fondren Lectures were established in 1919 by the late W. W. Fondren and Mrs. Fondren of Houston. The annual Peyton series was established in 1944 by Mrs. C. W. Hall of Austin. The Jackson Lectureship was established in 1945 by the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Jackson in their memory.

The Church Music Workshop for musicians and pastors, held each year immediately preceding Ministers' Week, is scheduled Jan. 31, and Feb. 1, with a public organ recital by Anthony Newman and the SMU Chamber Orchestra Jan. 31, at 8:15 p.m. in Caruth Auditorium.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a joint meeting of Quadrennial Emphasis Committees at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, on Friday, January 22, 1971, at 12:00 noon for lunch, to conclude by 1:45 p.m.

This general meeting will be preceded by sub-committee meetings from 11:00 a.m. to noon. These sub-committees will be held jointly, Conferences A and B, as will the larger meeting. We will be reporting on any new developments, and receiving reports on the progress of present projects.

—George Pearce, Jr.
Chairman, Quadrennial Emphasis,
Conference A

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METHODISTS INVITED TO REGISTER FOR COUNSELING CONFERENCE

Methodists have been invited to register for the April 26-28 counseling conference to be led by Dr. Wayne E. Oates at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe.

The Home is sponsoring the conference in an effort to help pastors and others in counseling with families in crises situations. Dr. Oates, who is professor of psychology of religion and pastoral care at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and author of 20 books, led a similar conference at the Home last April. Several Methodist pastors attended the 1970 conference.

"We are delighted that Dr. Oates has agreed to return to our campus to lead these helpful sessions again this year," Home Superintendent Wade B. East said. He feels that churches would do well to encourage their pastors to take advantage of this opportunity to hear Dr. Oates deal with certain specialized areas of counseling.

The conference will be open to the first 150 persons who mail the registration fee of five dollars to the Children's Home at Box 4196 in Monroe, La. 71201.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Dell S. Durand, Jr., Deacon on Probation, has requested permission of the annual conference to withdraw from the Methodist ministry and from membership in Louisiana Annual Conference A, and has been relieved of his charge. As a result of this, Bishop Walton announces the following appointments:

George H. Sherman, Jr., Elder in Full Connection, from Ringgold-Grand Bayou-Rocky Mount Charge, Ruston District, to the Hodge-Dodson-New Hope Charge, Ruston District, effective February 1, 1971.

Terry C. Willis, Lay Pastor, from Associate, Trinity Church, Ruston District, to the Ringgold-Grand Bayou-Rocky Mount Charge, Ruston District, effective February 1, 1971.

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COMMERCIAL MOVIE SHORT PRODUCED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—**Gold Is The Way I Feel,** the second short-subject film for commercial movie houses produced by the United Methodist Television Radio and Film Communication Division (TRAFCO) in cooperation with Columbia Pictures, has premiered in Los Angeles, Calif., and Boston, Mass., and will soon be shown in cities across the United States and Canada.

The eight-minute motion picture of art and comments by 33 teenagers from Omaha, Nebr., will be shown with the full length movie **I Never Sang For My Father** and other theatrical films. In the short subject film, teenagers share in drawings and comments, how it feels to grow up in today's world; how they see their parents; how they see themselves; what their hopes and fears are; how they feel about money, war, work, and life in general.

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Shreveport District B lay and ministerial members of the District's Evangelism Executive Committee at meeting held recently at Fairfield UM Church in Shreveport to play for Jan. 18-24 Youth Witness to Youth for Christ Crusade. The Rev. J. D. V. Hamilton, host pastor (back row, at left) and the Rev. A. E. Davis, chairman of the committee and district director of Evangelism (back row, at right).

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT "B" PLANS YOUTH EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

The executive committee made up of sub-District Directors, Coordinators and Publicity chairmen from Lake Charles, Leesville, Natchitoches, Mansfield and Shreveport, met at the Fairfield United Methodist Church on January 9 to make final plans for the District-wide "Youth Witness To Youth For Christ Crusade."

According to the Rev. A. E. Davis, district secretary of Evangelism, the crusade which started in October, will close the week of January 18-24 with simultaneous preaching services in cities and towns across the Shreveport District. The purpose of the crusade is to use the youth of the District in witnessing for Christ and the church.

Editorial

REACTIONS TO THE CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

We would not want to be so bold as to suggest that the recent Congress on Evangelism in New Orleans marked the beginning of a new spiritual awakening in the United Methodist Church, but we do want to communicate to you our impressions of a meeting that provided a means by which a large number of ministers and laymen in our church indicated their desire to give the program of evangelism a new dimension.

Many young ministers and their wives were present looking for spiritual resources to give deeper meaning to the years ahead of them in the parish leadership. Other ministers participated in the Conference on Preaching hearing outstanding pulpit men preach and discuss their methods of sermon preparation. One of the new groups this year was dealing with marriage enrichment. Dr. Bruce Larson was active in the Congress contributing his unusual insights into the nurture of persons through small groups, and a number of those attending the meeting were enriched by their small group participation. Leaders of the program of evangelism at the conference, district, and local church levels spent long hours together discussing ways and means of implementing their plans at the level for which they have responsibility.

The individuals who came to New Orleans found themselves quickly absorbed in the work of the individual conferences, because they were joined there by others with common needs. The platform speakers all seemed to have a heart-warming style of communicating their messages even though some of them stood out in sharp contrast to others.

We would like to share with you our reactions to some of the major affirmations of the Congress.

—Coming from widely separated backgrounds, Dr. Sam Kamaleson of India and John H. Staggers, Jr., director of the Indianapolis Model Cities Program, spoke of some of the major issues of the day and put them in sharp focus. Both called for the Christian community to be obedient to and involved in the issues of the day rather than being apathetic and future-oriented only. Dr. Kamaleson said that one of the major problems comes "when God turns to the community and says, 'you've got something—turn it on,' and persons in the church often respond. 'Is there a reward in it for us?' " Mr. Staggers said that the kind of person who bothers him most is "the marginal man—apathetic, fence-straddling, but not involved with the issues."

—Running through most of the addresses of the Congress was the theme of finding new ways by which the emphases of pietism and activism might be placed alongside each other. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. of Charlotte, N.C. referred to this when he said, "The greatest scandal in the church is the dichotomy between personal and social relationships." Mrs. Virginia Law, Board of Evangelism staff member and former missionary to the Congo, spoke of the importance of relationships between persons, saying, "We must be Christian first to those who are closest to us. We can be healed only as we become willing to be instruments of healing for others."

—Dr. Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology delivered the Harry Denman Lectures, drawing striking similarities between the evangelistic concerns of churchmen today and the concerns of John Wesley. He appealed to his listeners to seek out the essence of the Wesleyan tradition and update it in the church that honors him. He said that "without some type of evangelical revival the future of the church and of the world is bleak indeed." He expressed his conviction that the church is in need of a spiritual awakening that will be relevant to our times, saying, "If there is to be a new awakening, it must be deeply concerned about the church. It must be ecumenical, social-action orientated, and be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

—Dr. Larson of the Faith at Work organization spoke of a need to shift the emphasis from fear to love. He said, "The church must love from a John-the-Baptist approach of proclaiming doom and affirm the worthwhile and wonderful in people." Declaring that we are living in a pre-Christian era, he said that "the good news of Christianity has never been more relevant or negotiable. People are more open to hear the message of Christianity than ever before."

—Dr. Alfonzo Rodriguez, director of Hispanic-American work for the National Council of Churches, called the growth of the ecumenical church more important than atomic power and modern technology. He expressed the hope that the Congress might be the starting point for an effort to evangelize the 12 million Hispanic Americans of whom he said 80 per cent are unchurched.

—In his closing message, Dr. Oral Roberts called the theological controversy between "liberals" and "evangelicals" a paradox. He said, "How difficult it is for the evangelicals to consider social action as a part of the gospel, and how difficult it is for the social action people to consider the miraculous power of Jesus Christ." Expressing his appreciation for the United Methodist Church of which he became a member in 1968, he said, "I believe that Methodism is one of the two or three groups in the world that has the possibility of complete spiritual renewal, of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, of repeating the acts of Jesus in all their charismatic power, of being fully unashamed to stand on a street or in a pulpit, or to go where the needs are."

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the Editor's Corner

THE CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

One of the great programs of the United Methodist Church quietly observed its silver anniversary recently. and we feel it deserves special notice in this column. This is the Crusade Scholarship program which began in 1945 as World War II was coming to an end.

This venture in church-supported international education has helped in the education of 1,882 persons—students from the U.S. and other countries who have received training for service in the church, business, the professions, the arts, education, science and other fields.

Crusade Scholars have returned to their homes to become leaders in the church and in secular fields. Among former scholars are bishops, university presidents and professors, political leaders, journalists, musicians, doctors and businessmen.

The program takes its name from the former Methodist Church's four-year "Crusade for Christ" program from 1944 to 1948. The Crusade program and a similar overseas scholarship program of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church were merged in 1968 when the United Methodist Church came into being through the merger of the former EUB and Methodist Churches.

The program is administered by the national Crusade Scholarship Committee of the United Methodist Church of which Miss Margaret Swift, New York, is the full-time executive secretary, and Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, is chairman.

The group this year includes 78 Crusade Scholars studying in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and 75 studying in 22 countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, Australasia and Latin America. Crusade leaders say the program provides that, where feasible, students are placed in schools in their geographic areas, both to strengthen overseas schools and to encourage a commitment to nation-building tasks in their homelands.

United Methodists support Crusade Scholarships through two major channels: part of the receipts from the annual One Great Hour of Sharing, and money appropriated by the Women's Division of Christian Service.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker on the world-wide Lutheran Hour radio broadcast, has called the Cambodian phase of the Indo-China war, the "crucial struggle" of the war effort, according to a Religious News Service report. Returning from his second Christmas visit to American servicemen in Vietnam, the Lutheran clergyman said, "If the North Vietnamese find they cannot defeat the South Vietnamese in Cambodia, they may decide that they cannot defeat them at all and be ready to enter negotiations for peace." Dr. Hoffman praised the people-to-people civilian advisory program in Vietnam, saying "America has done itself great credit in the careful selection of these advisory groups."

Union Theological Seminary in New York is establishing a chair to honor the late Dr. Paul Tillich. Dr. Tillich was dismissed by Hitler in 1933 from his post at the University of Frankfort-on-Maim, and subsequently came to Union where he taught until 1955. The theologian, whose influence on theological education is well known, then held a prestigious professorship at Harvard. He died in 1965. An initial grant of $50,000 for endowment for the chair has been given by the General Service Foundation. Union is seeking $400,000 for the chair which will not be designated for any specific field of study.

The Wall Street Journal reports that church buildings placed on the real estate market due to the decline of the innercity church, have become warehouses, supermarkets, gas stations, television repair stores, and recreation centers. The Church of England plans to sell 700 church buildings, the Journal says. Some U. S. churchmen have been sympathetic to the disposal of church properties, suggesting that the money earned could be put to "spiritual" uses. Not everyone is happy with the new uses of church buildings, the Journal reports.

Two widely separated "clergy cultures" exist in the U.S. Catholic Church, one composed of men over 50 who are relatively secure and the other encompassing men under 45 who are "impatient and dissatisfied," according to a team of sociologists. Presenting the findings of their study to the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, meeting in Chicago, they said "personal loneliness, work frustration and the need to marry" "most probably" lead to an exodus of a sizeable number of younger priests if the dissatisfaction is not resolved. On the other hand, the sociologist found that Protestant clergymen have a "relatively low and uncomplicated stress profile," mostly gravitating around "inadequate compensation, work frustration and, to a small degree, family unhappiness."

Prof. Harold P. Green, director of the law, science and technology program at George Washington University has suggested that further sacrifice of freedoms will be the price of survival in a technological society. Dr. Green writing in the official publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called anti-democratic a position taken by Dr. Philip Abelson in a Science magazine editorial. "He (Abelson) seems to say that facts relevant to public decisions on science and technology should be determined by elitist groups . . . rather than having the facts determined in the rough and tumble of political process," said Green. "This view reflects a lack of faith in the democratic system," the educator pointed out.

Sixty-four-year-old Anglican Bishop Launcelot Fleming of Norwich in eastern England, who has also served as a polar explorer and geologist, is to be new Dean of Windsor and senior chaplain to Queen Elizabeth. In July, he will be installed to formally succeed the Very Rev. Robin Woods, who was recently named Bishop-designate of Worcester, western England.

The Commission on Ministry of the American Baptist Convention has voted to establish a Fair Employment Council and to encourage the creation of pastoral relations committees in congregations. The Council, to be made up of minority group representatives, will work in the area of "discriminatory employment practices against professional leadership within the denomination." The Rev. Robert D. Rasmussen, director of the Commission, said "The effectiveness of the church's mission is the ultimate reason for improving pastor-people relationships. Conflict can, within certain limitations, be productive, but when those limits are exceeded, the church's mission and its credibility suffer."

A shortage of doctors may mean that two (one in Kenya and one in Uganda, Africa) of the 138 hospitals operated around the world by the Seventh-day Adventists will close, according to a spokesman at the Church's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Dr. H. N. Sheffield, director of the denomination's department of health, said that there is a shortage of doctors throughout the Afro-Mideast division. The hospitals involved employ a total staff of 132 people but each has only two resident physicians.

A Japanese-American executive of the American Baptist Church said in Chicago that the impact of the Christian Gospel appears to be profound in Japan, even without the benefit of a large Christian community. "Even in secularized Japan," with few churches, Jesus Christ is at work with redeeming power, Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa told the Sunday Evening Club, a religious fellowship of Chicago businessmen. Dr. Morikawa, said the church in Japan has greatly affected the theater, the status of women, the working class, mass and popular education and social welfare concern.

A member of the Sisseton Sioux tribe has been named to the Indian services desk in the Division of Mission Services, Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. Eugene Crawford, formerly executive director of the American Indian Center in Omaha, and a Presbyterian layman became associate secretary for the council's Indian services at the start of the new year. He will assist the nation's largest Lutheran Churches to cooperate their ministries among Indians through improved communications. Crawford, 42, was born on a Reservation in South Dakota, and has a master's degree from the Univ. of S. Dakota.

Dr. Will Herberg, theologian and philosopher, writing for a symposium in American Judaism's official publication charged that "we have lost the sense of what a human problem is." "By atomizing, depersonalizing, technologizing and homogenizing the substance of life, mass society withers the roots of humanness," Dr. Herberg said.

What is held to be the first authenticated physical evidence of crucifixion in Biblical times was unearthed more than two years ago in the outskirts of Jerusalem, according to an announcement in the Israel Exploration Journal on Jan. 2. The Journal, published by the Hebrew University Institute of Archaeology, reported that a skeleton, its heel bones pierced by a large iron nail, was found during excavations in an ancient cemetery at Givat Hamivtar in northeastern Jerusalem in June, 1968. Ancient literary sources record several waves of crucifixions in Jewish Palestine, as well as individual crucifixions by Roman procurators.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has called for strong grassroots resistance to "tuition voucher" proposals currently being advanced for use in local school systems by the Office of Economic Opportunity. He charges that "under the guise of encouraging competition in education, these people are seeking to supersede the authority of local boards, erode the public school system, and undermine the separation of church and state." Archer has urged local school boards to "strongly resist this federal interference."

PHILADELPHIA – Jesse James (center), unlike his great-great grandfather, the legendary outlaw of the Old West, carries no gun. An ordained minister, he carries Christianity's message to college students through his work with the Campus Crusade for Christ. Shown with several members of the Crusade at its recent national conference in Philadelphia, which he organized, Mr. James is Crusade staff member at the University of Delaware. The 24-year-old minister, a native Kansan, says he never uses 'reverend' before his name. "The kids would run away, like I was some kind of green-eyed monster." (RNS Photo)

Bishap A. James Armstrang, resident bishap of the Dakatas area, was guest speaker at the Louisiana State University, New Orleans, Wesley Faundation during the recent Cangress on Evangelism. Shown welcaming him is Ron Knowles, student bady president.

Student panel at University Church in Lake Charles who addressed themselves ta the theme "Young Adults Relate in Today's Warld" during January 3 bath morning warship services. Various colleges were represented on the panel. TOP ROW (l. to r.): Harald Creel, Jr., L.S.U.; David Wallace, Baylar; Marilyn Cae, McNeese; Kirk Warner, McNeese; FRONT: David Fraser, Centenary; Jack Fraser, Nartheast; Scatt Fantenot, McNeese. (Alsa appearing an the pragram were Mary Jane Sample and Arthur Coaper, bath students at McNeese). The Rev. William P. Fraser is pastor and the Rev. L. Dan Dawden, assaciate pastor. At noon a meal was served at Yauth Hause far the callege students.

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From bulletin at Ingleside United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge:

by the Rev. Donice W. Alverson

HOPE FOR 1971

"The Future of Hope" is the title of a rceent book. In glaneing through this book of essays by contemporary theologians it is stimulating to see this subject being dealt with seriously. This time last year we were confronted with many statements eoneerning the hopes for the 1970s. After a year thosc expressed hopes do not appear any ncarer to reality.

In a recent issue of "Saturday Review" Norman Cousins deals with thc ease for hope in an editorial. He indieates that most of the facts today are with the pessimists. "A mood of hopelessness lies like an incubus ovcr the land. The war in Indoehina grinds on. An entire generation of Vietnamese has known nothing but authorized killing and devastation. Attempts to ncgotiate an end of thc war havc been in a condition of sputter and stall for more than two years.

Mcanwhile, the war spreads to Cambodia and is intensifying in Laos. The chairman of the highcst legislative committee in the United States raises doubts whether the Amcrican military genuinely wishes to end the war and, indeed, whether the making of foreign policy is still primarily in the hands of the president and his State Department officers."

We see a re-run of the movie "On the Beach," and are reminded of the futility of any defense against nuelear bombs exeept peace.

Millions of young people, and many not so young, find it neeessary to use drugs to faee the world.

We are reminded time and again that the finest minds are being used for the purposes of "defense" or destruetion. They are not being trained to confront thc problems of disease and poverty.

The pieture is dark. Yet, therc are still many who take seriously the Prinee of Peace and sce in him love that hopes for a better world. Hope has never been a tangible asset. What powers of state would have believed that "The hopes and fears of all the years" were to be realized in the baby born in Bethlehem? Because of Jcsus the Christ we ean face 1971 with eonfidenee because "Faith, hope, love abide, these threc; but the greatest of these is love."

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INDIAN BAYOU DESIRES INFORMATION CONCERNING FORMER PASTORS

The Methodist Men's group of the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church of Route 2, Box 256, Rayne, La. 70578, would like to contact friends or relatives of the following pastors who have served this charge:

P. O. Lowery, --- Crooks, L. P. Moreland, --- Parsons, --- McVey, --- Correy, W. T. Gray, Jeff Holiday, Lastie Hoffpauir, Byrl Moreland.

Information is needed regarding years of service at Indian Bayou, and if there is a photo available, the church would like to have a copy made for the Past-Preachers' Gallery. If a minister has been omitted from the list, please notify the church. The Rev. Robert W. Peterson is the current pastor.

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Student Assistance

the total comes from Educational Opportunity Grants, the National Defense Student Loan Program, and the College Work-Study Program. Another 25% eomes from the ineome from endowed scholarships and gifts to the college scholarship funds and the remainder comes from funds budgeted strictly for this purpose by the college.

The Centenary president said that all applications for assistance are weighed carefully to work out the best financial arrangement for each student.

He pointed out that tuition fees paid by students defray less than half the cost of their education and the balance comes from individual donors, eorporations, foundations, endowment funds, and from the churches of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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Methodist Home Haspital Superintendent Jack H. Midyett, smiles for more than one reason. First, because of the faur new portable General Electric televisian sets presented ta the hame by Mr. Jimmie M. O'Neil of Laurel, Miss.; secondly, because af the coincidence that he has a san who is an electrical engineer with the General Electric Co. in the state of New Yark.

RICHARD O. COORPENDER

Mr. Richard O. Coorpender, a charter member of the Reily Memorial University Church in Baton Rouge, died November 10, 1970. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Brasher Coorpender, also a charter member.

Mr. Coorpender served as treasurer of University church from June 1, 1942 until August, 1965. When he retired in 1959 he became Business Manager and Local Preacher in addition to his other responsibilities. For several years, he served as District lay leader and treasurer of the Baton Rouge District.

In 1909 Coorpender was employed by the Louisiana Railway Navigation Company in Alexandria as a messenger boy. In 1918, he served in the United States Army. Following World War I he was employed by the Texas and Pacific, Southern Pacific and Louisiana and Arkansas Railway. In 1929, he moved to Baton Rouge as chief clerk for the L & A and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1959.

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NEWS and NOTES

DONALD E. ALLURED, director of music at First Church, Lake Charles, was in Morehead, Kentucky, last week attending the National Board meeting of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. He and the other eight area chairmen were making plans for the National Bell Choir Festival which will be held at Morehead this summer.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG rehabilitation center in Lake Charles was the subject of a workshop held in First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles, Sunday, January 10. The purpose was to determine the need for such a center, to establish a goal or vision of what should be done, and to effect the structure and staff.

THE NORTH BATON ROUGE United Methodist Church, the Rev. Robert Carter, minister, was host to the church school teachers' training session held January 17, 18 and 19. Cooperating churches were the Istrouma, St. Paul, Winbourn and St. Luke United Methodist Churches.

NEW IBERIA'S First United Methodist Church is having two mission studies this month. "The Americas" is being taught by the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, Lafayette District Superintendent, on January 17 and 24 at 7 p.m. A simultanious study of "How the Word Gets Around" is led by Mrs. Beldon Fox, Sr. The Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor.

JAMES D. (BUSTER) WALDRIP, age 92, of Quitman, was presented an award for 66 years of faithful service to the Quitman United Methodist Church. The Rev. Leo Beck presented the award on behalf of the church members.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Howes of Ponchatoula were guests of honor at the Golden Wedding Anniversary Tea held at the Wesley Chapel educational building on Sunday, January 10. The couple was married at Wesley Chapel Church on Jan. 6, 1921 by the Rev. A. J. Coburn. They are the parents of two sons, Bert F. of Ponchatoula, and Kenneth E. of Metairie.

KENTWOOD UNITED Methodists had the Student Recognition Service, Dec. 20. Michael Simmons and Rebecca Simmons were in charge of the program. Michael is president of the Wesley Foundation at L.S.U., president of the Louisiana MSM, and a member of the General Board of the Laity. He wrote the program and gave the message which was the true meaning of Christmas. Rebecca was in charge of directing the program, and she sang a solo.

"ECUMENICAL REALITY" was the subject when the Presbyterian night circle joined with the Clara Chalmer Circle and the Susanna Wesley Circle in presenting the program for the January 5 WSCS program in the DeRidder Church.

METHODIST WOMEN of all churches of Shreveport were invited to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Shreveport on January 4 to hear Dr. Charles Allen, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Houston, Texas.

CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKERS, Melvin Allbritton and Doyle Reeves, had charge of the evening service, January 3, in the First United Methodist Church of Jennings. The Rev. Angus Lee Carruth is pastor.

SLIDELL UNITED METHODIST Youth attended a retreat at Camp Istrouma, January 15, 16 and 17. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Southerland, counselors, advised in program planning for the year. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is the Slidell minister.

JIM WILSON, director of Wesley Foundation at Northeast State College, Monroe, was the speaker at the January WSCS program in St. Paul's U.M. Church, Monroe.

FOREIGN STUDENTS attending LSU in Baton Rouge were special guests of the Ingleside Women's Society at the Christmas luncheon program.

P. K. KORNER

JASON ALEXANDER McKNIGHT was born on December 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Alton A. McKnight, Jr. at San Bernardino, California. Proud grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. A. A. McKnight, now retired and living in Rayville.

SCOTT ONEAL FINKLEA, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Finklea of Bossier City, was christened on Sunday, December 27, in the St. Stevens United Methodist Church by his great-grandfather, the Rev. R. H. Hearne, assisted by the Rev. George Cunningham, pastor. Christening water was from the Jordan River, brought by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crawford, Scott's grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Finklea also united with the church, Mrs. Finklea transferring from the Brownville United Methodist of West Monroe, and Mr. Finklea by profession of faith.

JAMES SKINNER, JR., CANOES DOWN RIO GRANDE RIVER

Drifting down the Rio Grande in a canoe was the rare experience of James Skinner, Jr., during five adventure filled Christmas holidays on a canoe-camping trip in Big Bend National Park. James, Jr., 15, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Skinner of Winnfield. His cousin, James Skinner of Dallas, extended the invitation for the expedition.

James described the weather as warm days and cold nights, with water near freezing. He said, "We waded through shallow water to pull our canoe over the rocks. Then as we reached the whirlpools and rapids we had to work fast, paddling steadily from our knee posture. Maneuvering the canoe down the chute of Mariscal Mountain was a hair-raising feat as we dodged a huge boulder directly in front of us. We were lucky not to capsize our canoe the whole trip."

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Jan. 24—Sunday	James 1:21-27
Jan. 25	I Peter 2:1-10
Jan. 26	II Peter 1:16-21
Jan. 27	II Peter 3:1-9
Jan. 28	I John 3:18-24
Jan. 29	Rev. 3:8-12
Jan. 30	Mark 4:14-20
Jan. 31—Sunday	Luke 4:33-37

THE DERIDDER UMYF of First Church is sponsoring a project to convert the old prayer room in fellowship hall into a library in memory of Mrs. J. G. Bennett. The Rev. J. C. Wallace is their pastor.

"FAMILY LIFE" was the subject when the Rev. Arnold Holley, pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church spoke at the January meeting of the Women's Society in the Aurora United Methodist Church, New Orleans.

DR. RAOUL CALKINS, national executive secretary of the Quadrennial Emphasis of the United Methodist Church, was the speaker at both morning services, January 3, in the Aurora United Methodist Church where the Rev. L. Ray Branton serves as pastor. Dr. Calkins was in New Orleans in connection with the United Methodist Congress on Evangelism.

"FUTURE SHOCK" by Alvin Toffler, a best-seller on the non-fiction list, is the subject being studied by a Sunday night discussion group in St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Monroe. Chig Shoudy led the first session December 13. The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. is the St. Paul pastor.

MRS. JACK HOLMES reviewed the book "Things I Remember" by Zan Heyward, at the January meeting of the XYZ Club of First Church, Baton Rouge. Mrs. A. B. Burch led the devotional.

The members of the Homer United Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the local country club given by the minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Odell Simmons. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, pastor of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the after-dinner speaker.

Some of the young adult class, "The Seekers," of St. James Church, Marrero, are shown at the spaghetti supper which they promoted to help the church be "paid in full" for the year. The Rev. Ted Smith is their pastor.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Five women benefit from Laskey Fund

NEW YORK (UMI) — Five women are studying, or have studied, in theological seminaries this year as recipients of the Laskey Fund of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

One received scholarship aid in 1969, the first beneficiary of the Fund, and there are four additional recipients in 1970. Laskey Fund recipients this year, as announced by the Women's Division, are:

Mrs. Davida Foy Crabtree, Newton Centre, Mass., and Litchfield, Conn., who is studying at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass. Active in the church renewal movement, she is a member of the United Church of Christ and a vice-president of the National Council of Churches. She graduated from Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio.

Mrs. Julieanne S. Hallman, Southwick, Mass., who is studying at Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., toward a bachelor of divinity degree to be conferred by Chandler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. An ordained deacon in the Southern New England United Methodist Conference and a graduate of Berea College, Berea, Ky., she serves in a team pastorate with her husband at the Southwick and Agawam United Methodist Churches. They have two children.

Miss Peggy LaDora Halsey, Gainesville, Fla., a 1966 graduate of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C., who completed her work for a master of religious education degree at Union Theological Seminary, New York, this year. She has been a special-term home missionary (US-2) of the United Methodist Church in Portland, Oreg. She is now working on assignment at Board of Missions headquarters in New York.

Miss Charlene Saunders, Boston, Mass., and St. Albans, Vermont, who is studying at Boston University School of Theology. She is a graduate of Union College, Barbourville, Ky. She is

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Wayman

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an ordained deacon in the Troy United Methodist Conference and has been a Methodist church-and-community worker in northern Vermont for several years, and pastor at First United Methodist Church, Winooski, Vt., and associate at First United Methodist Church, Burlington, Vt.

Mrs. Phyllis J. Wayman, Washington, D.C., and Sioux Falls, S.D., who is in her third year as a master of theology degree student at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington. In 1969 she was the first Laskey Fund recipient.

The Laskey Fund, in the amount of $50,000 was established by the Women's Division in 1968 in honor of Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., who was president of the Division from 1964 to 1968 and served on the Division 1956-68.

Purpose of the Fund is to further the theological education of women, and the Division said that the Fund "would not only honor an outstanding Methodist leader but is intended as a contribution to the ecumenical movement." The Division noted Mrs. Laskey had often said that as the church moved into the ecumenical movement, "it has lacked an adequate number of trained women theologians, who would be able to make the contribution that the church needs to have made by women."

Descriptive material prepared by the Women's Division about the Laskey Fund notes that the requirements "are minimal. Any woman interested in theological study, and who is accepted by an approved seminary, can apply." The description also states: "There are those who feel that the church's large constituency of women needs some theological challenge through the teaching, preaching and writing of theologians whose life experiences resemble somewhat their own."

(Women interested in the Laskey Fund may write to: Miss Theressa Hoover, Associate General Secretary, Women's Division, Room 1509, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027).

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News in Brief

MRS. JOSEPHINE HEATH received a Special Membership pin from the Wesleyan Service Guild at the Sunday morning worship service in Ingleside Church, Baton Rouge, January 3.

MRS. DAVID H. MIELKE will serve as president of the Women's Society in Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, this year. Mrs. Ben Piers is vice-president, Mrs. Robert C. Ball, secretary, and Mrs. Gene W. Lafitte, treasurer.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS were awarded by the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church, Baton Rouge, to Mrs. Rubye Bittner, Mrs. Ella Pickens and Miss Myrta Wesley. A Special Baby Membership pin was given to Susan Kay Bergeron, great grand-daughter of Guild member Mrs. Ruth Travis.

FORMER NEW ORLEANS WORKER DIES OF INJURIES IN AFRICA

Miss Dorothy L. Barnette, 51, New York, a staff executive of the United Methodist Board of Missions, and a former social worker at Peoples United Methodist Community Center in New Orleans, died December 17 in the Nairobi General Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya, of injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident in Nairobi December 12.

Miss Barnette, who served on the Board staff for 12 years, had been promoted in November to the position of secretary for schools and mission education in the Women's Division. Miss Barnette was on a trip to several African countries as part of a four-month sabbatical, and was gathering material at first-hand to help prepare herself to teach a mission study course on Africa next summer. She left New York December 5 and had made brief visits to Algeria and Ethiopia.

According to reports to the Board of Missions from the Rev. H. T. Maclin, United Methodist missionary in Nairobi, Miss Barnette suffered head and leg injuries, and never regained consciousness after the accident.

Born in Georgia, Miss Barnette had a B.A. degree from Spelman College and a master of religious education degree from Gammon Theological Seminary, both in Atlanta, and had attended American University, Washington, D.C., on a Methodist Crusade Scholarship.

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The Springhill WSCS haliday pragram praclaimed "Christ is Barn-Hallelujah." The dinner pragram was attended by 68 members of the Springhill WSCS and WSG, and from the Sarepta Church. A reenactment of the first Christmas was presented in pantamime. The living creche is shown AT LEFT. Lavish decaratian included wall banners made by Junior High UMY members (one is shown AT RIGHT). The Springhill tree, ABOVE, AT LEFT, is decorated with pictures af mankind, infancy thraugh adulthood, signifying the church's concern for all the people of the world. Following carals by a girls' chorus, each persan participated in a candle-lighting ceremany. Members are shown ABOVE, RIGHT, with the unique candle tree. Mrs. N. J. McCannell is WSCS president. The Rev. W. F. Mayo is pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JANUARY 31: The Basis of God's Rewards

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BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 19:23 through 20:16

MEMORY SELECTION: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover the meaning of the grace of God and its rewards which are based on the love of God and not on the merit of man; to show that God gives us what we need when we will put ourselves in a position to receive it.

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We have discovered that the setting of the parables is a most important part of their basic teaching. Today's lesson is very closely related to the story of the rich young ruler who came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" In the answer he received he discovered that the rewards of the kingdom are not directly related to the doing of a certain number of good deeds. Even though Jesus told him that he must sell his possessions and give to the poor, it is obvious from the parable that follows that this was not just another thing that a person was asked to do. Jesus really told him that he must come into a right relationship with God—a situation which did not exist at the time, and at which the young man was obviously not willing to work to come into being.

As Jesus answered the question of the young ruler, he was in a tense situation. Peter and the disciples were listening, and they had given up everything to follow Jesus. He was not at all anxious to make a statement which would allow this new questioner or his intimate followers to feel that they were bargaining with God for something they all wanted very much—eternal life. Jesus said in effect, "You shall have this reward if what you do constitutes a real sacrifice for you and is not just a calculation."

We must see this lesson as dealing with the basis of God's rewards, based on his mercy and justice which cannot be judged according to human standards. Love is the basis for all his dealings with us, and this goes far beyond human standards in all particulars. The grace of God is that quality of God's nature which is the source of men's undeserved blessings, in particular those blessings which have to do with their salvation from sin. One of the great verses of the New Testament stands as a bridge between the introduction to our lesson and the parable which is our main concern. It says, "But many that are first will be last, and the last first" (Matt. 19:30). Dr. Sherman E. Johnson says concerning that verse: "In the age to come conditions will be reversed—the disciples who are now last among men, will be first." The verse is repeated at the conclusion of today's parable in 20:16.

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THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

Our story tells of the owner of a vineyard who went into the market-place early in the morning to hire men to harvest his crop. This apparently was the regular way to obtain such workers, and a large number replied eagerly to the workman and the offer of his wages. The denarius was a normal day's wage, and, as someone has pointed out, there was a great deal of unemployment in Jerusalem at this time.

All through the day the farmer hired other men, because of his need for them. The parable even tells us that some of them were hired just as the sun was going down. Then at the end of the day, when the steward came to pay the workers each man was paid the same amount, regardless of the length of time he had worked. We can well understand that there was grumbling among those who had worked throughout the day when they discovered that their pay was no more than the ones hired at the last hour. Can we not see that they are very much like the elder brother in the story of the prodigal son? According to his standard of rewards, he should have received a great deal more than his younger brother. However, when the forgiving father and the keeper of the vineyard are seen through Jesus' eyes as God the loving Father, we can begin to understand that in the kingdom of which Jesus taught there are no degrees of rewards. Eternal life is held out to all who enter into that right relationship with him.

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NOT A LESSON IN ECONOMICS

It should be clear to us that the parable we are studying today was never intended to serve as a pattern for running a business. To see it as such would be to miss the point. Like so many others, Jesus here told a story that was familiar in its setting but brings a lesson that was quite new to his listeners. As Dr. Paul M. Pettit says in Adult Bible Studies, "He was saying that God is so scandalously generous in his dealings with men that by any human standard we would say he is unfair. But it is exactly for this reason that he told the parable."

No, Jesus did not undertake here to speak of business and industry. He was concerned to reveal the nature of God, perhaps believing that once any man came to know that nature he would be better prepared to deal with other human beings who are working for him. One of the interesting developments of our time is referred to as "sensitivity training" or "encounter groups." All across the nation business executives are being trained in understanding people, and there is reason to believe it is making a difference.

No, this parable is not an economic tract; but we cannot hide from the fact that it speaks of the importance of man. Dr. George Buttrick says, "This is a demand that industry shall exist for man, and not man for industry."

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"THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST"

One of the charges that was brought against the Christian church in its early days was that its members were "they that have turned the world upside down." There were a number of reasons why this could be said of the early Christians, and one of them was this change in priorities suggested by our parable today.

This is precisely what Christianity does to people. It turns them and their lives upside down. If it does not, then there is something wrong either with their faith or with the believers themselves. Faith in Christ does not make men better. It transforms them and makes them different creatures.

This lesson is entitled "The Basis of God's Rewards," and the object is to show that God's mercy and justice are not to be judged by human standards. One commentator says, "It frequently comes as a shock to Christian believers when they discover that the Christianity which they profess is practically the reversal of human standards, even the highest. This may appear to make Christian teaching and Christian life impractical, too exalted for men to achieve. And they are precisely right. Unaided by God himself we have no hope. Left to our own devices our lives tend to become conformed to the standards of the world."

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SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND THE REWARDS OF GOD

As we look at our parable we see again that Jesus is speaking to his critics as well as to his followers. They accused God of being unfair because he took persons who joined themselves to his company far down the road and seemed to give them the same reward. People who had worked in the company "in the heat of the day" and had remained faithful all the while could be expected to accuse God of unfairness as he dealt with those who had joined the group late in their lives. Have we not all had trouble with this matter? Can we truthfully say that we have not wondered about degrees of reward in the future life, as well as in the present life?

Jesus tells us in this parable that God is willing to risk such charges as he exercises his compassion, trying to persuade all men to take their places in his kingdom.

The rewards of God are not arbitrary. They are built on tests that are higher than ours. "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?" does not mean that God is a God of capricious whim. It means that he has his own criteria which we, in mortal sight and selfish aim, cannot comprehend. Dr. Buttrick has suggested that "the rewards of God ought to enlist our glad assent, not our murmuring. Why did the earlier workers not rejoice that the man who had waited long in the market place was now at peace, with money to take home to his family? Why did not the elder brother rejoice that the prodigal was now restored, set free from the rags and hunger of a far country?"

No man knows for sure how long he has to work for Christ. Our stay on earth is uncertain but our reward is sure if we put in whatever time we have in faithful service. It is vitally important that each Christian see this.

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WHY DO MEN SERVE GOD?

One of the reasons Jesus told the parable of the workers in the vineyard was to make it clear to his friends and his critics why men should choose to serve God. Why do we serve him? It is because we are looking for specific rewards? Or do we follow him because he first loved us and we cannot do otherwise.

The great teacher used the shock treatment in this instance in order that he might show men their own motivations. He knew that many would be attracted to the kingdom if he offered them sure and certain rewards. Dr. Pettit suggests that he came close to saying that love is its own reward. He says, "At least, it must be stripped of all the usual rewards—the gratitude of others, the congratulations and praise of our friends—so that we love regardless of the response?" In what sense can you say you believe that sonship to God is its own reward?"

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MERIT AND GRACE

It is not easy for us to really believe in the grace of God. How hard it is for the doctrine of merit to die! How loveless we are toward those who have come into the family of God out of backgrounds of inadequate living! The parable we have been studying must have been known by Paul when he wrote in Ephesians, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)

Any of the things which men do in response to the love of God can become deeds which are counted off as deserving his merit, or they can be seen as normal response to the grace of God. At the time of the Protestant Reformation men had let their religious life deteriorate into one collection of "works" after another. Out of such a readiness Luther and the other reformers spoke concerning the grace of God. The blasphemy of the position still is to be found among those in our time who feel that God's rewards are controlled by what they do. Christianity has always had to struggle with this issue. In his attempt to win the Jews the apostle Paul continually faced it. Dr. Charles Laymon says: "The law held to a legalistic view of justice by which God repaid measure for measure. Paul substituted the rewards of grace for the law. Loving generosity was to be accepted as payment in full."

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

The opening of a new year is traditionally the time to look back as well as forward, and 1970, just over, has been a year in which all kinds of changes at the beginning of the decade foreshadow a time in which we shall find event crowding upon event.

The year began with the concern of the churches about Biafra—torn by civil war, and seemingly unable to allow even the mercy organisations enough scope to help the needy. In February the student revolution movement took a turn in England when there was a fuss about supposedly secrct files which were said to be kept. outlining the political attitudes of politically-conscious students. UDI in Rhodesia came with the early Spring, and an amusing sidelight was that the Isle of Dogs, a downtown area of South London declared its own UDI in a protest against public amenities, which, said the Londoners, were inadequate. In April violence started again in Ulster, and the voice of the churches was again shouted down by the loud noise made by the extremists. Protests against the South African cricket tour in the summer were long enough and loud enough to stop the tour altogether—and England lost the World Cup and nearly lost its football captain too—Bobby Moore was accused of stealing a bracelet from a Bogota jeweler.

The General Election in England produced a shock. The Labour Party which was in power was said to have a lead of 5% on the eve of the election. The only man who seemed to be sure that he would win the election in fact won it, and Mr. Edward Heath became Prime Minister with a Conservative administration, which immediately set about changing the economic face of Britain, so that this country is now promised a different health service with more for individuals to pay, but something off the income tax as an incentive.

1970 could be described as the year of the hi-jackings and in Britain a year of industrial unrest with more to come. The churches got into trouble, first because the World Council of Churches gave money to help freedom fighters as well as the more orthodox Christian bodies, and secondly the Archbishop of Canterbury went to South Africa and said some hard and brave things about apartheid—another example of when you can't win. If the church does not speak on great issues it is accused of being uninvolved. When it does, it is told (as it was by Mr. Enoch Powell) that politics is none of its business.

The evangelical-radical row went on all the year, and the British Conference Home Missions Department organised a series of meetings of all shades of ecclesiastical opinion so that reconciliation may be the keynote. The Anglican Methodist Union negotiations ground to a halt when nothing happened to move the Anglicans another step nearer.

A murder attempt on the Pope in Manila, pre-Christmas riots in Poland, the kidnapping of a British Trade Commissioner in Canada, a Swiss ambassador in Brazil and a West German Consul in Spain set a new pattern of threat and violence. And General de Gaulle died.

Set down like that, it makes a strange picture of a world. One of the more striking factors is the sheer weight of information which pours into the ears and assaults the eyes of the ordinary man. Where can he get a sense of perspective? That may be the real question for many people who find the complex interplay of ideas and hapepnings disturb and confuse them.

The search for an ethic and a morality goes on. The "permissive society" will evidently still be the theme for the coming year though there are signs that people are being alternately bored and frightened by the general lack of standards, and the failure to find any stability in society. We are clever enough—technological revolution is part of the climate of our time. The question for 1971 remains: Are we good enough? Not by a long way, and it may be that in the quest for a way to match moral and scientific and social progress so that we find the good life, men will turn again to some of the more tried and tested basic truths—truths which are never far from the Gospel saying that a man may gain the whole world and yet lose his own soul.

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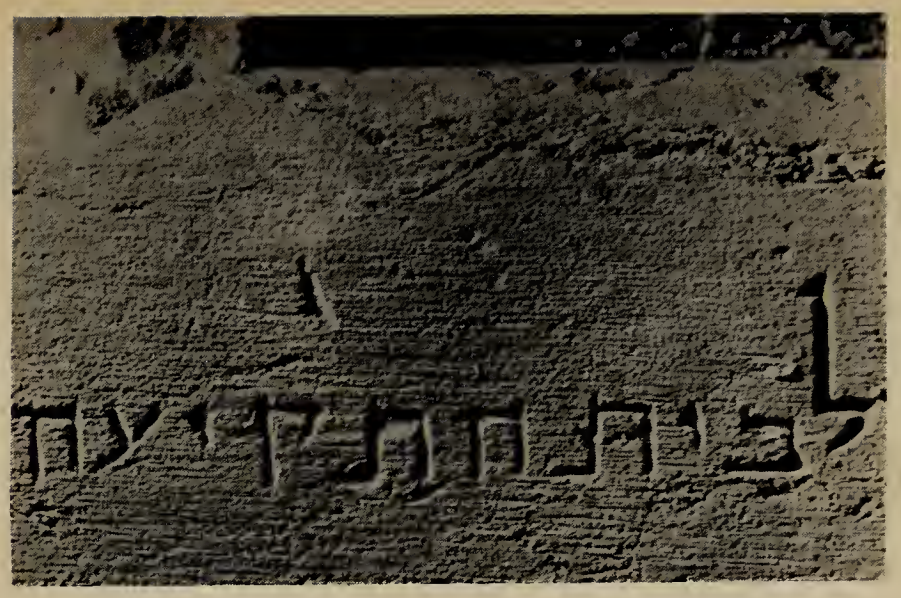

JERUSALEM – Israeli archeologists have discovered this cornerstone from the wall of the Jewish temple destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. The six-foot-wide limestone fragment – bearing the inscription "To the house of the blowing of the ram's horn" – matches a reference to the temple in the works of first century Jewish historian Josephus Flavius. The stone was unearthed at the Wailing Wall dig inside Old Jerusalem. (RNS Photo)

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

8. TO BE MINISTERS OF CHRIST

As we move into Chapter 7 of the Plan we begin to travel from what might be called the background or rationale for the Plan into the details of polity and organization. There is so much in this chapter concerning the ministry of the proposed new church that we will have to take more than one of these columns to deal with it.

The basic premise being followed is that the ministries of the ordained and unordained are aspects of the same ministry. Even though God calls some to be ordained, they are seen to have the same responsibility for ministry as the unordained. "It is the intent of the united church that the laity understand itself as a functional part of the whole ministry."

As the new chureh looks forward to the new forms of ministry evoked by new understanding of the Gospel and by changing conditions, the work of the laity and the ordained becomes more mutually supportive.

New forms of mission indicate new forms of ministry. It is declared that inherited forms of structure will be subject to the criterion of usefulness in God's world.

Ministry of the Laity: The Laity has fundamental responsibility for the Christian mission. Through individual action and decision, the church becomes a living reality in society. In their families, at work and at leisurc, the laity make a witness. The laity have a responsibility for bridging the space between worship and work. "The ministry of the laity is one ministry within the structures of the world and of the church." The Plan affirms that ordination does not exempt clergymen from their individual ministry within the world — "the laity are to be engaged actively in the corporate ministries of worship, prophecy, relief of suffering, establishment of justice, teaching, and comfort."

Mission in the World: The Gospel has revolutionary powers in implying that precisely where the Christian does his daily work, the Spirit of God may find a place where a completely new way of lifc may be begun. There is a special ccumenical opportunity for the layman, because he frequently has more opportunities for contacts with persons of other faith than do ministers.

Responsibility in the Church: The responsibility of the layman in the ehurch includes full participation in the government of the church, the cstablishment of policy, and the articulation of its standards. The united church must recruit and train a rich diversity of lay office holders and ministers. Lay members will share responsibility with the ordained ministry for preaching the Word, teaching the Gospel, leading in worship, assisting in the administration of the sacraments, providing pastoral care and discipline, and leading in mission. The church must provide a full program of training in order to equip its laymen for all these responsibilities.

The training of laymen will include the development of necessary skills in constructive social change, for on such skills rests their effectiveness in dealing with the world's ills.

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Forerunner of modern alphabet ?

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (RNS) —The discovery of eight ancient scrolls, dating from about the time of the prophct Elijah and perhaps containing the forerunner of the modern alphabet, was disclosed here by Dr. George F. Mendenhall, former director of the American School of Oriental Rescarch in Jerusalem.

Now a professor at the University of Michigan, the scholar and Lutheran minister said eight manuscripts were purchased four years ago by Dr. William Brownlcss of Clarcmont (Calif.) Graduate School through the Department of Antiquities of Jordan.

The scrolls are believed to have come from an ancient sitc in the district of Hebron and to date between 1000 and 850 B. C.

The documents, the professor said, all scem to be funeral books. The code of the alphabct has not been diciphered. Dr. Mendenhall said there appear to be more than 40 symbols and the documents may well represcnt the earliest known example of the alphabet borrowed by Grecks and Etruscans (a peoplc in Italy) and the one which is used today.

If the scrolls are Philistinc, deciphering will help to show links in ancient thought and civilization, Dr. Mendenhall feels.

Thc scrolls were bought from an Arab farmer who is thought to have found them in an underground tomb. Five arc writtcn with ink on lcather; thrcc arc inciscd with a sharp instrument on crude parchment.

Extremely dry, dirty and brittle, the tightly rolled documents had to be subjected to humidification for five days bcforc thc unrolling could begin.

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Council on Youth Ministries affirms priorities for projects

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (UMI) — Funding of missional projects should take precedence over maintaining an institution, the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM) said at its mid-winter meeting here December 31-January 4.

Faced with a sharply decreased income, the 20 youth and ten adults confronted the question of continuing the funding of some 28 projects in accord with commitments already made for 1971 even if it meant severely cutting stipends and operating expenses for staff personnel and offices. After hours of consideration, they voted to try to keep the commitments to their projects in the full amount of $270,000. To do this, they will reduce the already minimal stipends paid some staff members and eliminate entirely that given others. They will also seek to cut general operating expenses and make greater efforts to increase the giving to the Youth Service Fund, and use up all available reserves.

Facing the mandate received from the 1970 General Conference, the council adopted a policy statement drafted by the youth members, which said, in part: "We feel that at any time should the institution called UMCYM obstruct the fulfillment of the principles to which our movement is dedicated, this institution must die that the movement may live."

In putting the emphasis on funding missional projects, the UMCYM said it was "trying to give the church a lifestyle to follow.

As part of the operating budget cuts, the staff of the Legislative Affairs Project in Washington, D.C. has agreed to complete their terms without any salary, unless they can find contributions outside the YSF, although there is the hope that some $1,400 in scholarship funds can be given them at the end of the summer.

Miss Myra Gum of Thermopolis, Wyo., who has been a youth associate in the UMCYF headquarters office in Dayton, Ohio, will move to the Youth Service Fund office in Nashville, Tenn., to assist that staff in the efforts to increase income.

Some of the other actions taken by the council at its meeting included:

—Asked the U.S. government to deny federal funds to any educational institution discriminating "in any way regarding the personal appearance" of students.

—Opposed militarism and the draft, but said that an all-volunteer army was needed at this point in history; called attention to the problems of hunger, pollution and over-population; and asked for the empowerment of minorities in the nation.

Several hours of the session were devoted to a consideration of preliminary proposals by a four-year study commissioned for a restructuring of general boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church. The UMCYM said that the proposed General Council for the denomination should be composed in a more representative fashion than has been drawn to date, and that all the effective bishops of the church should not be seated on it.

The 20 youth members of the council come from all five jurisdictions of the denomination with an average age of 17, and half are from minority groups. The ten adults are largely staff members of general boards and agencies. Chairwoman of the council is Miss Doris Ellzey, a first-year student at Wellesley College from Wilmette, Ill.

If income from the Youth Service Fund permits, the group's next session may be held in August near Denver, Colo.

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Bishop Thomas 1971 Willson Lecturer

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, will be the 1971 Willson Lecturer at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, during the South Central Jurisdiction's Workshop on "The Church as an Agent of Change," each day of the period June 29—July 2, according to an announcement by Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdiction Program Director.

Dr. George Hunter, III, of the General Board of Evangelism at Nashville, will act as moderator following each lecture as Workshop participants respond to Bishop Thomas' messages.

Dr. James Hares, director of the North Texas Conference Program Agencies, and director of the Workshop, announces that in addition to the Willson Lectures each morning, Coaching Conferences and Seminars on the three Church-Wide Studies — "The Study of Matthew," "New Generations in Africa," and "New Machines and the New Humanity,"—together wtih additional Seminars on "Stewardship," "Counseling Draftees and Their Families," "New Life Missions," and "Population/Environment Crisis," will be offered each afternoon of the Workshop. In addition, Job Training for Conference and District workers of Program Boards — including Christian Social Concerns, Evangelism, Health and Welfare Ministries, Missions and others—will be provided each evening of the Workshop.

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Annual Conferences Begin In February

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Ratification of two proposed amendments to the United Methodist Church's constitution will be before the more than 80 annual conferences of the denomination as they begin next month.

First of the sessions will be the Puerto Rico Annual Conference February 3-7 in Rio Piedras, and the last will be the Louisville Conference June 25-29 at Bowling Green, Ky., according to a schedule prepared by the Council on World Service and Finance Department of Records here, in cooperation with the Council of Bishops.

If ratified by at least a two-thirds majority of the aggregate vote cast in the conferences, the amendments will increase youth membership in the sessions. In addition to votes on the amendments, several conference sessions will see merger of former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren units, the union of black and white conferences, or votes on the latter issue.

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ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY PROF. EDITS FIRST ANTHOLOGY OF FINNISH LITERATURE

Richard Dauenhauer, comparative literature professor at Alaska Methodist University, has edited the first anthology of modern Finnish literature ever published in the U.S.

Dauenhauer was awarded a Fulbright grant for the study of modern Finnish poetry at the University of Helsinki a few years ago. While in Finland he became acquainted with both established and younger Finnish writers, critics, and teachers.

Daucnhauer holds an undergraduate degree in Russian from Syracuse University and a master of arts degree in German from the University of Texas.

NCC General Board To Meet

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — A report from laymen who are described as feeling "alienated" from all church structures and a report from a high level Protestant-Roman Catholic committee studying the latter's membership in the National Council of Churches will highlight the meeting of the General Board of the NCC here January 23-27.

The policy making group representing 33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, including the United Methodist Church, will also consider the proposed restructuring of the national ecumenical agency. The layman's report will be presented by a national committee that coordinated a two-year "listening-to-lay-people" project involving lay groups in 23 U.S.A. regions. The committee will also offer a plan of action to help close the indicated gap between laity and the church as an institution.

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Ecumenical Scholarships Available

NEW YORK (UMI) — Applications are now being accepted for a limited number of scholarships granted annually by the United Methodist Commission on Ecumenical Affairs for study at the 20-year-old Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies, Bossey, Switzerland (near Geneva).

Dr. Robert W. Huston, New York, Commission general secretary, said that up to three scholarships may be granted to United Methodist ministers for the semester beginning October 5, 1971, continuing through February 15, 1972. He added that some financial aid is also provided by the Commission to ministers and laymen studying in short-term courses at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute during spring and summer. The Graduate School program is related to the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva Faculty of Theology.

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Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions speaking at the United Methodist Missionary Conference at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, predicted "the time may be ripe for some kind of breakthrough in the activist-pietist syndrome that has torn us apart and crippled the mission of the Christian community."

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The Rev. Dennis W. Read, professor of moral theology at Catholic University in Washington, told the 25th anniversary program of the U.S. Veterans' Administration Chaplain Service that "ministers and doctors are united by human care and cure, as well as by the mysteries of both their professions."

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The Rev. Donald G. Shockley, chaplain at Birmingham-Southern College, writing for the next issue of **The Christian Advocate:** "Devotees of various secular interpretations of the gospel find it difficult to believe that there are yet tens of thousands of people capable of responding to the message of sins forgiven on the basis of the atoning significance of Christ's death and resurrection. Many people these days understand themselves to have found 'assurance' in these terms. We cannot ignore the phenomenon and continue to be honest."

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Dr. Paul Lehmann, Union Theological Seminary professor recently told a colloquium on Karl Barth in New York that "Two years after his death, his time has finally come in America. Theologians in the United States were wrong in dismissing Barth as neo-orthodox, in flight from the tensions of post-World War I Germany and attempting an impossible return to the past. In our time of revolutionary trouble, we must abandon our dismissal of Barth as a theologian of despair, and start to think up to him."

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Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, speaking at that group's annual Charles Evans Hughes Award dinner, called for firm opposition to the use of violence in struggles for social change. He said: "Our nation is in the grip of an escalating madness wherein violence is condoned because it is allegedly necessary or helpful in achieving beneficent goals. Some organizations must take a firm, unequivocal stand against this monstrous error."

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A letter to Louisiana United Methodists

Dear Friends,

I must take this opportunity to exppess my sincere appreciation to all the Churches, Church Groups, and individuals throughout the state of Louisiana that made it possible for the Children's Home to enjoy such a warm and pleasant Christmas season.

We are truly thankful to all of you who remembered us at this special time of the year. We are all in the family of our Lord, all dependent upon each other, our children here at the Home depend upon the staff, we the staff upon you in the Conference. We are a chain of living and giving for and to each other, all putting into practice what our Lord intended Christmas to be when He gave us the Christ Child so many centuries ago.

Thank you for sharing with the children.

Yours,

Terrel J. DeVille
Acting Superintendent

Pictured is Mrs. Margie Shaw, wife of the Rev. William B. Shaw of Ruston. Mrs. Shaw is the newest addition to the office staff here at the Home. She was previously on the staff as a houseparent. She now joins us as a secretary charged with the responsibility of clerically handling most of the correspondence dealing with memorials, contributions, sponsorships and public relations. We are indeed privileged to have her join us in this capacity.

The snow came down and kids of all ages came out to play in it. The staff, as you can tell by the pictures, had nearly as much fun as did the young children.

Memorials

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Some of the youth at Jennings First United Methodist Church who provided musical setting for the Christmas program entitled, "The Birth of Light." The Rev. Angus Carruth is minister.

Members of Elementary III-IV, taught by Miss Alice Bounds at Benton UM Church, count their money. These young churchmen dedicated their contribution to the Building Fund at the first service of the New Year. The Rev. Clarence Krumnow is minister.

LEFT: Golden Meadow youth group at Christmas party which featured a gift exchange and "good food." The group provided a "live" manger scene at the church entrance Dec. 21 through 23. The Rev. Ira Robinson is pastor.

Recipients of perfect attendance pins at Sevier Memorial Church in Ferriday are pictured here with Pastor Arthur M. Baker and M. J. Upchurch. Lynn Mann received a 10-year pin, Anna Brakenridge a one-year pin, and Noah Archer a five-year pin.

Seventy-five persons attended when Methodist Men of First Church, Franklin, entertained wives and friends at a Christmas dinner. The program included choral music by Franklin High students and a message by the Rev. Etienne Brouillette of Abbeville. The Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor.

Officers of Aubrey G. Walton Sub-district UMY at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bengtson for Christmas party attended by 60 youths and 12 adults. FRONT (From left) Sue Creed, reporter, Many; Jan Magee, treasurer, Pelican; Wanda Litton, secretary, Pleasant Hill. BACK: Billy Wayne Leone, president, Zwolle, Rev. Bengtson, counselor. The three-part observance included the annual visit to Heritage Manor where the young people presented gifts for the 85 guests and sang carols, and a worship period at Many where Pastor L. W. Taylor gave leadership.

New lighted figures graced the nativity scene outside the Slaughter United Methodist Church during the Christmas season—arranged under the direction of Mrs. Bernadette Rice. The Rev. J. C. Zerangue, Sr. is pastor.

Robert N. O'Quin (third from left) was presented a gift by A. F. Lanier and Dr. Bentley Sloane, marking the end of more than 50 years as secretary to classes and to the entire church school at First Church, Alexandria, which he joined in June, 1913. Mrs. O'Quin looks on. (Photo by Ethel Holloman of TOWN TALK staff.)

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Business Girls' Inn Sunday set for January 31

Churches of Louisiana Annual Conference A will observe January 31 as Business Girls' Inn Sunday, calling attention to the United Methodist institution at 814 Cotton Street in downtown Shreveport which for more than 42 years has served as a "home away from home" for young ladies just going to work or taking vocational and technical training.

It is hoped that every congregation will be told about the broadened ministry of the Inn, and if possible, either make a special offering for these young adults or include the Inn in their budgets as a National Advance Special.

Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins is the director of residence at the Inn. A recent report given to the Membership Board spoke of the current challenges of this ministry. It said:

"From the inception of the Business Girls' Inn forty-two years ago, its purpose was to provide a 'Christian home away from home' for girls. The Inn still has the effective ministry to young adult women. In the terminology of today, the residence was then, and is now, a young adult ministry. Today we must continue in the spirit of mission that led to such an innovative venture as The Inn was in its beginning and recognize the changing needs of young adults in a changing society, that we may develop our potential for an even greater service to young adults in Shreveport."

Mrs. J. Woodrow Hearn, president of the Membership Board, in a recent communication to Louisiana pastors, said, "With 48 young women in residence, the Business Girls' Inn has an ideal communication point with single young adults, particularly those in vocational and technical training."

The Inn, which has ministered to approximately 97 residents annually, and a total of nearly 3,000 since it was established, receives about 70% of its income from rentals from residents. The remainder, with the exception of a small monthly appropriation from the National Division, Board of Missions, must come from individual contributions, Advance Specials, and WSCS and WSG support.

Nationwide surveys have shown that the most pressing need for young adults is suitable housing. Business Girls' Inn is a creative organization providing an increasing ministry to also fulfill other young adult needs for recreation, opportunities to meet other young adults, career and personal counseling.

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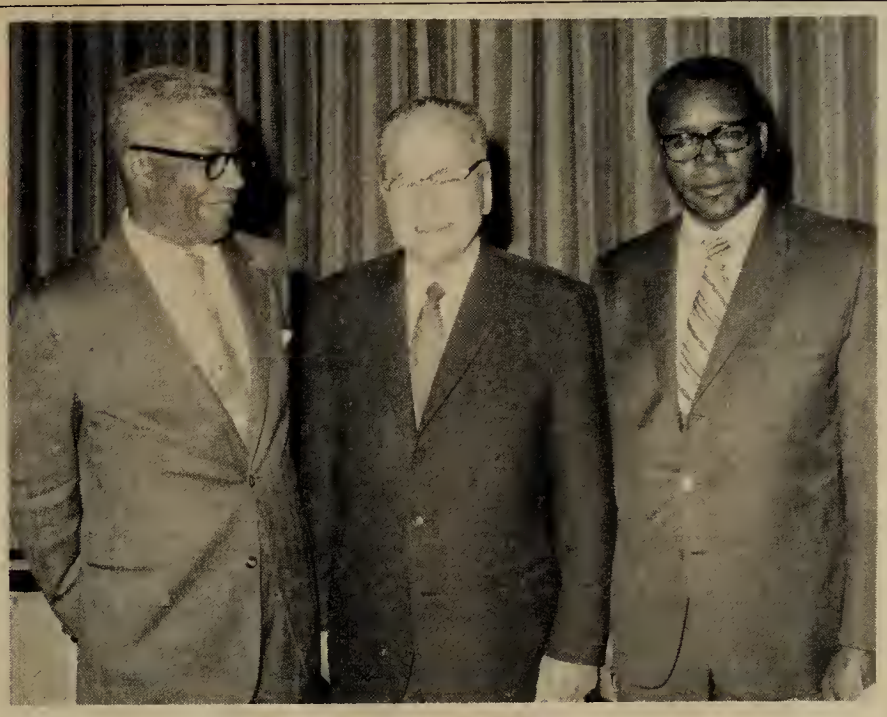
WCTU leader hails federal drive on drunken driving

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze was a delegate to the recent forum in Washington when Mr. Volpe announced a joint educational campaign on drunken driving and financial aid to community level programs on alcoholism.

"It is heartening," Mrs. Tooze declared, "to see that National Safety Council statistics on drunken driving have at last reached governmental agency thinking and that the 425,000 people killed on America's highways in the past 20 years because of drunken driving may not have died in vain.



FROM LEFT: Dr. Broadus N. Butler, president of Dillard University, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, and the Rev. William R. London, Jr., chairman of the Program Council of Louisiana Conference B—were seated at the head table at the Convocation Dinner last week in Alexandria.

Merger plans taking shape

The merger of Louisiana Annual Conferences A and B moved much closer to completion during the two-day Convocation of the boards and agencies of the two conferences at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, January 22-23.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton addressed the opening sessions and paid tribute to the many people who have worked so faithfully in bringing the plans for merger to their present form. He asked those serving on the board and agencies to continue the responsibility for keeping the membership of the church informed saying, "those close to all the steps forget that many people are not informed, so many will misunderstand and ask questions."

Other speakers during the Convocation included the presidents of Dillard University in New Orleans and of Southern University in Baton Rouge. Dr. Broadus N. Butler, president of Dillard, a United Methodist institution, reminded the group that the merger of the conferences "will yield nothing unless we love one another."

Speaking at the Friday evening dinner of the Convocation, Dr. Butler spoke of the distinctive parts played in the history of United Methodism by the white and black annual conferences. He said that as the conferences now move into the great new adventure of merger "the resulting merged Louisiana Annual Conference will be a magnificent structure."

In the closing session of the Convocation on Saturday, Dr. G. Leon Netterville, president of Southern University, said that three essentials for the success of the merger are commitment, the willingness to put "ourselves in each other's shoes," and the determination to demonstrate that we believe what we preach about love and brotherhood. He said, "We have demonstrated in the plan that we can work together. Now we must move ahead to implement that plan."

Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, New Orleans District Superintendent, presented the report of the Committee on Redistricting calling for 10 districts in the new Annual Conference. (The details of this report will be printed in next week's issue).

Dr. Woodrow Hearn, Program Council director of Louisiana Conference A, the Rev. Howard Milo, Program Council director of Louisiana Conference B, and Dr. Ben R. Oliphint, pastor of University United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, presented the plans for the services which will be used to formally close out the old annual conferences and the Service of Merger which will be used as the new conference comes into being on Tuesday, June 1.

The first day of the Alexandria meeting the boards and agencies of Louisiana Conferences A and B met separately to work on their final reports which will be presented to the last session of the separate conferences. On Saturday they held joint meetings in which they worked on the reports which will be presented to the new conference which will come into existence with the Service of Merger.

Tom Matheny, Hammond attorney and Conference Lay Leader of Conference A, spoke briefly concerning the legal steps that will be necessary in the termination of the old confer-

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● February 7

Churches to observe Methodist Hospital Sunday

Methodist Hospital Sunday will be observed on February 7 throughout Louisiana Annual Conference "A". The day has been so designated by vote of the Conference, the Churches being directed to take a special offering to support the "Charity" program of this Conference institution in New Orleans.

Methodist Hospital is an impressively modern 180-bed medical facility. It offers complete general hospital services. Since its opening on September 25, 1968, the program of services to patients has been constantly expanded. Now it offers a highly sophisticated Intensive Care Unit, diagnostic services which include Electroencephalography, and scanning studies and blood volume determinations through use of radioactive materials. In addition the latest and finest in a Special Procedures Room with TV monitoring and camera which enables the most exacting diagnostic procedures including coronary arteriography, has just been opened.

The hospital represents an $8,000,000.00 investment. It is a $14,000.00 per day operation. During the past year it offered over $80,000.00 in emergency relief and charitable services to the sick and suffering, to the accident victim and the disabled. "Good Samaritan" hospital could well be its name, for it is called upon to be the "extended Hands of Christ" to many who cannot care for themselves.

The offering to be received on Methodist Hospital Sunday will go towards this "free care." The "deeds of love and mercy" spoken of in the hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" are the hospital's constant offering to humanity. Because Methodism has always been a Church with a heart, the Hospital is sure it can count on Louisiana Methodists to undergird and make possible the continuation of this part of its program.

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Leaders in the Joint Meeting of the Boards of the Laity of Conference A and Conference B were (from left): John Hereford of the staff of the General Board; Tom Matheny, Conference A Lay Leader; Monroe Stringer, Conference B Lay Leader; and Richard Smith of the General Board. Mr. Hereford and Mr. Smith conducted the workshop held during the meeting.

Conference Treasurer reports deficit at close of church year

Dr. Leonard Cooke, Conference A Treasurer, reports that the Louisiana Conference ended calendar year 1970 with a deficit of $131,804.09 against the total Conference askings.

The apportioned figure for the Conference was $1,285,014, with a total of $1,153,209.91 actually collected. The shortages in the various items are listed below.

District Superintendent's Fund	$ 4,024.19
Episcopal Fund	272.51
Church Claimants	9,572.55
World Service	44,474.06
General Administration	3,199.85
Jurisdictional Administration	1,614.11
La. Conference Administration	17,864.42
Interdenominational Fund	6,318.07
Temporary General Aid Fund	3,196.32
S.C.J. Ministerial Education	22,129.05
United Methodist Hospital	18,776.84
	$131,804.09

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Pictured at the Convocation in Alexandria last week were (l. to r.): the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, chairman of the Program Council of Louisiana Conference A; Dr. G. Leon Netterville, president of Southern University; Dr. Ben R. Oliphint, Baton Rouge; Dr. Woodrow W. Hearn, Program Council Director, Conference A; and Dr. Bentley Sloane, host pastor for the Convocation.

Participants in January 15-17 lab school held at North Highlands and Noel United Methodist Churches in Shreveport for workers with adults. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Earl Carter, North Little Rock, Ark., instructor; Mrs. Walter Johnson, Bossier City, session leader; Mrs. Doris Marsalis, Education director, Noel Church, and the Rev. Don Risinger, District director of Family Ministries.

Layman receives human relations honor

Murray C. Fincher, vice president of the South Central Bell Telephone Co. in Louisiana and an active layman in Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans, recently reeeived the 17th Annual Weiss Award for distinguished service in the field of human relations from the New Orleans chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He was presented the award at a banquet at the Jung Hotel by Eads Poitevent, banquet chairman, who noted that "Murray Fincher has never undertaken a position without putting into it his whole heart and soul."

Accepting the silver plaque amid a standing ovation, Fineher told the crowd after he expressed his appreciation that he had a modest prescription which he felt could be applied to these times. "The very least we can do," he said, "is to continually reaffirm standards and moral values if they are to be kept alive, vibrant and real. But we must continually broaden the leadership opportunity for young people in our society."

Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, speaking briefly at the banquet said, "we are on the verge when we will have to support our non-public schools in this country." He also said that the time is also coming when "we must stand our guard so that anti-Semitism or even anti-Protestantism does not rise in this country."

Dr. Benedict A. Galloway, pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, gave the invocation at the Award Banquet.

Mr. Fincher has served in several positions of leadership in his church. He has been chairman of the Administrative Board, a member of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, chairman of the Finance Comittee, a member of the Parish-Pastor Relations Committee, chairman of the Every Member Visitation Program, and he is currently a member of the Administrative Board.

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Merger

ences and the creation of the new conference.

The calendar of events for Conference Week calls for a Joint Service of Holy Communion and Commemoration in the new dome stadium at Centenary College on Monday evening, May 31. On Tuesday morning the conferences will meet separately with Conference B holding its session at St. James United Methodist Church, Shreveport, and Conference A meeting in Brown Chapel on the Centenary College campus. Each conference will complete its business and hold its Service of Closing on Tuesday afternoon.

The Service of Merger will be held on Tuesday evening in the dome stadium, and the business of the new conference will be held there starting on Wednesday morning and continuing until completion.

Bishop Walton announced that Bishop Willis J. King and Bishop Paul E. Martin will assist in the services and business sessions announced for Conference Week.

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EZELL CONTRIBUTES TO DEVOTIONAL BOOK

At the request of Zondervan book publishers, the Rev. Harry Ezell, is a contributor to a new book of devotionals entitled "God's Minute," volume II. The first book in this series sold over one million copies.

Mr. Ezell is superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston. His first book was published by Zondervan about ten years ago.

Other contributors to the volume include such persons as E. Stanley Jones, Norman Vincent Peale, J. Edgar Hoover, Bishop Gerald Kennedy, J. C. Penney, and Elton D. Trueblood.

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Men do not reject the Bible because it condradicts itself but because it contradicts them.—The Defender

Editorial

Look Ahead to Better Times

(We are sharing with you this week an editorial which appeared in the January 21 issue of The North Carolina Christian Advocate. The editor of that publication is Dr. James C. Stokes)

Always we are tempted to look back when we want to see the good aspects of gracious living. We glamorize the "good old days" and nostalgically long for their return.

But if the past has been good, the future holds promise of being better. We are on the threshold of breaking through all along the line of human life here on this globe. The next decade could bring greater advances for humanity than any century of our past history. There are reasons to believe that these advances can be realized.

Some of the advances to which we refer are these: the establishment of peace among the nations; the elimination of real hunger and real poverty; the harmonizing of relations among the peoples of the world; the widespread sharing of the blessings and benefits of life throughout the earth; the conservation and proper use of our natural resources; the increased establishment of freedom and justice with law and order; the decline of man's exploitation of man and the dehumanizing consequences thereof; the widespread practice of planned parenthood and the enhancement of the family relationship; the elevation of spiritual, intrinsic values to their proper position, the constant recreation of man in the image of his Father God.

We are nearer to the achievement of these goals than at any time in human history—looking at the world as a whole. At this point in time, it is quite possible, of course, for a perceptive individual to look back down the way mankind has come and see only the wreckage of broken dreams. However, he can see—if he will—that the years have brought progress. Progress, with many a set-back, but still steady and sure progress.

The movement of man is basically upward, though the way has been painful and bloody and tragedy-rent. God surely wills that the goals and dreams mentioned above should be realized among us. He surely is at work in our midst. Surely, He invites all who will join Him in the glorious enterprise.

For a decade and more we have been expending a major portion of our energies in protest, in criticism, in cutting away at the foundations of our structures. Perhaps this rather negative approach to our problems was necessary. Some are still engaged in such pursuits. Some do indeed advocate the leveling of all structures and the violent overthrow of all established institutions.

But more and more, these people represent an extremist fringe. They have lost most of their support. Their methods have proved to be counter-productive. All things that could be protested have been protested, and the protesters have been listened to. Not all that they have said has been accepted.

This, however, must be said: those who have challenged the status quo have rendered a significant service. They have stirred the body of humanity out of a deadly state of narcosis. They have aroused the keepers of established institutions out of their lethargy, and have deposed century-old prejudices and misconceptions.

Now many of those who once took on the role of protesters are beginning to shift their emphasis to one that is more constructive. Having pointed up the weaknesses and maladies within our institutions, they are more and more beginning to make common cause in the struggle to improve these institutions.

They see more clearly that the basic problem is not the fact of structures, but the evil accumulations which attached themselves to structures. They realize that community life—especially in a world community—is impossible without structures of all sorts.

The decade of the sixties was a period of caustic criticism and protest. During this period the Church certainly took its lumps. It underwent a constant barrage of blows. It is still under vigorous attack, but we seem to sense that the tide of criticism is somewhat subsiding. This is partly due to the way in which the Church has faced criticism. In the main it has offered a constructive rather than a defensive response. It has faced up to many of its faults and has sought ways to correct them. The corrective processes—often moving slowly—have begun to show results.

But some of the criticism has subsided because more and more protesters have now joined in the effort to build a better Church. They perceive the folly of tearing down the institutional Church with nothing of a like nature to take its place.

Because of (and in spite of) what we have written above, we remain hopeful and optimistic about the future. We are living in a great time. We have the know-how and the tools with which to forge a better life for all mankind.

But more importantly there are stirrings on the spiritual scene. Men are coming alive within. They are rediscovering the fact that they are living souls, and are beginning to live in a new-found spiritual dimension. They are beginning to break through the crust of formalism, of nominal acceptance of Christ. They are rediscovering the reality of miracle, as marvelous things happen in their own lives.

The God who has seemed to many to be a Big Daddy up there in the sky or a vague symbol has come down into the very midst of them. They have been surprised by a Visitor whom they did not expect or even invite. But his coming — however it came about—has brought peace and joy and power.

Where shall we look, then for better times? Ahead. That's where Christ is, pointing the way to good and wonderful things that lie out before us.

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the Editor's Corner

ADVERTISING SERVICE FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

We would like to call your attention to a new company which has been formed by a group of able United Methodist public relations experts to offer assistance to local churches that are interested in doing a better job of advertising in their local papers.

The company, known as **Adchurch,** was formed after a national consultation on church advertising agreed that such help would be a benefit to local pastors and congregations. It was reported that many churches would consider such an advertising program if such help were available.

The group, which has established headquarters in Evanston, Ill., is offering local churches a selection from three ad series a quarter, allowing the pastor and public relations committee to select the type of ads they want to use. The series will vary in size, in theological approach and general appeal.

Each series is designed for the smaller daily and weekly papers. **Adchurch** will supply ads for a full quarter—13 of them—for $15. They will be sent either as repro proofs or as mats, depending upon the need of the local paper.

Also, as a help to local churches wishing to improve their public relations program, **Adchurch** is offering free with each subscription to their service, a new book **Public Relations in the Local Church.** They also plan to send out twice a quarter a public relations "tip sheet" which will have many suggestions for helping local churches improve their public relations image, and will help pastors and committees take advantage of seasonal and topical interests through their local papers.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A new structure and name were adopted by the New Jersey American Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in East Orange. The convention will be divided into 10 clusters of churches—five in the south state area and five in the north—and will be called the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey. The staff of the restructured convention will consist of an executive minister, a business manager, two ministers of public mission and one minister each for parish missions in the south and north areas. By-laws to implement the proposed structure will be voted on at a special Feb. 27 convention and an executive minister will be elected at that time. Task groups to carry on the work of the Convention will replace present committees.

Three staff members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), convicted Sept. 28 of interfering with local draft board operations, must face the consequences of their actions, according to the denomination's president, Dr. A. Dale Fiers. He spoke in answer to a recent editorial in the Christian Century, which suggested that the Church investigate whether justice was accomplished in the three-month sentences handed to the three members.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled that a state law requiring children to be sent to school through age 16 is unconstitutional as applied to members of the Amish sect. Writing the 6 to 1 majority opinion, Chief Justice E. Harold Hallows said in part: "No liberty granted by our Constitution is more important or vital to our free society than is a religious liberty protected by the free exercise clause of the First Amendment. This appeal poses the question of whether the compulsory education law of this state, as applied to Amish, infringes on their religious liberty. . ." Justice Hallows said the court reserved the right to re-examine the question if the compulsory education law ever was seriously jeopardized by the exemption.

A two-year effort by the Women's Fellowship Class of Chevy Chase Presbyterian church has resulted in the appointment of the Rev. Hosta H. Browne as the first full-time Protestant chaplain at D.C. General Hospital (Washington) since 1964. The class launched the drive to raise funds for the chaplaincy when it learned that no Protestant denomination could finance the post. Mr. Browne will also serve as part-time pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Capitol Heights.

The nation's fourth Christian television station, WFCB-TV, Channel 45, in Hollywood, Fla. had hoped to go on the air Jan. 1. However, 461,000 pounds of steel rods for the stations 1,000-foot tower has just been delivered to the 20-acre site there. Eldon Purvis, president of the non-profit agency said the aim of the station's regular broadcasting will be "to make the good news of Jesus Christ available to every home, every day." Christian-sponsored television stations are now in operation in Newport News, Va., and Los Angeles. Another in Atlanta is nearing completion.

Lincoln Square in New York City will be the site of a high-rise religious center constructed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon). The center will include a chapel, classrooms and cultural facilities, and residential or commercial spaces. The 1,400 Manhattan Mormon members now worship in a former synagogue.

Roman Catholic and Protestant clergymen will cooperate in a program to aid Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest. A spokesman for the group said in Albuquerque, N. Mex.: "Over six million Spanish-Americans live in the 13 states of the Southwest. Most of them are on the lowest rung of the economic ladder. Our goals will be to find a practical way to help these people with concrete programs, and to unite existing Chicano organizations before they become polarized and unable to work together." Participants in the program believe the ecumenical makeup of the program team is an important step because "it will reach more people and show the churches' concern for people's economic, social and spiritual improvement."

Dan West, Church of the Brethren founder of the well known Heifer Project, died at the age of 77 in Goshen, Indiana on Jan 7. Mr. West, born in Ohio, was involved in relief work to war-ravaged Spain in the 1930s. As he faced lines of hungry children, he conceived the plan for the Heifer Project as a means of bringing food-producing animals into needy areas—as an alternative to direct food handouts. Under the program, cows are given to poor families with the understanding that some of the offspring will be passed along to others in need. His family has established the Dan West Educational Fund to support volunteers who offer training in animal husbandry to Heifer Project recipients.

Current "vampire" motion pictures have turned from "horror to gore" and may be conveying "unhealthy linkage between lust, blood, mutilation, desire and eroticism," according to Film Information, a service of the National Council of Churches. The Rev. James M. Wall, coordinator and also editor of Christian Advocate, said that very little parental concern has been voiced to Hollywood on vampire pictures and many are being shown under the GP rating, that is, all ages admitted, parental guidance suggested. Film Information does not rate films itself, but lists ratings given by the Motion Picture Assn. of America and offers critical comment on individual pictures and types of films.

Christian Aid, the service arm of British churches, revealed in London that it had channeled more than $288,000 into Rhodesian African education during the past year, and that it will continue its aid. However, the government of Prime Minister Ian Smith has placed many restrictions on church schools, and churches are being careful that their offers of aid are not interpreted as an endorsement of Smith's apartheid-type policies, according to news service reports.

Two noted psychiatrists have condemned the "generation gap" and the "do-your-thing" philosophy as among the greatest perils to a healthy youth-parent relationship. Concepts of "teen-age" and the "generation gap" are products of a "semantic plot—a conspiracy involving sleight of words and artificial labeling and a kind of segregation," according to Dr. Richard Rabkin of Cornell Medical School. Dr. J. Thomas Ungerleider of the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the UCLA Center for the Health Sciences, Los Angeles, expressed alarm at the effects of the "do-your-thing" philosophy—which he saw as the credo of children as early as the fourth grade. Until lately, a teenager was recognized for what he is—a young adult, Dr. Rabkin pointed out. "By definition, a young adult, a middle-aged adult and an old adult have a lot in common, a sense of community," and the psychiatrist warned that by giving in to the semantic plot, we help split the ties that bind us together."

A resolution asking Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to permit the various states to provide for the voluntary recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of verses of the Bible in the public schools, has been introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Ten members co-sponsored the measure. The resolution noted that a "considerable segment of public opinion is opposed to the results" of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that banned the reciting of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of the Bible in public schools.

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URBANA, Ill. – Some 10,000 students fill the University of Illinois Assembly Hall at Urbana during the ninth Missionary Convention of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The efforts of many evangelical Protestants to draw evangelism and social concerns more closely together were reflected as the students, mostly from the U.S. and Canada, grappled with such topics as student power, "revolution," racism, relations with non-Christians and education. The Rev. David M. Howard, the Fellowship's missionary director, said in his keynote address that the church has "been guilty of a lack of social concern" and that the choice between evangelism and social concerns is not "either/or." (RNS Photo)

Palestine Church rises from ashes

–Photos by Helen Derr, Religion Editor, Alexandria Daily TOWN TALK

Mrs. Peggy Hart and Mrs. Athalie Duncan (l. to r.) polish offering plates and candlesticks to make them usable after the fire at Palestine Church. They along with the other ladies of the church cleaned pews, recovered pew cushions and otherwise refurbished and salvaged worship accessories which will continue to be used in the rebuilt church.

The rebuilt Palestine United Methodist Church (below) at Pineville, now nearly ready for use, looks almost exactly as it did before the 1970 Labor Day fire. At right of sanctuary is the old church, now an education building, which has been used as temporary quarters for worship. A February consecration service and open house are planned.

The Rev. Richard Hoffpauir, pastor at Palestine, Floyd Ussery and Cecil Morrison (l. to r.) move a refinished communion rail into the temporary sanctuary of the Palestine Church—one of many labors necessitated by the Labor Day fire which destroyed the sanctuary.

Dr. Raoul Calkins (second from left), executive secretary of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee visits Operation Breakfast. Shown with him is the Rev. C. J. Harrison, pastor of St. James United Methodist Church (Conference B) in Shreveport, and the ladies serving the breakfast are members of the Lucile Sexton Class at First Church (Conference A) in Shreveport.

The "Clean-up Brigade" pictured here is made up of students from Centenary College who are members of the Methodist Student Movement along with young residents of Travis Street (Bottoms area) in Shreveport who took part in a massive clean-up campaign at the New Neighborhood Center located at 962 Travis Street. The center was put into operation by the Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries. The building, an old warehouse was painted and redecorated. The coordinator of Metro-Ministries is James Graham.

"Operation Breakfast"

In the Shreveport Metropolitan Community there are significant numbers of elementary school children who are deprived of the opportunity to eat breakfast before coming to school. The lack of a balanced meal in the morning has served as a deterrent to wholesome educational growth. A child cannot be properly motivated to learn if he is constantly bothered with hunger pains.

Shreveport Metropolitan Ministry decided to strike a dent into this great problem. On November 2, 1970, Metropolitan Ministry began Operation Breakfast at Pierre Avenue Elementary School. This school is located in one of the poverty areas of Shreveport.

Metro-Ministry believed this program could serve several purposes. Since volunteers to serve breakfast would come from several black and white churches, this program could help to bring together persons from various racial and cultural backgrounds on a common ground. Such a program could also help to enhance the opportunity for children from culturally deprived areas to be given a better opportunity to learn. Moreover such a program could help middle class persons to better understand the horrors of being poor and deprived through a personal confrontation with a significant problem in the Shreveport Community.

As middle class people become more aware of the inherent causes of children coming to school hungry and lacking sufficient clothing, it is hoped that church people will become more actively involved in seeking solutions to such problems instead of just being critical of those who are less fortunate.

THE CENACLE INTERFAITH Committee sponsored a panel discussion on church-related action programs, January 21. Held at Trinity Episcopal Church, panel participants were the Rev. Robert Eaker, the Rev. Bill Brown, the Rev. Thomas Shaw, Sister Harriet Waldo, and the Rev. Sam Allen.

THE RALLY ON DOPE being held today, January 28, in Houma at Terrebonne High, is sponsored by the Commission on Social Concerns, Mrs. Claude Gray, chairman, of First United Methodist Church. The program includes "Miss Louisiana", a LSU football quarterback, and a musical group.

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NEWS and NOTES

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST Church of Sulphur celebrated their eighth anniversary on Sunday, January 24. The Rev. L. Deen Thompson is pastor.

CECIL BLAND, lay associate director of Louisiana Conference A Program Council, spoke during both morning services in Broadmoor Church of Shreveport, January 17. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor.

THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT Board of Missions will meet on Monday, February 1, at Munholland Church, 1201 Metairie Road, Metairie. Dr. Harry Kumuro, general superintendent of mission work among Spanish-American Methodists, will be the guest speaker.

MRS. C. B. McGOWAN, of Baton Rouge, president of the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society and member of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions, was guest speaker at the January meeting of the Administrative Board in the Istrouma United Methodist Church. The Rev. Edwin J. Barksdale is the pastor.

MRS. JACK MACKEN is serving as president of the Women's Society of Christian Service in North Highlands United Methodist Church, Shreveport, this year. Mrs. Julian Garrett is vice president, Mrs. Euland Efurd is secretary, and Mrs. J. H. Wynne, treasurer. The Rev. Donald Risinger is pastor.

HENNING MEMORIAL Methodist Men of Sulphur held the January 20 supper meeting in the home of Dr. George Vincent. Mark McMurry told of his experiences in Alaska this past summer. The Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is the Henning minister.

FATHER-SON NIGHT in First Church, Houma, was sponsored by United Methodist Men, E. Roy Jones, president. Brent Womack was the speaker at the supper meeting, Thursday, January 14. The Rev. A. Jerome Cain is the pastor.

THE METHODIST HOME Hospital Auxiliary met on January 22. The program presented Titus Bender and a panel from the Tulane School of Social Work.

METHODIST STUDENTS attending LSUNO are invited to a meeting to be held in St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5875 Canal Blvd., on February 6 at 7 p.m. The purpose is to organize a Methodist student fellowship on that campus. Sandwiches, folk music, in-depth discussion and planning are scheduled.

THE LIGHTHOUSE UMYF Sub-District met in Homer United Methodist Church on Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m. Dr. Woodrow Hearne, Annual Conference Program Council director, spoke to the group on the coming merger of Conferences A & B and in particular on how this will affect the youth. The Rev. W. Odell Simmons was host pastor.

THE DeQUINCY STUDY of "Where Tomorrow Struggles to be Born" began with a joint supper meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, Monday, January 18. Dr. J. Henry Bowden, Sr., of Lake Charles, spoke on his travels in Latin America. The remaining sessions are scheduled for January 25, February 1 and 8, at 7 p.m. The Rev. Robert I. Galatas is pastor.

DR. CARLOS PEREZ will be the speaker in Parker Memorial Church, New Orleans, on January 31. Dr. Perez is a Cuban and knows the Cuban refugee problem in the United States. He will speak at the third session of the church study of Latin America. The Rev. Albert S. Hurley is the Parker minister.

The Gueydon Church honored the new minister and family at a reception and "pounding" after Sunday evening worship, January 10. Shown above are C. A. Morgan, standing at left, chairman of the Administrative Board, the Rev. Frank C. Lankford, Mrs. Lankford, and their daughter, Lynn. The event was sponsored by the WSCS and youth group.

THE HONORABLE JOHN J. McKEITHEN, governor of Louisiana, delivered the Sunday morning message in First United Methodist Church at Hammond, where the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. serves as pastor.

TOM MATHENY, HAMMOND attorney and Louisiana Conference A lay leader, was guest speaker in First United Methodist Church of Crowley on Sunday morning, January 10. The Rev. B. E. Bond is the Crowley minister.

CHAPEL OF THE AIR speaker on WWL-TV, New Orleans, January 17, was the Rev. Edward W. Thomas, pastor of the Lake Vista United Methodist Church.

MAJOR JAMES T. HARRIS, JR., of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was the speaker in the Carrollton United Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday evening, January 10. Major Harris is the son of Dr. James T. Harris, Carrollton minister, and Mrs. Harris. He is a foreign area specialist in South American Affairs. His talk launched the church study of "Where Tomorrow Struggles to be Born." At the second session on January 17, the pastor presented slides of the eleven Latin American countries which he has visited.

DR. WEBB POMEROY, head of the Department of Religion at Centenary College, conducted a study on "The Authentic Teachings of Jesus" January 13-15, at First United Methodist Church in Franklin. The average attendance was 54 persons, most of whom attended all three sessions. The Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor.

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FOUR MISSION NIGHTS PLANNED AT HOMER

The first of a planned series of four "Mission Nights" constituted the evening service on January 10 in McCalman Hall, the First United Methodist Church, Homer, the Rev. William Odell Simmons, pastor.

Following a special number by the Men's Choir, the Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr., Associate Program Council Director with special responsibility in missions spoke on "The United Methodist Church in Mission," giving an overview of the mission scene abroad and at home. Dr. H. C. Sanders, local church Commission on Missions member, conducted a spirited question and answer session following Mr. Dean's talk. A period of fellowship during which Commission members served refreshments to the group concluded the evening.

Other Mission Nights scheduled by the Commission are: February 14, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, Springhill, formerly missionaries to India, "The Church in Mission Abroad"; March 14, the Rev. William M. McCutcheon, associate pastor, First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, "The Church in Mission at Home"; April 18, the pastor, "The Homer Church in Mission."

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Jan. 31—Sunday	Luke 4:33-37
Feb. 1	Matt. 7:24-27
Feb. 2	Matt. 7:7-11
Feb. 3	Matt. 9:10-13
Feb. 4	Matt. 10:16-33
Feb. 5	Matt. 11:25-30
Feb. 6	John 1:1-5
Feb. 7—Sunday	John 1:29-34

MISSIONS AND WSCS SPONSOR ALEXANDRIA STUDY

The Commission on Missions, Malcolm Justice, chairman, and the Women's Society, Mrs. Vernon Gordon, president, are sponsoring the mission study in First Church, Alexandria, on four Sunday evenings in January.

"How the Word Gets Around" began on January 10 with Pat Ginn explaining "The Generation Gap." The next session had a film "In Spite of Wales." Father Richard Nowery led "Faith, Relationship and Media" on January 24. Dr. Woodrow Hearn of Shreveport, Program Council director, will speak on January 31.

UMYF members are meeting with adults for the series. Three separate children's groups are studying the same subject. Dr. Bentley Sloane is the pastor; Dr. DeWitt M. Ginn is his associate.

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"DYKES DAY" at Baton Rouge First United Methodist Church, January 15, had father and son occupying the pulpit at three services. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church in Shreveport, spoke at both morning services. The Rev. David R. Dykes, who is serving the Baton Rouge Church as associate pastor, spoke at the evening service. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is senior minister at First Church, Baton Rouge.

SWEETHEART-TIME BANQUET in First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was held Wednesday, January 27. Guest speaker was the Rev. Mouzon Biggs, associate minister to Dr. Charles Allen in First United Methodist Church of Houston, Texas. The event was sponsored by the Committee on Family Life. Dr. Charles Pearce, Jr. was host pastor.

MRS. GEORGE W. POMEROY, wife of the New Orleans District superintendent, Conference A, gave an "Overview" of "Latin America – How Many Worlds" at First United Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Sunday, January 10. Brian Ausburn is chairman of the Missions Work Area sponsoring the study. The Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor.

Methodist woman executive in JOURNAL'S top 75

(Miss Theressa Haaver is a native af Fayetteville, Arkansas, and a graduate of Philander Smith College, Little Rack.)

NEW YORK (UMI)—Miss Theressa Hoover, New York, chief executive of the national women's program of thc United Methodist Church, is listed among "America's 75 Most Important Women," as presented in the January issue of **Ladies Home Journal** magazine.

The publication lists a circulation of 6,900,000 and claims 13,000,000 readers. It is generally regarded as one of the country's prestige mazazines.

Miss Hoover is associate gencral secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions with responsibility for the Women's Division. One of the Board's top administrators, she is the chief executive for program and work of the United Methodist women's organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. The Division is thc national policy-making body for more than 1,500,000 Society and Guild members in 38,000 local units.

The **Journal** list of "America's 75 Most Important Women" includes persons of national and international fame in many fields, including government, business, science, communications, education, entertainment, civil rights, medicine, music, drama, law, religion, architecture and the women's liberation movement. Included are three present and former First Ladies, Patricia Nixon, Lady Bird Johnson and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The list was prepared by researcher-writer Donald Robinson, whose most recent book is **The 100 Most Important People in the World Today.** Explaining his standards for selection, he wrote in an introduction that "we were looking for women who had made the greatest impact on our civlization within the last five years, and who would continue to affect us significantly for the next five years. He said he had used the phrase "women who have done the most to shape and illuminate the world in which we live." Mr. Robinson sought the advice of "hundreds of officials and leaders in . . . almost every significant field of endeavor." From an initial list of about 200 women, he cut down to 75 "on thc basis of personal—but by now, educated—choice." The final listing, he wrote, "is a representative list that speaks highly for the quality of feminine leadership in America."

The **Journal,** in an Editor's Note accompanying the presentation, said that though "it is an arbitrary, somewhat hazardous venture to choose 75 people as 'most important,' Donald Robinson is particularly well qualified to make such a selection." To answer its own question as to "why doesn't the **Journal** do a survey based on reader opinions?", the editors said that "someday we hope to do just that."

Among the United Methodists in the listing are Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R.-Maine), Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.), opera star Leontyne Price, and Dorothy I. Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women. Four women were in the general field of "religion." Besides Miss Hoover they are Cynthia Clark Wedel, first woman president of the National Council of Churches; Sister Mary Luke Tobin, first American woman at the Vatican Council, and Rosemary Ruether, writer on Roman Catholic theology.

Each of the "Most Important" was identified by a photograph and a thumbnail sketch. Miss Hoover was described as "top woman executive of Methodist Church, guides 38,000 women's groups. A board member of YWCA and National Council of Churches."

The **Journal** listing was not the first mass media recognition for Miss Hoover. In November she was on a panel on New York's WNBC-TV "For Women Only" program, moderated by Aline Saarinen. She and five fellow panelists discussed "Women and Organized Religion." In 1969 she was in the "Speaking of People" section of **Ebony** magazine, which features black Americans who have made significant achievements in various fields.

Miss Hoover was elected as Woman's Division associate general secretary in 1968, having served on thc staff since 1948. She is or has been chairman of the Nominating Committee of the National Council of Churches' General Board, delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly, and member of the YWCA National Board. In 1970 she was the first woman to give the Fondren Lecture at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

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MISS JUANITA PORTER received a Special Membership pin on her birthday, December 24, in honor of her eight years as treasurer for the Women's Society of First Church, Monroe.

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN VISITS BASTROP GUILDS

Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Monroe District chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First United Methodist Church in Bastrop. This was a supper meeting held on Monday, January 18, and members of guild units from Bastrop Memorial Church and Mer Rouge were the invited guests of the host guild. Other district officers attending with Mrs. Bennett were Mrs. Fern Whatley, recording secretary, and Mrs. Helen Owen, chairman of nominations.

Mrs. Bennett gave a devotional entitled "Pretense," and spoke on forthcoming events which are scheduled for the guild. Mrs. Mildred Moore, vice president, presided at the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, president, who is ill.

COMMENT

At the beginning of this New Year, I hope we will make good use of the resources available to us.

R—ead, be informed about our Society's work around the world; the problems, the needs.
E—very officer and member finds information and inspiration for a deeper dedication.
S—uch thought provoking articles every Society member should read.
P—ictures that make our mission work "come alive"; as well as program suggestions and new ideas.
O—ur missionaries tell us of their problems and how they meet the needs.
N—ewest resources are announced and described to help in program planning.
S—ome special pages for the officers to give suggestions for action.

E—ach issue has something for some member to read with special interest.

We are still urging you to participate in a reading program—see page 32 in January issue of **response.** For suggested books, see pages 37-39 in December issue of **response.** Groups who have a program have found it helpful to budget money for books which are on the list and put them in your library. Individual members have contributed books, also.

I hope you are all using the **Prayer Calendar,** as Dr. Edward Carothers in the Introduction writes "When the calendar helps us to put our arms around the world, God becomes more real." So put your "arms around the world."

Remember the 1970 Annual Report of the Board of Missions should be in the hands of every Commission on Missions and in the Women's Society and Guild.

The Drug Education Packet is now off the press and should be used for study by all age groups.

Mrs. Robert Compton, secretary of Program Materials
Louisiana Conference A Women's Society

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AN INTRODUCTION to the study of Psalms was given by Dr. Webb Pomeroy at the January 4 meeting of the Women's Society of First Church, Shreveport.

A PARTY HONORING recent new members of Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was held recently in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Bailey.

GUILD MONTH OBSERVED AT FIRST CHURCH, MONROE

The two Wesleyan Service Guilds and the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First United Methodist Church of Monroe observed Guild Month with a joint program and refreshment hour on Tuesday evening, January 5th. Each year the Women's Society and Guilds alternate with the program and entertainment. Mrs. Douglas Hudson, president of the Elizabeth Langford Guild opened the program with a devotional. Miss Elizabeth Langford, president of Unit One introduced Deputy Sheriff Hoyt Moncrief who told of his experiences in dealing with the use of drugs in Ouachita Parish. He illustrated his remarks with a display of drugs used in addiction by youth and adults and answered the many questions that followed, showing the concern of those present. Following the program, refreshments were served in the parlor by members of the Women's Society. Dr. Carl Lueg is the pastor of First Church.

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Deputy Sheriff Moncrief of Ouachita Parish discusses drug addiction with members of First Church, Monroe. In the group shown above are Mrs. Audrey Boggs, Mrs. Bill Bateman and Mrs. Clark Ransom.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 7: Persistence in Prayer

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:5-13; 18: 1-8

MEMORY SELECTION: Every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks will be opened. (Luke 11:10)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help class members develop the practice of persistent prayer in the knowledge that God's answers are assured and are given in wisdom and love.

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Out of the prayer habits of Jesus eame the urgent requests of his disciples that he teach them how to pray. They readily admitted that they did not have the answers, and so he spent some time in trying to help meet this need. Who among us has not eome to a feeling of despair in his own prayer life and cried out, "Lord, teach us how to pray."?

This lesson and the one to follow deal with prayer. They will be two of the most important periods we spend together with the teachings of the parables. We know that we often give lip-service to the idea of prayer without ever making it a part of our lives. When we do pray in times of great stress we may be so out of practice that we find it difficult to express ourselves or keep our thoughts from straying. We give up so easily. There is a strong possibility that through the consideration of this parable today we may move toward real persistence in our own prayers.

Jesus spent long hours in prayer. He often went out on the mountainside to talk with God about the problems he confronted. Often there was a real crisis experience involved, and from the deep commitment to purpose which the disciples saw in their Master came the longing in their hearts to know what he knew about prayer. Dr. George Buttrick says **(The Parables of Jesus)** "That power and peace came to Him through such vigils is attested by the disciples' plea: 'Lord, teach us to pray.' "

It is clear that Jesus regarded prayer as the simple outpouring of human need. It may take many forms—thanksgiving, confession, adoration, or intercession, but all these forms are but variants of the cry of human poverty. Many men have sought to analyze the unique character of Jesus and have concluded that his prayer life is at the heart of the answer. Dr. Buttrick has said in his book **Prayer:** "So attuned was he to God by secret communion that his words are as God's words. He did what other men had done—trudged the road, taught his truth, healed the sick, and flinched not from martyrdom—but, oh the difference! The disciples tracked down the secret to its hiding place—'Lord, teach us to pray.' "

The two stories concerning prayer are so similar in purpose that they might be termed twin parables. Although separated in Luke's gospel, they are so much alike that it is possible they were given at the same time. One is the story of the friend who sought bread from his neighbor in the middle of the night, while the other tells of the persistent widow who would not quit in her appeal to the judge for justice. The one central theme in both is perseverance in prayer.

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THE NATURE OF FATHERHOOD

Jesus introduced the two parables related to prayer with an affirmation about the nature of God as it stands in contrast with human parenthood. We read in Luke 11:11-13: "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" In this version "Holy Spirit" is substituted for "good things" in the version in Matthew. Who of us would deny that the Holy Spirit is the best gift, God's gift of himself?

Here Jesus is pointing out the nature of a human father who does all that he can to see that his children have what is best for them. This is done to establish the contrast with the superior goodness of the heavenly Father so that there will be no question in the minds of men that God is anxious to give them what is best for them.

Jesus argued from the lesser to the greater, the bad to the better. The contrast could not be missed. If human fathers know how to respond to the requests of their sons, then we should all know that there is no question about God's hearing and answering our prayers. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in **International Lesson Annual:** "The clue to God's loving nature is to be found in good and true fathers on earth. There is a spark of God in every human parent. If in spite of men's weaknesses they can choose to do loving things for their children, how much more will God pour forth his love upon men who look to him as their heavenly Father."

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THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT

In the first of our parables today we are told of a man who had unexpected company arrive in the middle of the night. The most elementary rules of hospitality required that he break bread with his guest before they retired. However, he was embarrassed because there was no food in the house. He did what any of us would have done—he went to his neighbor to borrow some bread. He discovered that the man had retired for the night and was not willing to get up to comply with the request. This seems to be a rather logical reaction. Most of us would have probably done the same. But the petitioner was not to be so easily pushed aside. He ignored the refusal and banged on the door again. Finally, in desperation, his neighbor came down and gave the bread to the man in order to quiet him down.

It is not easy for us to find the real meaning of this parable. Certainly we are not to believe that the unfriendly neighbor represents God. We must make clear that our original interpretation of a parable was that it was a story intended to make a single point. We said that these stories were not allegories and that we were not to seek meaning in every character and every detail. To take any other position regarding both these parables today would communicate an erroneous image of God. The one great idea here is that once we have started praying for a worthy purpose we ought not to discontinue those prayers until that goal has been achieved.

The apostle Paul echoed Jesus' teaching when he said, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). If we are to develop a prayer life it will be necessary for us to discipline our lives and develop periods of sustained prayer during which we will not let anything divert us from our petitions. In the area of petitionary prayer, a skeptic once asked the Russian novelist Tolstoy, "How can I believe in God in the face of a cholera microbe?" To which Tolstoy replied, "Don't be flippant!" We cannot understand all there is to know about God, and yet, as Dr. Buttrick says, "We see God as a sailor might see a promontory—now in sunshine, now in storm, the tiny visible only a sign of a vast unknown. Some petitions are not answered, and if they were we could not worship Him, for His ways are higher than our ways. But many petitions are answered."

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THE WIDOW AND THE JUDGE

In Luke 18:1-8 Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow before the inconsiderate judge. It is much like the first story, and yet it has more serious overtones. This judge is not one before whom any of us would like to stand seeking justice. The implication is that he expected to be bribed for his decision, and the widow had nothing with which to purchase his favor.

Such a judge could only be bribed, bullied, or besought until he surrendered. The widow had no wealth with which to bribe him, and no power with which to threaten. She could only plead with the persistence of despair. She pleaded even against hope. She spoke to the judge in his courtroom. She talked to him on the street as he went toward his home. He could not escape her: At last, to get away from her and her plea he did as she asked. We read in Luke 18:4: "He said to himself, Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming." Again we would emphasize the importance of seeing that the judge in the story is not representative of God. We are only being told that the widow was persistent, and this was the source of her reward in the story.

The answers to many prayers are long delayed for a number of reasons. Usually the delays are the result of unreadiness on the part of the petitioner. God does work out sovereign purposes in our lives and in the lives of others. We cannot always be immediately aware of what these are, so while we keep on praying we do not doubt that the final outcome will be for our best because it will be based on God's infinite love and wisdom.

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COMMUNICATING WITH GOD IN DAILY LIFE

Let us move out from the outline of these parables and look toward some general guidance for our own prayer life. To do so we must come to see that prayer is so much more than petition. It is truly one of the communicative arts. It is by this means that God lets man know His wisdom, His way, and Himself with a human being. It is a two-way street since it also is the means by which the human being communicates his mind, his heart, his body, and his total self with God.

Surely one of the biggest problems God has with people is in this area of communication. Even though we know God has resources adequate for all our needs, it is difficult for him to give us even a small amount. Certainly the problem is not that God is unwilling to give to us, but that we are unwilling to receive.

Dr. Thomas Carruth in one of his fine books on prayer pointed out three basic principles for communicating with God: 1. We need a common-sense, Scriptural interpretation of the God who communicates; 2. We need a practical view of the elementary factors involved in our own ability to communicate; and 3. We need a practical application of prayers and patterns in prayer which we can practice in daily living.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy tells the story of a mother who listened to her son as he prayed. She noticed that what he was doing was to tell God what he planned to do and to seek to direct God to help him. The mother said to her son, "Son, don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty."

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REASONS FOR PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

Although the parables which we have studied have emphasized the need for persistence in prayer, we have to look beyond these stories into our own lives to discover reasons for this persistence.

First, we pray persistently because we struggle with uncertainty. Some people ask of prayer that it be painless. They expect it to bring them peace of mind. Jesus bids us pray persistently because the struggle between faith and doubt goes on. Then, our prayers reflect our faith. The man of faith finds prayer exciting since it flows out from faith.

Also we must be persistent in prayer because of our desire for God. Jesus warns each of us to guard our devotion, turning away from lesser goals. He tells us that we cannot serve both God and Mammon. Finally, we are told that persistence in prayer is a form of daily renewal. Through it we express our need to abandon ourselves to God each day. We cannot deny that we are in need of new energy and new purity, and that we can expect to find them in prayer.

FUNDS FOR NEW CHURCH DIVERTED TO AID BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT

TYRONE, Pa. (RNS) — The Columbia Avenue United Methodist church here has been saving for eight years to build a new sanctuary, but now instead of a new structure, the congregation is lending its $100,000 to the community to help attract new businesses.

"We do have facilities and using them is better than having our men unable to make a living for their families," said the Rev. Leroy J. Harrison.

In December, 1970, the Westvaco Corp. cut back 550 employees at its Tyrone paper mill. The mill has been the town's mainstay for 90 years.

Eight years ago the building of the Columbia Avenue church burned. Since then, makeshift quarters have been used.

The $100,000 building fund will go to the Tyrone Improvement Corporation to finance a $1 million industrial development program. The sum represents the 10 per cent mortgage needed to obtain funds from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority.

Harry K. Sickler, president of the improvement corporation, said the church will be repaid by April 1, 1973, with receipts from a fund drive.

Mr. Harrison said his congregation will make further contributions if necessary to help the community gain a stable economic foundation.

"As Christians," said the clergyman, "we are bound to minister to the town in this way. We feel this is simply part of a Christian commitment and Christian opportunity. We are not looking at it as something unique."

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

Banks in Britain will close on February 10 until February 15. This is not a threat of bankruptcy — it is simply the financial system's way of dealing with the changeover to decimal currency. On that date we shall leave behind forever the pounds, shillings and penee which have haunted the visitor from the USA and other places and go into a coinage which corresponds quite closely with many other countries.

For Britons this seems like a revolution. Many people are saying that it is all right for the children—who are already learning about decimal coinage at school—but what about the very elderly who will, it is said, never get used to it? The contrast is shown by the fact that one popular radio programme has engaged a schoolboy to explain to listeners how to convert LSD into DECIMAL, and how **thinking** decimally is a necessity.

It provides for Church treasurers a nightmare, too. For one thing, one of the most popular coins in the collection has been the half-crown—a peculiarly British compromise crown worth two shillings and sixpence. When that coin was withdrawn from circulation in preparation for the new coinage, the pessimists feared that people who had been accustomed to putting one coin in the offertory bag would never get used to putting two, or making up the amount in other ways—and to a certain extent they have been right.

But, much more traumatic is going to be the task of treasurers who have worked in the old system all their lives, and who, overnight, will have to think decimally. It is going to be great fun for some. In fact, after a short time, I expect we shall wonder why we made such a fuss. But meantime, some vestries are going to be the place where Christian charity and temperance will have to be exercised!

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METROPOLITAN MISSION

The evangelistic problem of the great sprawling "connurbation" that we call London has been one that has engaged the attention of the most devoted men over the years. Especially in inner London where there was a proliferation of church building at the turn of the century, recent years have brought with them problems of redundancy, lack of funds to run places which once depended on social appeals which have become outdated, and the reducing church attendance which has meant that once-filled churches stand almost empty.

The free churches have begun to tackle the problem together, and with the new climate of unity between Anglican and Methodist churches, even here there has been the beginning of united action.

The basic problem has been to rationalise men and money so that in some of the most difficult areas of witness known to the church an effective piece of work can be done. Social needs of new kinds are being met, and the servant-church has become a feature of the streets of inner London. At the same time the primary purpose of the church is not forgotten. Dr. Irvonwy Morgan the Methodist Secretary who is responsible for London affairs in the Methodist Church has recently said that in his opinion only the maintenance of public worship gives meaning to the service of the church —otherwise the service offered is merely humanistic. Certainly, under his direction, while new attempts are being made to meet human need in London, the basic spiritual witness will not be forgotten.

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TOGETHER IN 1971?

A new note of optimism was struck by the Archbishop of Canterbury this week when he said in an interview that he had an "ardent hope" that Anglican and Methodist Unity may take another step forward this year.

He pointed out that the lesson to be learned from the set-back, when the proposals were halted by the failure of the Anglican Church to match the Methodist agreement to the scheme, was that the Anglican church was not sufficiently committed to unity on the local level. During recent days, however, there has been emphasis upon more local knowledge, and more local action and co-operation. High-level decision, he thought, must now match what is happening at local levels, otherwise frustration would ensue.

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1971 Prayer Calendar updates missions information

NEW YORK — One of the most widely used publications of the United Methodist Board of Missions, the annual **Prayer Calendar,** is off the press and available for use. As in the past years, the 1971 **Prayer Calendar** is regarded as a primary aid in individual, family and group devotions, and as a valuable reference source.

The cover describes the 1971 edition as "a prayer itinerary day by day and a directory of mission work and workers around the world." Bearing out this description, the **Prayer Calendar** again includes listings of missionaries, deaconesses and mission projects of the Board of Missions. Besides being listed on their birthdays, mission workers are listed in the back with name, address, conference and field of service. Also contained are listings of members of the Board of Missions, and Board staff executives.

A new section, "Tips for Prayer Calendar Readers," notes some features of the 1971 edition — vignettes of mission, verses from the Gospel of Matthew, mission quotes, prayers by Board members and staff, maps showing mission centers in the U.S. and around the world, brief missions facts, a world time map, and prayer requests of various kinds The material is arranged geographically and alphabetically.

The cover has an ecology motif, with an artist's drawing of a cosmic nebula and the words in large type, "His World, Our World." Many ways to use the 1971 **Prayer Calendar** are suggested—designed to be of help to Women's Societies of Christian Service, Commissions on Missions, Councils on Ministries, study groups, families and individuals.

Miss Frances Eshelman, New York, an editor of literature for the Board of Missions and editor of the **Prayer Calendar,** says: "This can be a 'book of Knowledge' for your church's mission throughout the world this year. In addition to its helpfulness in private prayer and group devotional moments, it can serve another practical need, listing the specific projects and persons to which by far the greatest share of United Methodist missionary giving is directed. The reader's interest can lead to further study and to support of the church's mission through prayer, action, and giving."

The 1971 **Prayer Calendar** is $1.25. A bonus to all who purchase a copy is a new free leaflet, "Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries," which lists these retired workers. The **Prayer Calendar** and the new leaflet may be ordered from: Service Center, Board of Missions, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.

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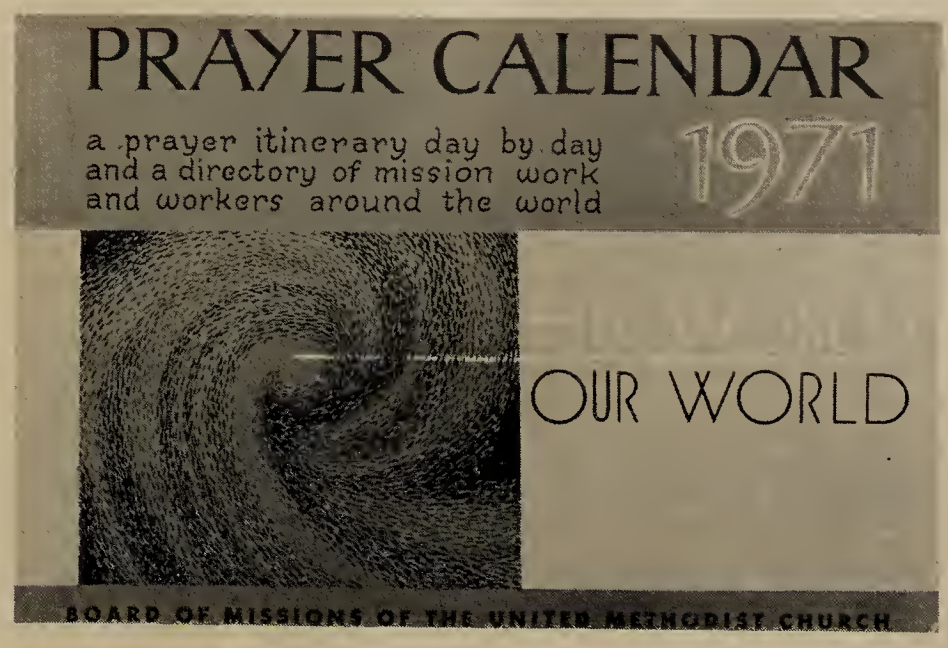

News in Brief

A Prisoners Prayer Program with the objective of securing release of American servicemen held prisoners in Vietnam has been launched by the Department of Prayer and Spiritual Life at Asbury Theological Seminary. Prayer Partner cards are being issued to citizens throughout the country encouraging prayer and publicity as instruments of the program.

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Urgent needs in Pakistan call for additional funds

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two church leaders, including United Methodism's chief overseas relief executive, have told the World Council of Churches that additional funds and materials for disaster-stricken East Pakistan will be sent as soon as they become available.

Learning of needs totaling $650,000, Dr. J. Harry Haines and James MacCracken said that American churches will be asked to respond further to appeals for aid from East Pakistan — an initial response having been made by most denominations. The New York executives were apprized of the most recent needs in a telephone conversation with World Council headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, January 8. Dr. Haines said that the United Methodists have been asked to provide $150,000 of the $650,000 requested by the World Council. He is executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) and Mr. MacCracken is executive director of Church World Service (CWS), ecumenical relief agency.

In their conversation with Helmut Reuschle, liaison executive for the World Council's Division of Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service (DICARWS), Dr. Haines and Mr. MacCracken were told that American churches "are urgently called upon to contribute to a major rebuilding job in one of the hardest-hit areas of East Pakistan."

The World Council of Churches has thus far issued through DICARWS, a call for a $350,000 fund, to which CWS has pledged $50,000. A further $300,000 for food-for-work projects will be needed including the supply of building material, farm tools and animals. Mr. Reuschle said that an immediate need is additional blankets for victims of the disaster. Twenty thousand are to be purchased in either Japan, Hong Kong or India by U.S. churches, and 10,000 blankets already are on their way by ship, sent by CWS.

United Methodist churches, groups, and individuals may contribute to East Pakistan relief by sending gifts to United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Room 406, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

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NEW BOOK TRACES WESLEY'S BREAK WITH CHURCH

DURHAM, N.C. — Dr. Frank Baker, Duke University's noted English church historian and expert on the famous Wesley brothers, is the author of a new work showing John Wesley's life to have been "inextricably interwoven with the Anglican church."

The Abingdon Press book shows the famed English clergyman, known as the "founder of Methodism," to have been reluctant to break with the Anglican church, yet relates solid evidence of Wesley's personal resolve to "follow his conscience" and his own views on the church ministry in making the move.

As Methodist historian and former secretary of both the Wesley Historical Society and the International Methodist Historical Society, Baker is widely recognized in the field of English church history. Baker's personal collection of Wesleyana gathered from his boyhood in England and through half a century, constitutes about half the Wesley publications known to exist.

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Proposed amendments to go before annual conferences

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Ratification of two proposed amendments to the United Methodist Church's constitution will be before the more than 80 annual conferences of the denominations as they begin in early February.

First of the sessions will be the Puerto Rico Annual Conference February 3-7 in Rio Piedras, and the last will be the Louisville Conference June 25-29 at Bowling Green, Ky., according to a schedule by the Council on World Service and Finance Department of Records here, in cooperation with the Council of Bishops.

The two amendments before the sessions were approved by the 1970 General Conference and will become effective if ratified by at least a two-thirds majority of the aggregate vote in the annual conferences.

One of the amendments would delete the minimum age requirement of 21 for members of annual conferences. The other provides for two persons under 25 years of age from each district being seated in the sessions.

An item on the docket of several annual conferences will be unification. In Louisiana, the white and black conferences will merge into one unit. If a similar merger is approved at special sessions in February of the North Georgia and Georgia Conferences, a uniting session will be held by those groups June 21-25 in Atlanta.

In addition to those black and white conferences actually merging this year, votes on proposed plans of merger are expected in several other sessions.

June will also mark the final sessions of former Evangelical United Brethren Conferences. The Erie Conference unites with the Western New York and Western Pennsylvania Conferences, and the former EUB Pacific Northwest and the former Methodist Pacific Northwest are uniting.

All other unions between conferences of the two former churches have been completed.

Another item of considerable interest on the agendas of the conferences will be election of delegates to the 1972 General Conference and the five jurisdictional conferences. The General Conference is the church's top law-making body, and the jurisdictional conferences elect and assign bishops, among other duties.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

9. To Be Ministers of Christ (Cont.)

Last week we discussed with you the section of the chapter on the ministry which spells out the role of the laity in the ministry of the proposed new church. This discussion will be concerned with the proposals concerning the ordained ministers.

Orders of Ordained Ministers: In the united church the three orders to be recognized with particular functions attaching to each are: presbyter, bishop, and deacon. The term "presbyter" is an entirely new one for the United Methodists and approximates our "elder," since this is the full-time, fully-prepared person serving in pastoral or special appointment.

The plan provides that ordination will take place in the presence of the congregation, with a bishop acting as the presiding minister, and with representatives of all offices and orders of the ministry and representatives of the laity participating. (The Service of Ordination is included in the Plan of Union.)

Bishops: All who are bishops in the uniting churches will be bishops in the united church, and churches that do not now have bishops will elect some (number not specified) to be consecrated in the new church. We read that "the ministry of bishops is corporate (called to lead the church in the fulfillment of Christ's universal commission given to the whole church), personal (personifies the unity and continuity of the church, and a ministry for specific individuals), collegial (belonging to the college of bishops—not completely autonomous).

The unit to be administered by a bishop will be known as a district, but its organization and responsibility will be very much like an Annual Conference in the United Methodist Church. (The organization and administration of the district will be discussed in a later installment.)

Functions and Responsibilities of Bishops: The functions and responsibilities of the bishop are described as:

a. Pioneers in Mission: "in company with others he is to take initiative in developing new approaches in mission to the area entrusted to his care."

b. Pastoral Overseer: He is to have general pastoral oversight, with particular responsibilities as shepherd for the ordained ministers and their families. (For United Methodists it should be pointed out that there is no provision for an office similar to our district superintendent.)

c. Teachers and Prophets: Here responsibility is spelled out for leadership in teaching the Christian faith and in concerning himself with public and social issues.

d. Administrative Leaders: Charged with responsibility for administering the church's organized work and life, the bishops are promised "competent assistance." In the matter of the placement of preachers, the Plan says: "Working with the district committees on ministerial relations and with bishops in other districts and regions, the bishops have a responsibility to match the need of the parishes for ordained ministers with the need of the ordained for places in which to serve."

e. Other Duties. Other duties listed for the bishops include: liturgical leaders, responsibility for ordination, and for leadership in further ecumenical relationships looking to other unions.

Additional details concerning the administration of the district will come in our later discussion of Chapter 8 of the plan.

(Next week we will continue our discussion of the chapter on the ministry dealing with "presbyters" and "deacons."

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News in Brief

United Methodist-related Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., has received its largest research grant ever, $488,164 from the National Center for Health Services, Research and Development. The funds will be used to investigate the effects of health programs in urban and rural areas.

Dr. Frederick P. Sample, president of United Methodist-related Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., has been named to the Theological Study Commission on Doctrine and Doctrinal Standards succeeding Dr. Frederick K. Miller of Annville who has resigned.

African Methodist Episcopal Bishop George W. Baber died December 26 in Washington, D.C. He was 72.

The Rev. Bertil W. Selin, former treasurer of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes and a past president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, died January 6 in Palm Beach, Fla. He was 69.

United Methodist-related Paine College in Augusta, Ga., has named the Rev. Lucius H. Pitts as its ninth president. He succeeds E. Clayton Calhoun. Dr. Pitts has been president of Miles College in Birmingham, Ala., the past ten years.

Bishop and Mrs. Charles W. Brashares have moved from their retirement home in Ann Arbor, Mich., to the Georgian in Evanston, Ill.

Liberian President William V. S. Tubman presided at the recent laying of the cornerstone for a crafts and recreation building at the Ganta Leprosarium of the Liberia United Methodist Conference and the Board of Missions. At the same service, a new church and the Ganta Leprosarium school also were dedicated.

The Rev. Frank E. Lochridge, a leading South Dakota pastor and chairman of the former Methodist General Board of Temperance from 1952 until 1956, died January 7 at Mitchell, S.D. He was 85. Among other honors, he had been a member of four General Conferences.

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Mark Tullos joins LMCF staff

by Jack Lord

Mark Tullos has joined the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civil Foundation effective January 1, LMCF executive director Mark Lower announced today. Mr. Tullos, longtime religious worker in Louisiana and elsewhere, will be associate to Bob Anderson the Associate Executive Director of LMCF, in work with youth activities.

Mr. Tullos will be working primarily with drug rallies and school assemblies. Future plans for this work include a positive program of Christian entertainment which will be known as CEE—Christian Entertainment Enterprise.

"We are extremely fortunate in securing Mark Tullos to work with us, particularly in our drug rallies," Mr. Lower said. "He has participated in several already, and this activity more than any other has seemed to be most effective during the past year."

Mr. Lower told of plans to set up a number of drug rallies throughout the state in the coming months. "With Mark and Bob working with young people, we can have a most meaningful program," he said.

"I feel that these drug rallies will actually prove to be the most far-reaching program in LMCF's 28-year history," Mr. Lower said of this updating of the LMCF program. "We are using people who speak with authority about drugs—doctors, law enforcement people, former addicts, convicts—and we are having Christian athletes and Christian entertainment along with the programs."

Mr. Tullos most recently has been minister of music and youth at the Horseshoe Drive Baptist Church in Alexandria, one of the fastest growing churches in Louisiana. One of his choirs, the youth group known as "The New Mind Singers" has become

"Not drunk, offisher—tranquilized."

Mark Tullos

well known throughout the state and South.

Throughout his ministry, Mr. Tullos has always been agressive in the area of radio and television, organizing youth groups, and he has done extensive travel with all of the youth organizations into mission endeavors.

He surrendered to the ministry at age 15, and has served as minister of music and youth in eight churches in Louisiana during the past 19 years. This ministry has also included more than 250 revivals and crusades in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Iowa, Arizona, New Mexico, and California.

Prior to taking the position at Horseshoe Drive church in Alexandria, Mr. Tullos was in California for three years at the Euclid Street Baptist Church—the church closest to Disneyland.

While in California, he served as prayer chairman for the youth preparation of the Southern California Billy Graham Crusade. Part of his participation in the crusade included an article published in "Decision" magazine.

Mr. Tullos is a graduate of Acadia Baptist Academy and Louisiana College.

He is married to the former Lilly Rose Way of Port Barre. They have four children—Melodye, 15, Mark Jr., 10, Matthew, 7, and Melinda, 2.

The Tullos family will continue to live in Alexandria while Mr. Tullos works with LMCF, Mr. Lower said.

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Before a person realizes it, he is substituting pills for rest, or appetite depressants for self-control. Soon the tired horse refuses to respond to the whip, and the unschooled appetite overrules the artificial restraint. — Lindsay R. Curtis, M.D., LISTEN October, 1970.

DRUGS and DRUG ABUSE

1. What does the term "drug abuse" mean?

Drug abuse refers to the self-administration of drugs, either for non-medical reasons or in quantities and frequencies beyond those specified for proper medication. The practice may lead to drug dependence and abnormal behavior.

2. What is the definition of the term "drug dependence"?

It is a state of psychological habituation to the effects of a drug and. in some cases, physical addiction as well.

3. What are the risks involved in experimentation with drugs?

a) **Dependence.** Abuse of any stimulant or depressant drug can cause psychological dependence. Abuse or depressant drugs also can cause physical dependence.

b) **Malnutrition.** Preferring drugs to food may cause the drug abuser to become poorly nourished.

c) **Infection.** Illegally procured drugs often are contaminated by unsanitary handling. Ulceration, abscesses and tetanus may result from puncturing the skin with unsterilized needles. Hepatitis, VD and other disease may be transmitted due to interchange of needles between abusers.

d) **Heart failure** and respiratory changes due to drugs which speed up or lower vital physiological processes. Overdose can result in death.

e) **Sensory distortion.** Normal sensory preception can be disrupted by drugs. Judgment is dulled or distorted and normal inhibitions are removed.

f) **Criminal entanglements.** Since unprescribed drugs often are obtained only through illegimate sources, the cost becomes so high that the abuser may turn to crime to support his habit.

4. What are the most commonly abused substances?

a) The narcotics (heroin, morphine, codeine).

b) The sedatives (barbiturates, certain tranquilizers and alcohol).

c) The stimulants (amphetamines, cocaine, methamphetamines).

d) The hallocinogens (marihuana, LSD, DMT, mescaline, peyote).

e) Glues and solvents (cements used for model airplanes, gasoline, paint, paint thinner, lacquer, varnish, kerosene and lighter fluid).

5. What are the dangers in sniffing glue and solvents?

a) Death can result from inhalation of a high concentration of hydrocarbon vapors.

b) Irregular heart rhythm is not uncommon.

c) Delirium, coma, confusion, excitement, disorientation, unsteadiness, incoordination are frequently noted.

d) Highly concentrated fumes can result in asphyxiation as the person becomes unconscious.

e) Permanent, nerve, kidney and lung damage can result from inhaling vapors.

6. Why is the use of LSD hazardous?

a) It cannot be obtained legally. Since it is produced on the black market, it is of unknown strength and purity.

b) When taken, the user may feel he is going insane. Some have committed acts of violence to stop the experience.

c) Some users have homicidal impulses.

d) There is some evidence that LSD can damage chromosomes. This may have implications for serious birth defects in children of users.

e) Reactions include: hallucinations, panic, violent impulses, suicidal acts and psychoses.

f) Taking as little as ¼ millionth of an ounce can cause hallucinations that last for hours.

7. Does the use of marihuana cause any ill effects?

a) The inhaled smoke of a marihuana cigarette is irritating, and long, continued exposure to it induces chronic respiratory disorders such as bronchitis and asthma.

b) Marihuana use impairs judgment and reduces inhibitions. The user loses his coordination and yet feels overconfident. He is as dangerous behind the wheel of an auto as a person under the influence of alcohol, but is not as easily recognized.

c) Continued use may cause psychological dependence on the substance.

d) Users tend to associate with other users, often leading to experimentation with other drugs.

e) Chronic use is characterized by lethargy and neglected personal appearance. Intoxication often leads to antisocial behavior, to anxiety and aggressivcness, sleeplessness as well as psychiatric illness and extreme disorientation.

(Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association)

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ALCOHOL, POT CALLED ADDICTIVE . . . A leading Australian psychiatrist says alcohol and marijuana are addictive drugs like heroin and are more likely to drive their users to crimes of violence than heroin or other opiates.

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DOWNERS AND CONVULSIONS . . . Some experts consider barbiturate addiction more difficult to cure than a heroin habit because the barbiturate addict usually cannot stop taking drugs without risking convulsions or in some cases even death.

Miss Mada Yvonne McDonald, a member of the UMYF and the Youth Choir at Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge (Conference B), reigned as queen at a Pre-Debutante celebration during the Christmas season. Miss McDonald, a senior at Southern University Laboratory School, is a member of the Student Council, Girls' Athletic Association, Future Music Leaders of America, Speech and Drama Club, the school choir, and is a cheerleader. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses L. McDonald and the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl T. Wethers, pastor and wife at St. Mark UM Church in Baton Rouge.

Some of the officers of the Administrative Board at Vinton First Church who were installed during Jan. 10 worship services. Mrs. Jack Schanz, W.S.C.S. president is seated (third from left) in second row, and the Rev. W. W. Bevill (Second row, at right).

Officers of the recently organized Methodist Men's Club at Iowa. FROMLEFT: Noble Cooke, vice president; George Cotton, publicity chairman; Robert France, president; Jerry Ledger, secretary treasurer; Wendell Marcantel, program chairman, and Raymond Crofoot, pastor.

The Children's Department of the Independence Church sold ball-point pens in order to make a contribution amounting to $27 for their church. In addition they made gaily painted cork animals which were presented along with a $10 cash gift to the children's ward at the local hospital. The Rev. Joe McClain is pastor.

Santa Claus appeared at the Christmas program presented at Bayou Chicot UM Church to present candy to the entire congregation and gifts for the smaller folk. The gifts were made possible by birthday offerings from members of the congregation. The Rev. W. S. Milton presented the Christmas story and carols were sung by the congregation.

The Rev. Floyd Wingfield, Sr., minister of the Larger Bath Parish in Hot Springs, Va., was guest preacher at First Church, Jonesville during the week-end following the Congress on Evangelism in New Orleans. The Rev. Jimmie Pyles is pastor of the Jonesville church.

Some of the students who were guests at a noon meal served at University United Methodist Church in Lake Charles on Student Recognition Sunday. The Rev. William P. Fraser is pastor; the Rev. L. Donald Dowden Jr. is associate minister.

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS AND AGENCIES IN THE CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE BUDGET
FROM: R. Leonard Cooke

The Commission on World Service and Finance has instructed me to cut the payments for 1971 by ten (10%) percent, since we failed to collect some $44,474 on World Service for the Conference year of 1970. If you have not sent in your financial statement, please do so as soon as possible so that I may issue your check.

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■ Race Relations Sunday, February 14

Dillard University to receive Race Relations offering

Race Relations Sunday will be observed by the churches of the Louisiana Area on Sunday, February 14, as they join in United Methodism's special challenge to undergird the operating budgets of the 12 institutions of higher education whose enrollments are predominantly black.

Dillard University under the progressive leadership of its new president, Dr. Broadus N. Butler, is the institution that will be the recipient of the Race Relations Day Offering from our area.

One of the major concerns of the 1970 special session of the General Conference was support for our Negro colleges. For the next two years the major means of undergirding this support will come from the Race Relations Day Offering.

Louisiana Methodists have every reason to be proud of Dillard University and will want to be a part of the undergirding of its program on February 14. Founded as New Orleans University in 1869 it has become one of the outstanding colleges in the nation.

The other historically Negro colleges which share in the Race Relations Day emphasis are: Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C., Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla., Claflin College, Orangeburg, S. C., Clark College, Atlanta, Ga., Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Tex., Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn., Paine College, Augusta, Ga., Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss., and Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.

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Leader's kit for Methodists studying proposed plan of union

A special leader's kit for use by United Methodists in studying the proposed Plan of Union from the Consultation on Church Union will be released April 1, 1971, by the Division of Curriculum Resources of the Board of Education and Graded Press. The kit has been prepared in consultation with the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs and is geared to the specific concerns United Methodists have in connection with the new church struc-

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District Lay leaders of Conferences A and B Boards of the Laity at joint meeting and workshop held recently in Alexandria. FROM LEFT: Richard Herrin, Baton Rouge; Marcus Wren, Ruston; Nick Saladino, Hammond; H. H. Smith, Shreveport; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton; Tom Matheny, Conference A Lay leader; Carleton Johnson, Monroe; Tommy Green, Lafayette; Truman Ward, New Orleans; Dr. Alfred Stewart, Baton Rouge (B); John Tubb, Alexandria; Monroe Stringer, Conference B Lay leader, and Willis C. Patterson, Shreveport (B). (Photo by Cecil Bland)

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Officers elected at recent church-wide evangelism convocation held in New Orleans to serve the United Methodist Church Association of Annual Conference Program Staff Responsible for Evangelism. The Rev. Garland C. Dean Jr. (at right), Shreveport, was elected secretary. Others (from left) are the Rev. Carlton Carruth, vice chairman of Atlanta, Ga. and the Rev. Donald J. Jones, chairman of Bloomington, Ill.

Bishop Walton to chair TRAFCO at Cincinnati Program Council sessions

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Plans for the semi-annual meeting of the United Methodist Church's Program Council to be held in Cincinnati Feb. 15-18 have been announced by Dr. Paul V. Church of Dayton, general secretary.

Sessions will be held in the Netherland Hilton hotel in Cincinnati with Bishop W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse, N.Y., president of the Council, presiding at all plenary sessions. In addition to the plenary sessions, the Council's three major divisions will also have meetings as well as several related sections and committees of the Council.

The Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO) has Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of New Orleans as its chairman. Dr. Harry C. Spencer of Nashville, Tenn., associate general secretary, heads the TRAFCO staff which has offices in Nashville, New York, and Dayton.

Presiding at the meetings of the Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning will be Dr. Robert A. Uphoff of Seattle, Wash. Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle, associate general secretary of the Council, is the executive of this Division, which also has its office in Dayton.

Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of Denver, Colo., will preside at meetings of the Council's Division of Interpretation, whose staff is headed by Dr. Howard Greenwalt of Evanston, Ill. The division's staff operates from offices in Evanston and Dayton, with editorial offices of the program journal, **The Interpreter,** being located in Dayton.

Another unit of the Council, the Committee on Review, is headed by Roy J. Grogan of Weatherford, Texas.

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, head of the Ohio West Area, will speak at the Wednesday morning session, Feb. 17.

Included in the 115 members of the Program Council are 15 bishops, chief executives of the denomination's general boards and agencies, and representatives of the church's five jurisdictions (regional units). These include pastors, laymen, laywomen, youth and representatives of ethnic minorities.

In addition to hearing annual reports of the several divisions, the Council will devote considerable time to small-group discussion of tentative proposals of the denomination's Structure Study Commission, which is charged with the responsibility of studying the church's general organization and making recommendations to the 1972 General Conference for possible restructuring of its boards and agencies.

Report of Redistricting Committee

Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, chairman of the Committee on Redistricting, presented the report to the recent Convocation of Boards and Agencies. It provides for ten districts in the merged conference which will come into being in June with the churches to be included in the districts listed as follows:

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT: Alexandria: First Church, Horseshoe Drive, Newman, St. Mark's, Trinity, Wesley, Wilton, Ball, Bayou Chicot, Bclah, Bentley, Bethel, Booneville Wesley, Boyce, Boyce Union, Bunkie, Bunkie Marshall, Cheneyville, Cheneyville St. Paul, Clayton, Clear Creek, Colfax, Cotton Port, Union, Eden, Eola, Simpson, Evergreen, Fellowship, Ferriday, Forest Hill, Glenmora, Glenmora Willis J. King, Harrisonburg, Hollins Chapel, Jena, Jonesville, Lakey Chapel, LeCompte, Lewis Chapel, Liberty Chapel, Marksville, Melder, Melder St. Mark, Melville, Melville St. James, Oak Grove, Olla, Palmetto, Palmetto St. Joseph, Palestine, Pineville First, Pineville Wesley, Pleasant Grove, Pollock, Rapides Macedonia, Seipher, Selma, Sicily Island, Simmesport, Springhill, Trout, Tullos, Urania, Vidalia, Waterproof, White's Chapel.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT: Baker, Banks Wiley Chapel, Baton Rouge: Asbury, Broadmoor, Camphor, First Church, Hughes, Ingleside, Istrouma, Jefferson, Jordan, Neeley, North Baton Rouge, Port Allen, St. John, St. Luke, St. Mark, St. Paul, University, Wesley, Winborne; Bayou Goula St. Luke, Belle Rose, St. James, Bethel, Blackwater, Bluff Creek, Clear Creek, Clinton, Clinton Mt. Carmel, Clinton Mt. Zion, Clinton St. Paul, Clinton St. Peter, Concord, Darrow Haven, Deerford, Deerford Moses Chapel, Denham Springs, Denham Springs Roberts Chapel, Donaldsonville, Donaldsonville, St. Peter, Ethel, Grand River, Jackson, Lettsworth Scott Shenn Chapel, Lobdale LeJuene, Lottie, Lottie Greens Chapel, Magnolia, Maringouin St. Peter, Napoleonville Wesley, Napoleonville Woodlawn, New Hope, New Roads, New Roads St. Paul, Norwood, Lawrence Chapel, Plaquemine, Plaquemine Hurst, Port Allen Scott, Rosedale, Rosedale Hartzell, Rosedale Shiloh, Slaughter, St. Francisville, Tarros Union, Tunica, Watson St. Luke, Wilson Asbury, Wilson St. Luke, Wilson Wesley, Zachary, Zachary Jackson's Chapel.

HAMMOND DISTRICT: Amite, Angie, Angie Live Oak, Angie Mary's Chapel, Angie Wesley Ray, Bogalusa, Bogalusa Harry's Chapel, Bogalusa Thirkfield, Bush, Carpenter's Chapel, Center, RFD Clinton Macedonia, Cooper's Chapel, Corbin, Covington, Darlington, Days, Faithful, Fisher, Fitzgerald, Franklinton, Franklinton Hayes Chapel, Franklinton Winan, Friendship, Gonzales, Gonzales St. Landry, Grangerville Beech Grove, Grangerville Pine Grove, Greensburg, Hahnville St. James, Hammond, Huff's Chapel, Independence, James Chapel, Kentwood, LaCombe, LaPlace, LaPlace Ninde Chapel, Lee's Landing, Live Oak, Livingston, Loranger, Lutcher, Lutcher Chapel, Mandeville Newell Chapel, Mangum, Maurepas, Meadows Chapel, Montpelier, Mt. Herman, New River, Pearl River, Pine Grove, Pinegrove Andrews, Pine Ridge, Pontchatoula, St. Tamany, Slidell, Slidell Hartzell, M.Z., Springfield, Springhill St. James, Sun, Talisheek, Springhill St. James, Sun, Talisheek, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Union White Hall, Varnado, Waldheim, Walker, Wesley, Wesley Chapel.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT: Abbeville, Baldwin Trinity, Bayou Blue, Bayou Vista, Berwick, Berwick Mason, Branch, Cherington Godman, Crawford Mt. Zion, Crowley First, Crowley Wesley, Dulac, Easter Briggs, Ebenezer, Franklin, Franklin Asbury, Garden City Fitzgerald, Gibson, Golden Meadow, Grand Isle, Gray Mt. Vernon, Houma: First, Houma Heights, Wesley; Indian Bayou, Jeanerette, Jeanerette St. Paul, Jeanerette St. Peter, Jeanerette Union, Kaplan, Krotz Springs, Lafayette: Asbury, Davidson Memorial, First Church, Ivanhoe, Mallalieu; Lockport Raceland, Lydia, Morgan City, Morgan City Warmsley, New Iberia, New Iberia Mt. Zion, New Iberia St. James, Opelousas, Opelousas St. Mark, Patterson, Pecan Island, Port Barre, Rayne, St. Martin Mallalieu, St. Martinville, St. Matthew, Shrever Magnolia, Thibodaux, Thibodaux Calvary, Vacherie, Washington St. Mark, Waxia, Waxia St. Paul.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT: Basile, Bell City, Broadlands, Cameron, Church Point, Crowley Trinity, DeRidder: First, Pine Grove, Wesley; DeQuincy, Elizabeth, Elton, Eunice, Fairview, Grand Chenier, Gueydan, Hackberry, Hayes, Hopewell, Iota, Iowa, Jennings: First, Mallalieu, Trinity; Kinder, Lake Arthur, Lake Charles: First, Moss Bluff, Oak Park, St. Luke, Simpson, University, Warren; Maplewood, Maxie, Merryville, Oakdale, Oberlin, Pine Prairie, Pitreville, Raymond, Roanoke, Sulphur Henning, Sulphur Wesley, Sweetlake, Ville Platte, Vinton, Welsh, Welsh Jones Chapel, Westlake.

MONROE DISTRICT: Bartholomew, Baskin, Bastrop: First, Memorial, Mt. Olive; Beekman, Boeuf Prairie, Bonita, Bonita Lawson Chapel, Bonne Idee, Collinston, Columbia, Crew Lake, Crowville, Delhi, Epps, Floyd, Forest, Gilbert, Grayson, Hebert, Holly Ridge, Jones, Kelly, Kilbourne, Lake Providence, Lake Providence St. Paul, Little Creek, Locust Grove, Luna, Mangham, Mer Rouge, Mer Rouge Washington Chapel, Monroe: First, Memorial, Reveille, St. James, St. Mark's, St. Paul, St. Paul's, Southside; Newellton, Oak Grove, Oak Ridge, Perryville Mt. Nebo, Pioneer, Rayville, St. Andrew's, St. Joseph, Sterlington Mt. Sinai, Tallulah, Union, Walnut Grove, West Monroe: Brownville, Claiborne, First Church, McGuire, Wilhite; Winnsboro, Wisner, Woodlawn.

NATCHITOCHES DISTRICT: Ajax Rosa Chapel, Atlanta, Bayou Scie, Beaulah, Bethel, Bienville, Campti, Campti St. Paul, Castor, Center Point, Clarence Mt. Zion, Converse, Couley, Coushatta, Cross Roads, Dodson, Florien Macedonia, Grand Bayou, Grand Bayou Corinth, Grand Cane, Hall Summitt, Hodge, Holly Grove, Holly Springs, Hornbeck, Jonesboro, Kingston Bonchest, Leesville, Leesville Mt. Zion, Logansport, Longstreet Mt. Zion, Mansfield, Mansfield Wesley, Many, Marshall Pleasant Valley, Marshall Shady Grove, Marthaville, Montgomery, Mill Creek, Mitchell, Mt. Zion, Natchitoches: Asbury, College Avenue, Emmanuel, First Church, St. Mark, Williams; New Hope, Noble, Oak Grove, Pelican, Pelican St. James, Pelican St. Matthew, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill Taylor Chapel, Prospect, Provencal, Ringgold, Robeline, St. Maurice, Sanders Chapel, Strange, Wesley Chapel, Winnfield, Zwolle, Zwolle Haskins.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT: Hope Chapel, New Orleans: Algiers, Asbury, Aurora, Belle Chasse, Bethany, Boynton, Brooks, Carrolton Avenue, Elysian Fields, Felicity, First Church, First Street, Gentilly, Grace, Gretna, Hartzell, Haven, Jefferson, John Wesley, Kenner, LaHarpe, Lake Vista, Metairie, Mt. Zion, Munholland, Napoleon Avenue, Parker Memorial, Peck, Peoples, Phillips Memorial, Ray Avenue, Rayne Memorial, Ross, St. Andrews, St, Bernard, St. Claude Heights, St. James, St. John's, St. Luke's, St. Mark's, St. Matthew, St. Matthew's, St. Paul's, St. Phillip, Second Church, Shaw Temple, Thomas, Thompson, Trinity, Wesley, Williams; Luling, Trinity.

RUSTON DISTRICT: Alabama, Ansley, Antioch, Antioch, Arcadia, Arizona, Athens, Beech Grove, Bernice, Bethel, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, Bird's Chapel, Brushwood, Calhoun, Chatham, Chroudrant, Clay, Colquitt, Concord, Cotton Valley, Cross Roads, Douglas, Downsville, Doyline, Dubach, Eros, Evergreen, Farmerville, Franton Chapel, Gibsland, Harmony Chapel, Haynesville, Heflin, Hilly, Homer, Indian Village, Lisbon, Marion, McIntyre, Minden: First Church, Lakeview, Pilgrim's Rest; Mt. Mariah, Mt. Nebo, Oak Grove, Pine Grove, Pleasant Valley, Quitman, Ruston: Faith, Grace, Trinity; Salem, Sarepta, Sibley, Simsboro, Shongaloo, Springhill, Summerfield, Wesley Chapel, Whitehall, Zoar.

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3 RELIGIOUS JOURNALS SET PROGRAM ENLISTING PROMOTION BY PROFESSIONS

NEW YORK (RNS)—A new information and action program designed to involve professionals in interreligious understanding has been launched here by three religious magaiznes — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish.

Doctors, lawyers, dentists, accountants, investment counselors and other professionals who are leaders in the community are being asked to place the three publications in their waiting rooms or reception areas.

Magazines cooperating in the venture are New/World Outlook, a United Methodist-United Presbyterian monthly; Catholic World, issued monthly by the Paulist Fathers, and Dimensions in American Judaism, a quarterly published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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After more than sixty years of almost daily reading of the Bible, I never fail to find it always new and marvelously in tune with the changing needs of every day.—Cecil B. DeMille

Editorial

EDUCATION IS THE WAY

The challenge of Race Relations Sunday, 1971 is as great as any which has come before our church in a long time. The predominantly black institutions of higher education of United Methodism have a task before them which we cannot begin to meet without the sacrificial response of our people on the second Sunday in February. With leaders speaking to us on every hand concerning the pressing needs of education for black Americans, our denomination has pledged itself to respond in an unusual fashion. Across the entire church the recommendation of the Council on World Service and Finance to the 1970 General Conference constitutes the mandate to substantially increase what we have been doing on Race Relations Sunday.

After the Committee on Education urged that an extra $4 million per year be raised for current operations of the 12 predominantly black colleges, the Council approved a report which stated: "We recommend that a full church-wide emphasis be given to an organized special and renewed effort to secure $4 million annually through the Race Relations offering for the benefit of black colleges related to the United Methodist Board of Education." For a number of years the Race Relations Sunday offering has averaged about $500,000 per year, with a little over $600,000 being given last year. Setting this amount over against $4 million shows us the magnitude of our task.

However, the size of the challenge is not too great when it is seen against the need that is being met by these colleges. We who live in Louisiana and Arkansas are aware of the monumental work that is being done at Dillard University and at Philander Smith College. It should excite us to know that we can have a substantial part in expanding the quality of their work and strengthening their budgets with our gifts on February 14.

Those of you who have visited one or more of these campuses are aware of the unique contribution being made by these colleges to those ends we seek through the education of our black young people. As the promotional materials for Race Relations Day have stated, "Education is the way to develop—to liberate—to equalize—to mold tomorrow." The two colleges with which our readers are most closely related have done outstanding things in providing opportunities for the constituencies they serve." But like all other colleges today they face tremendous problems in their normal operation—problems which only an adequate response on Race Relations Sunday can help them solve. We would point out at this juncture that although most of these institutions are engaged in some kind of capital funds campaign, the life blood of their daily operations look to this special challenge.

One aim of the United Methodist Church is to be an inclusive church in an inclusive society. One of its major commitments is to higher education for members of minority groups, not only to promote and support it but also to provide education of excellent quality.

Toward this end and toward the furtherance of brotherhood the church observes Race Relations Sunday. Many of us will hear special speakers or listen to special music on that day. However, let us not gloss over the fact that a special offering is necessary for meeting the needs of these colleges, many of which are finding it difficult to maintain accreditation. Much more money is needed. These colleges have a great mission in the world today, and if they are to increase or even maintain their influence through Christian education, they must be made more financially sound.

We would like to underscore something that was said in the promotional folder which many of you have seen: "Education, we believe, is the way to develop talents and skills. It is the way to strengthen life's meaning, to encourage individual and collective productivity, to produce needed healers, teachers, engineers, artists, pastors, and other leaders. It is the way to help mold character and to bring a sense of dignity to individuals and groups, whatever their racial backgrounds.

"Through the ages the importance of a good education has been recognized. Before Jesus lived Cicero asked, 'What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?' Diogenes said, 'The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.' The clergyman Sydney Smith said, 'A life of knowledge is not often a life of injury and crime.' Horace Mann, the great educator, said, 'Education is the great equalizer of the conditions of men . . . the balance wheel of social machinery.

"What of our black colleges today and tomorrow? What are we, the church, doing today for their future? Will we improve them so they will continue to produce competent graduates? Will we provide current needs to the extent that is required? And if, as it has been said, education molds the man, how is he being formed?

"Shaping these answers will be, to a large extent, the size and number of gifts from United Methodists on Race Relations Sunday."

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the Editor's Corner

A REPORT ON THE CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

This writer spends many sleepless nights just prior to the annual Circulation Campaign counting subscriptions just as some people count sheep. We suppose this is the same kind of experience some pastors have as they anticipate the results of their Every Member Visitation.

We are happy to report to you that the total returns for Report No. 1 are a little ahead of the first report last year. The Louisiana reports are coming in slower than during the first week of 1970, but the Arkansas total is ahead of the same time. Our total report shows 16,654 subscribers against 15,760 for the same period last year. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the detailed report from each area.

With the printing of **The Methodist** as with most every other activity today problems of inflation are with us, and 1971 promises to be a challenging one for your staff. We will be confronting a number of unknown quantities, not the least of which will be the formation of the new postal corporation which has already served notice that postage rates will be advancing. For Second Class mailings like your publication this will mean a substantial advance.

However, we do not want to change what started out as an encouraging report. We did say that our first total is an increase over last year and we do thank all of you who have made that possible. The district superintendents and pastors have responded so well to the challenge of support which has come from our bishops. The Joint Commission for the Arkansas Methodist and the Louisiana Methodist appreciates the work that is still being done by our pastors and the laymen who are helping them in their local churches.

We do hope you will push right ahead and send us a report from every church so that we may bring this matter to a successful completion and move right ahead in getting your new subscribers on our list. We think we are in a position to reach that goal in a shorter period of time this year than ever before.

Thank you so very much!

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

It's more blessed to give while alive than to will a gift after death—at least the donor enjoys more tax benefit "blessings" if he gives in that fashion, according to tax lawyer, Conrad Teitell. The New York tax specialist, told a charitable giving seminar sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that persons wishing to make sizeable gifts to churches should do so while living to save their heirs from having to pay huge estate taxes.

In a memorandum to students, faculty and administrators Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. since 1968, announced he plans to resign by the end of the current academic year. Flemming, a well-known United Methodist layman and former president of the National Council of Churches, declined to indicate future plans. Dr. Flemming expressed confidence that Macalester will survive its current financial crisis.

Selwyn Lloyd, a member of one of British Methodism's most distinguished families, has been elected Speaker of the House of Commons. Mr. Lloyd, 66, has held high Cabinet offices in Conservative Party governments. His great-grandfather, John Lloyd, entered the Wesleyan Methodist ministry in 1826. His grandfather, John Wesley Lloyd, a famed dental surgeon was one of the first dentists to use nitrous oxide gas in extracting teeth. His father, also named John and a pioneer in dentistry, was a noted layman in the Methodist Church.

Families should resist society's efforts to weaken their structure by becoming more involved in movements which promote the idea of family unity through prayer and study, Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul Gregoire of Montreal told a service club. "No one will do for your family what you yourself can and should do," Archbishop Gregoire said, "One of the sicknesses of democracy is the passive resignation of those who expect others to do their thinking for them."

A biology textbook which upholds the Biblical story of Creation and defends the theory of evolution has been published by Zondervan Publishing House in Grand Rapids, Mich. "Biology—A Search for Order in Complexity" was prepared by the Creation Research Society of Ann Arbor, Mich. The society, numbering 300 voting members—all with graduate degrees—is "committed to full belief in the Biblical record of creation and early history." The editors said the textbook is "designed to increase academic freedom so there will be an intelligent option to the majority presentation of the materialistic origin of man." One market aimed at by the publishers is said to be the California schools, where the state board of education has decreed that a biblical theory of creation must accompany other views of creation in public schools.

The financial picture for the nation's private, accredited four-year colleges, following a survey under the auspices of the Assn. of American Colleges (AAC), shows almost half operating with deficits. Coupling the release of the survey with a plea for more public funds, the AAC said "private higher education overall is not yet in "desperate straits" but pointed out that most colleges now "in the red" are going to remain there in the foreseeable future. The survey was limited to private, four-year schools.

As a result of the growing crime problem, Riverside Church in New York City will spend $100,000 this year on its security program—more than the entire budget of most smaller churches. The money will pay the salaries and miscellaneous expenses of eight full-time and four part-time security guards, who maintain a 24-hour, daily watch at the interdenominational church. Riverside's "beefed-up" security system was set up last year by the church business manager, Stephen Feke — a priority assignment by the church trustees. "We'd had thefts, purse-snatchings, robberies, night break-ins, attempted rapes—practically everything," said Mr. Feke.

An amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was among the recommendations presented to President Nixon from a forum on "Crises in Values" held at the White House Conference on Children. United Methodist Bishop Roy C. Nichols of Pittsburgh, chairman of the forum, reported that the group proposed an "act of personal dedication." Their revised pledge would read: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, and dedicate myself to the task of making it one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

A new form of prayer for the dead has been suggested by a Church of England doctrinal commission in London in another attempt to end a controversy which has existed for centuries. Its authors believe the "compromise" product can be used without doctrinal misgivings. It says: "May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of His Eternal Kingdom."

The U.S. Post Office has ceased to enforce a regulation whereby Americans were prevented from ordering pornographic materials from foreign sources, according to William Lawrence, assistant general counsel for the postal service. The government will no longer place an "unlawful order" stamp and "return to the sender" on mail going to foreign companies specializing in pornography, said Lawrence. The action follows a U.S. Supreme Court decision on Jan. 14 which made it illegal for the P.O. to determine whether products from firms that deal in pornography are obscene.

The chairman of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) reportedly fears that ecumenical institutions are "in real danger of being destroyed." Dr. George G. Beazley, Jr., also chief ecumenical officer of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), said ecumenical bodies are under attack from both the "right" and the "left." "Movements do not survive without institutions to carry them and a church without the ecumenical imperative is not the church our Lord brought into being or the Apostle Paul propagated," the ecumenist asserted.

A budget "crisis" was recognized by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches meeting in Addis Ababa, and a call was issued to member churches to increase their 1972 contributions by 25 percent. The basic problem is said to be in the general budget for which a $50,000 deficit was anticipated in closing out the year 1970, with a larger figure envisioned for 1971.

The Rev. Edward I. Swanson of Teaneck, N. J., an Episcopal clergyman, has been named editor and director of publications for the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel—the principal Protestant agency for chaplaincy affairs maintained by 36 member denominations. Mr. Swanson succeeds Dr. Lawrence P. Fitzgerald, an American Baptist pastor of Silver Springs, Md., who retires after 14 years' service. Swanson has written two books: Ministry to the Armed Forces and Servicemen's Devotional.

The interdenominational agency Faith at Work has announced that it will move its national headquarters on July 1 from New York to Columbia, Md., a new city being developed between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Open Circle, the agency's publication, said: "The work we do, editing a magazine and servicing the hundreds of you who make up local teams and fellowships across the nation—is a ministry not to New York City, but to the nation, and could be done almost anywhere more efficiently than in a a complicated, sprawling metropolis like New York." Faith at Work was originally organized in New York through the efforts of the Rev. Sam Shoemaker, minister at Calvary Episcopal church, and other associates. The Rev. Bruce Larson who joined the organization about 12 years ago as field director is now president of Faith at Work.

NEW YORK – A choral ensemble dressed in 18th Century English and Dutch costumes joins with the Rev. George L. Knight, pastor of the LaFayette Avenue Presbyterian church, in participating in an ecumenical musical festival of faith at the Brooklyn church. Music groups from all over the New York City area represented churches of many denominations in the festival, which launched the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. African, West Indian, Spanish and more traditional church music were featured in the festival, which was sponsored by more than 60 churches in Brooklyn. (RNS Photo)

Photos by DAILY STAR (Hammond)

The abave annauncement recently appeared on the autdaar bulletin baard af First United Methadist Church in Hammand. Fallawing the Jan. 17 marning warship service where Gav. McKeithen spoke his attentian was attracted ta the sign (shown below) acrass the street—created by the pastar af the First Christian Church. The Rev. Henry C. Blaunt Jr. is pastar at First UM Church, Hammand.

An aerial view af Trinity United Methadist Church presently under canstructian in Ruston at its new site an Interstate Highway 20 was photagraphed by Dr. Anthany Galli, a member. The top af the cross rises 109 feet fram the graund. In the bell tawer are three bells with G, B, D musical notes which may be rung singly ar in cambinatian. A spatlight will illuminate the crass at night. It is anticipated that the new structure will be ready for accupancy by September. The Rev. Dauglas McGuire is pastar af the Trinity cangregatian.

DR. ALLEN SPEAKER FOR RUSTON DISTRICT LAYMEN'S BANQUET

Dr. John Horton Allen, president of Centenary College, will be the speaker for the Annual Methodist Laymen's Banquet for the Ruston Distriet on February 9 at 7 p.m. The banquet will be held at the Ameriean Legion Home in Minden, the address of whieh is 119 Pine Street.

Dr. Allen is a native of Homer which is a part of the Ruston Distriet.

Mareus Wren of Minden is the Distriet Lay Leader. He has announeed that the program will inelude a short report on the 1000 Club, the Laymen's Retreat, and the Howard Daughenbaugh Seholarship Fund. There will also be the announeement of the "Layman of the Year" for the Ruston Distriet.

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"WHAT I BELIEVE" SERIES AT HAUGHTON—LOVE CHAPEL

"What I Believe," a series of eight sermons on Christian beliefs, is being presented at the Haughton and Love Chapel ehurehes, in Shreveport Distriet, during January, February and Mareh, aeeording to the Rev. Lewis Ovenshire, pastor of the two ehurehes.

The series will be in the form of a eourse in ehureh membership for both new and long-time members. The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will have a question and answer period eaeh Sundav night based on the topie of the evening.

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Dr. Luman Dauglas, Baton Rouge District superintendent, brought the message for the first Sunday marning worship of the Gonzales United Methodist congregation in its recently completed facility on its new four-acre site. The L-shaped structure is the first unit ta be canstructed in a long-range building program. A permanent sanctuary will be erected as the second stage of canstructian, and additional facilities will be added later. The Rev. Charles B. Humphreys is minister.

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COCU Kit

ture, whieh has the proposed name of Chureh of Christ Uniting.

The kit is designed to assist United Methodists in a serious examination of the Plan of Union as drafted by the Consultation. It will inelude the booklet **A Plan of Union,** an interpretive booklet entitled **What Does God Require of Us Now?** two large posters showing proposed struetures in the new ehureh, a basie leader's guide entitled **What About COCU?** and two soundsheets with ten minutes of narration on eaeh side—a total of forty minutes—that feature interviews and presentations on the new struetures by Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor theology, Perkins Sehool of Theology, Dallas, Texas; Dr. John T. King, United Methodist layman who is president of Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas; and others.

The guide, written by the Rev. Roy H. Ryan, staff member of the Division of the Loeal Chureh, General Board of Edueation, provides guidanee for United Methodists to examine in detail the proposals for the new ehureh and to make suggestions for revising the eurrent first draft of the Plan. The introduetion to the guide was written by Dr. Robert W. Huston, general seeretary of the United Methodist Commission on Eeumenieal Affairs.

The kit will be on the Currieulum Order Blank for the summer quarter, prieed at $3.75.

Mrs. Saraj Scsaxena fram New Delhi, India, who spake at a recent chair banquet at Trinity Church in Rustan, pictured with the Rev. D. L. McGuire, pastar. Her presentation was highlighted by the playing af the sitar (shown here). Mrs. Scsaxena's husband, Dr. K. M. S. Scsaxena, is a member af the biological science faculty at Grambling College, near Ruston.

NEWS and NOTES

ORGANIST AND DIRECTOR AT SHREVEPORT 1st CHURCH COMPLETE 35 YEARS

Harold Booth and Dorothy Booth, choir director and organist at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, retired in January after serving 35 years in those positions. They were accorded special recognition on December 27, which was declared "Booth Day" by Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor.

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THE ROANOKE UNITED Methodist Church held revival services last week, Monday through Sunday, January 25-31. Evangelist was the Rev. Robert Jamieson, pastor of Henning Memorial Church of Sulphur. The Roanoke minister is the Rev. Cecil Mims.

THE REV. TERRAL LOWE, pastor of Claiborne United Methodist of West Monroe, was the speaker for United Methodist Men of Southside Church, Monroe, on January 21. Paul Newcomer is president of the Southside group. The Rev. Lea Joyner is pastor.

IN OBSERVANCE of Christian Unity Week, St. Bernard United Methodist Church, Chalmette, was host to an ecumenical service with a fellowship coffee following, January 22. A similar service was observed at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church on January 18 in the same community.

G. C. BRIDGES, executive director of the MacDonnel Methodist Center, Houma, a project of the National Board of Missions, was the guest speaker at Wesley United Methodist Church, DeRidder, on Sunday evening, January 17. He met with the youth group prior to the evening service. The Rev. Walter Clarke is the Wesley pastor.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of United Methodist Men in Winnfield are: Fred Birch, president; Terry L. Kinney, vice-president; and Denton Shell, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. James Skinner is their pastor.

Dr. B. C. Taylor of Centenary College celebrated a birthday recently. He wouldn't say how old he was. Shown above are Dr. B. C. and Mrs. Bernice Taylor in their home with the unique birthday cake given by their friends, which showed a golfer making a drive, and inscribed with the words: "Happiness is a hole in one."

MRS. JERRY RICHARDSON presented a program on "Environmental Pollution" in First Church, DeRidder, Sunday evening, January 31, following a fellowship supper. The Rev. Jefferson C. Wallace is pastor.

THIBODAUX FIRST CHURCH held the first session on "How Many Worlds?" Sunday evening, January 31, with District Superintendent Merlin W. Merrill as guest speaker. Other sessions will be held February 28, March 7 and 14. The Rev. Lael S. Jones is pastor.

SIMPSON U.M. CHURCH in Lake Charles held a church-wide study of "The Americas—How Many Worlds?" each Sunday night in January. Mrs. Jim Darden was adult group leader. Lake Charles District Superintendent Harvey G. Williamson showed pictures of Costa Rica at one session.

JIM BEAM, city editor of **Lake Charles American Press,** was the speaker at the opening session of "How the Word Gets Around", the study course being held in First Church, Lake Charles. Dr. George Pearce, Jr. is pastor.

GREAT DEMAND FOR NEW TRANSLATIONS OF SCRIPTURE REPORTED TO ABS

NEW YORK (RNS) — There has been a greater demand for new translations and revisions of the Scriptures during the past year than at any other time, according to Dr. Eugene A. Nida, executive secretary of the translations department, American Bible Society.

Dr. Nida addressed 200 representatives of the 52nd Advisory Council of the Society at their meeting here.

"Where ten years ago people were skeptical about having a translation that people could understand," he said, "they now are demanding that translations be prepared in such a way that the average person can comprehend what the Bible says."

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WESLEYAN BELL CHOIR of First Church, Lake Charles, presented concert-demonstrations at church music workshops at SMU, Dallas, and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, on Sunday and Monday, January 31 and February 1. Other concerts were presented in Houston at St. Luke's U. M. Church, January 29; at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Austin on Saturday; at Northway Christian Church, Dallas, on Sunday; and at Westcliff United Methodist Church, Fort Worth on Monday. Donald Allured is director of the group.

INGLESIDE UNITED METHODIST Men heard Arthur R. Thiel, research director for Public Affairs Research Council, speak on "The Business and Political Climate of Baton Rouge" at the January 25 meeting.

THE HAMMOND "Circuit Rider" newsletter of First United Methodist, states that the new parsonage is completed. The Rev. Henry Blount and family will occupy the residence at 205 College Drive.

THE ADULT CHOIRS of St. Paul Church and First Church, both in Monroe, plan to present Faure's "Requiem" on Palm Sunday, accompanied by the Monroe Youth Symphony Orchestra.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Feb. 7—Sunday	John 1:29-34
Feb. 8	John 3:14-17
Feb. 9	John 4:1-14
Feb. 10	John 6:27-37
Feb. 11	John 6:63-66
Feb. 12	Mark 10:17-27
Feb. 13	Mark 13:9-13
Feb. 14—Sunday	Luke 10:25-28

WILLIAM W. SHAW HONORED IN NEW ORLEANS

Dr. William Wesley Shaw was honored at a dinner at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, sponsored by the Louisiana Civil Service League, the New Orleans Civil Service Commission and Tulane University, January 14. The occasion marked his retiring after 28 years as administrator of the New Orleans Merit System Program, which today protects 8,500 city civil service employees. For 23 years, Shaw has taught political science at Tulane University.

Dr. Shaw has taught adult Bible classes in First United Methodist Church of New Orleans for 26 years. His pastor, the Rev. Robert Crichlow, was one of those on the program paying tribute to him.

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WESLEY BIBLE CLASS of Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, held the 25th Class reunion at a candlelight spaghetti supper Saturday, January 23. Seventy-eight members and guests recalled the past with color slides, pictures, papers, a "laugh in" wall of "quickie" names and events, poetry, a story and conversation. The Rev. Dave Corley is their pastor.

MAJOR TOM DRAKE, executive assistant to Superintendent of New Orleans Police and former Commander of Intelligence Division, spoke at the Methodist Men's dinner in Lake Vista Church, New Orleans, January 25. The Rev. Edward Thomas is pastor.

Mrs. C. A. Duffy, chairman of the Building Improvement Program at First Church, Lake Arthur, discusses the three-phase improvement program with the pastor, the Rev. Lester Nance. Serving on the committee with Mrs. Duffy are Mrs. Ralph Potter, D. A. Hardee, W. Thomas Mack, Jr. and Earl Doland.

A senior citizens group was recently organized in Montgomery, known as the "Pressure Group." These officers were elected: FROM LEFT, Mrs. Maude Mathis, treasurer; Mrs. Neal Strickland, secretary; Mrs. Mattie Calhoun, vice-president; Elmo Brian, president; with the Rev. George McVay, pastor. The January meeting had 44 present.

Two Special Memberships were presented by the Eunice Women's Society at the Jan. 20 meeting. Mrs. Marcella Ninemire, 2nd from left, and Mrs. Clara Hundley, 3rd from left, received the pins from Mrs. Julia Spears, at left, WSCS vice-president, and Mrs. Irene Liddell, right, WSCS president.

"Children's Hour with Pastor" at Winnsboro, during the refreshment period.

NINE WOMEN GRADUATE FROM McCURDY NURSING PROGRAM

NEW YORK (UMI) — Nine women were graduated in December from the United Methodist McCurdy School of Practical Nursing in Espanola, N. M.

The women, all of them married and ranging in age from 21 to 38, were the second graduating class in the new school, which operates in conjunction with United Methodist Espanola Hospital. The schools and hospital are major projects of the National Division of the Board of Missions. The practical nursing school is the newest community program of McCurdy Schools in northern New Mexico. McCurdy Schools include a high school and three elementary schools.

Two of the nine graduates were American Indians and the rest Spanish-American, with the exception of one Anglo who is married to a Spanish-American.

One woman commuted daily from Taos to Espanola, a distance of about 40 miles, to attend classes. The son of one woman was in the Green Berets in Vietnam; another son was valedictorian of his high school class and is now enrolled at the University of New Mexico. The new licensed practical nurses have a total of 21 children.

Most of the graduates have secured employment in northern New Mexico hospitals at Espanola, Taos and Embudo. All of the women said they enrolled in the school because they were attracted to nursing and wanted to acquire vocational training so they could work to help support their families.

About 300 persons attended the graduation program at Santa Cruz, N. M., United Methodist Church. Bishop Alsie H. Carleton of the Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area gave the commencement address.

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NEW ORGANIZATION LINKS METHODISTS OF LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK (UMI) — A new organization linking Methodists in ten Latin American countries has issued a call for the church to emphasize both the personal and social justice dimensions of the Christian mission.

Representing 122,400 members, the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches (CIEMAL), at a November executive committee meeting in Piracicaba, Brazil, also set up commissions to develop common documents in social principles, ritual and faith-and-order; invited two churches into fraternal relationship; and planned expanded evangelistic work including possible contact with what were said to be growing numbers of Hindus and Muslims in Latin America. CIEMAL was formed in 1969 to link Methodist and Methodist-related churches in Latin America.

"CHILDREN'S HOUR" AT WINNSBORO CHURCH

The children of the community of Winnsboro have been meeting for the "Children's Hour with The Pastor" during the month of January each Wednesday immediately after school.

The purpose of the meeting has been four-fold: to provide an opportunity for participation and growth through group games; to develop an appreciation for and to learn the hymns in the Methodist Hymnal; to share in fellowship through refreshment; and to learn of the persons who began the Methodist Church in order to have an understanding of the Church of today.

The Rev. Robert R. Miller has been assigned by Mrs. Mary Alice Gravelle as pianist, and by Charles Murphy as director of games.

The "Children's Hour with the Pastor" will begin again in March after the pastor returns from the Seminar for Renewal at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri.

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DEACONESS CANDIDATE RECEIVES ASSIGNMENT

Miss Connie Wennet, deaconess candidate, was honored at a morning service of First Church, New Orleans, announcing her assignment to the David and Margaret Home in LaVerne, California. She receives the Masters Degree from the School of Social Work this month and goes immediately to California to serve in this Methodist agency. Miss Wennet was one of the workers in the Children's Church of her local congregation.

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GREENSBURG GUILD INSTALLS OFFICERS

Greensburg United Methodist Church Wesleyan Service Guild officers were installed at the church with Mrs. Vera Packer, Hammond District Chairman, serving as installing officer.

Mrs. Sara S. Fugler, president, welcomed guests and expressed her appreciation for the support and cooperation given by Mrs. Packer, WSG/WSCS members, and the Rev. and Mrs. John Casey.

Mrs. Packer thanked the group for the opportunity to meet with them, and also for submitting the winning banner in the Louisiana Conference "A." She stressed the importance of mission work and the importance of a close WSG / WSCS relationship, which is a goal set by the Greensburg Methodist women.

Officers installed were: Mrs. Sara S. Fugler, president; Mrs. Edith H. Hartner, vice-president; Mrs. Ethel H. Dunn, secretary; Mrs. Lanelle Long, treasurer; Mrs. Edna H. Casey, coordinator; Mrs. Mamie Williams, chairman of nominations and membership.

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THE GREENSBURG Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. Evelyn S. Addison, with Mrs. Sara S. Fugler presiding. The January program "When Trouble Comes" was presented by Mrs. Lanelle Long, Mrs. Carolyn McElveen, Mrs. Mamie Williams, Mrs. Edna Casey, Mrs. Ethel Dunn and Mrs. Addison. Plans were made for the expansion of the unit's greeting card project, and for a more extensive visitation program involving the sick, shut-ins and unfortunate of the community.

Members of the Ponchatoula Women's Society gathered for a portrait at the Christmas party.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 14: Humility Before God

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:7-11; 18: 9-14

MEMORY SELECTION: Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. (Luke 14:11)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand that pride is one of the primary barriers between man and God; to find a true meaning of humility and suggestions as to how to cultivate it as mature Christians.

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Pride is at the center of a great majority of sins, because it is synonymous with conceit and places self at the center of our judgments. If we are going to learn how to pray or to mature as individuals we must learn to get self out of the center of our living. This is not easy to do, and it never has been as Jesus suggested in the parables which we will be studying today. To approach God as we ought we must get ourselves in proper perspective. Someone has reported that Theodore Roosevelt had a habit of standing outdoors admiring the stars just before retiring each evening. After a period of this kind of meditation, he would say, "I guess I am small enough now to go to bed."

The two parables which call to our attention the necessity for keeping self in proper perspective are the ones concerning the chief seats found in Luke 14:7-11, and the story of the Pharisee and the publican which we read in Luke 18: 9-14.

There is a verse in Proverbs (16:5) which suggests that "the proud in heart" are the troublemakers of the earth. One of the commentators in discussing this affirmation said that such persons in their unbridled ambition of self-fulfillment trample underfoot the laws of God and the rights of men. It should not seem strange to us then that Jesus spoke so strongly in repudiation of pride and was so insistent in his commendation of the humble spirit.

However, all through this lesson we must remain alert to discover the happy medium between self-exaltation and self-abasement. Many stories have been told, half in jest and half in seriousness, about religious men who have tried to outdo each other in their humility. This does not, of course, represent the ideal approach to getting the self out of the center of life. It is neither good for man to have an exalted opinion of himself nor for him to underestimate his value in the sight of God. Life requires that we develop a true perspective of God and of self, and, when we do, we discover the meaning of humility. Our identity and maturity as children of God are determined by our healthy approach to humility.

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THE QUEST FOR THE CHIEF SEATS

The first of our stories has more of the nature of a guide to Christian etiquette, so that some writers suggest that it is hard to make it fit into our characteristic mold of a parable. However, if we see how Jesus was using the gentle irony of the elbowings and schemings of social ambition to make another strong point concerning the way Christians ought not to act, we can see that it does merit the title of parable.

Before we sketch the outline of this story we would remind you of what has gone just before it. Jesus was invited to the home of a Pharisee for a meal. We are not told whether the host was honestly concerned to learn more about Jesus, or whether this was an occasion planned to trap him in some statement that could be used against him. Just before entering the house, he was confronted by a man afflicted with dropsy. This was the Sabbath and dropsy was not regarded as a critical condition, but Jesus paused to heal him. We read in verse 13 of a question he asked just before the healing, "And Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?' But they were silent."

As we know questions concerning the Sabbath furnished the core of the controversy between Jesus and the legalists of his day. They were afraid he would break down their legal system; while he pleaded for an understanding that the Sabbath was the day on which God had rested from the work of his creation and saw that the work was good.

After Jesus had healed the man he gave a word of advice to the other guests assembled in the home of the Pharisee. He must have been moved to tell this story as he noticed how they competed for the chief places at the table. This reminded him of others who exalted themselves so much that it was impossible for them to even think of the virtue of humility.

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A DARING PARABLE TO TELL HERE

This was a daring story to tell under the circumstances. Of course, he spoke indirectly and cast his story against the backdrop of a wedding feast. However, most of those listening must have known he was talking about them. Dr. George Buttrick says, "If the story's setting served to coat the pill, the patient was not spared the dose." This was a neat job puncturing inflated egos, and that was just what Jesus intended to do.

Jesus must have been amused by the show of childishness by these grown men. This group of people who spent so much of their time trying to trap him into making statements they could use against him had themselves been trapped by their own conduct—their own conceit. The climax of this experience in the house of the Pharisee is reached in our memory selection for today: "For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (14:11). The world did not believe that in Jesus' time and it does not believe it now. Can we imagine what could be accomplished for good in our day if nations and individuals who have been determined to occupy the chief places would forget their own rights and be concerned about the good of others?

Humility has its roots in a feeling of indebtedness, and we should not forget that. What have we that we have not received? Wherever you find a man that is sure he is "'self-made," you find one who is hard to love and who knows very little about how to approach God in prayer.

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THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

As a further illustration of the major point he wished to communicate Jesus drew a striking portrait of two men standing in the temple praying. The Pharisee was the pillar in the church, and respected in his community as a citizen of the highest character. The publican, on the other hand, was the "untouchable" of the Jewish community. We have pointed out previously that Jesus liked to make his points in the parables by incarnating in the less desirable people the virtues which he wished to stand out in bold relief. The Pharisee, standing in the chief place to pray, and the publican, standing afar off, are in truth as extreme a study in contrasts as we find in Jesus' teaching. The former thanked God that he was such a good man—"I thank thee that I am not as other men are." The latter beat upon his breast and prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

One does not have to be very religious to discern the weakness in the Pharisee. He concentrated on telling God how good he was, and he did not even take time to realize that he was no better than the publican whom he despised. What we are talking about here does not just speak to us concerning an approach to God in prayer. It also talks to us about ways in which we might do something about severe alienation which divides men in our day.

One thing we ought to recognize in this story is that each man told the truth about himself. The Pharisee was righteous by all common tests of his day, while the tax collector was a grafter and a crook. The important thing is that his confession was sincere, and it is this state of mind that prepares one to approach God, rather than the assurance given him by the system that he deserved the bounty of God. Dr. Buttrick says in Interpreters Bible: "The Pharisee had everything in his favor except the thing; the publican nothing in his favor but the thing. The Pharisee's center of the world was himself, the publican's was God." The thing was, of course, humility. This self-centered, grasping world with its cult of success would do well to look to the pattern of the publican.

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WHAT HUMILITY IS

The day of Jesus did not believe that "every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled," and still less that "he who humbleth himself shall be exalted." They thought, as we do, that every man had an obligation to thrust himself forward and thus gain the public ear and eye.

Humility is not cowardice. It usually takes a brave man to take the position of the publican. The parables which we are considering today are companion pieces to the Beatitudes. These were forthright denials of accepted valuations, and yet Jesus indicated that they were the routes to blessedness—to happiness. Only when men saw the traits of the Beatitudes incarnate in the man of Galilee did they become characteristics which men would seriously consider seeking after.

Humility also is rooted in reverence and a sense of need. The scientist or the artist who begins to think that he has all the answers within himself has come close to drying up the source of continuing creativity. So it is with prayer. The man who lists an inventory of his virtues each time he talks to God is not likely to hear much from God when he pauses to listen.

Some one has said that when we see a man inflated with pride and worshipping at the altar of himself, we see an outrageous freak, a cardboard figure on stilts, who will soon be blown away by the winds of reality.

In another place we are reminded that the Pharisee and the publican revealed by their attitudes what they thought about God. The former indicating that he thought of God as a great corporation in which he was a major stockholder because of his goodness, while the latter caught something of the holiness of God and believed that even a tax collector could be pardoned.

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DO WE COME CLOSE TO GOD IN OUR PRAYERS?

Someone has suggested that the prayer of the Pharisee was really a monologue. He did not really expect to carry on a conversation with God, and would have been quite shocked if God spoke back to him. Prayer without a sense of the presence of God is not real prayer. There are many things that can keep us from coming to God in our prayers. We have mentioned that an obstacle is built by our self-centeredness. At other times we are too involved with the world about us to get very close to him.

Prayer is fellowship with God and many words are not needed. We must see that the nearer we are to God, the more conscious we become of our separation from him. It takes a life that is devoted to prayer, and to the confession of sin, to produce a person who does not boast about his moral attainments. The more we acknowledge our unworthiness, the more we find ourselves prepared to serve Jesus Christ.

The parables in our lesson, dealing with social standing and standing before God, show how pointless and self-defeating pride is. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt. 5:5)

Record giving reported for World Service

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodists across the U.S. gave a record $45,597,287 in 1970 to support the world-wide benevolent and administrative programs of their denomination.

The total is 6.24 per cent above the giving for 1969, according to R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, who released the report for 1970 here January 21. Not included in this report are many millions of dollars given on the local and annual conference level for benevolences, pastors salaries and church administration.

New in the report this year is giving toward an annual goal of $8,000,000 for ministerial education. A sum of $3,574,253 was received at the general church level in 1970. Since 25 per cent of support for this fund is retained at the annual conference level, the total giving to this cause is higher than the figure in Dr. Brawner's report.

"When you consider the general economic picture during 1970, and the tensions in the nation and in the church, the 6 per cent increase in total giving represents a remarkable devotion on the part of United Methodists," said Dr. Brawner.

The report for benevolences and their comparison with 1969 shows: World Service—$22,412,126, up .65 per cent; World Missions Advance Specials—$6,475,309, down 9.86 per cent; National Missions Advance Specials—$1,587,425, down 3.32 per cent; Overseas Relief Advance Specials—$1,384,318, up 24.21 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing—$752,080, down 5.54 per cent; Fellowship of Suffering and Service—$875,337, up 1.61 per cent; World Service Specials—$194,213, down 7.74 per cent; Temporary General Aid—$787,935, down 5.50 per cent; Fund for Reconciliation—$1,811,106, down 28.77 per cent; Ministerial Education—$3,574,253, new on report this year; Race Relations—$625,541, up 35.01 per cent; Methodist Student Day—$218,444, up 1.22 per cent.

The administrative funds and their comparison are: Episcopal Fund—$2,907,484, up 6.04 per cent; General Administration—$1,400,222, down .31 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation—$591,487, down 7.38 per cent.

Included in the 1970 report for the first time is the Youth Service Fund with $225,780. This fund was handled through other channels in previous years and the amount received in 1970 is not included in the comparison of total giving for 1970 with 1969.

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Our beliefs in a rich future life are of little importance unless we coin them into a rich present life.—Thomas Dreier

Bishop Sparks to administer Portland Area

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (UMI)—Bishop W. Maynard Sparks of Seattle, Wash., has been named to administer the Portland (Ore.) Area of the United Methodist Church for the remainder of the 1968-72 quadrennium after the death of Bishop Everett W. Palmer January 5.

Bishop Charles F. Golden of San Francisco, president of the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops, said the college was recommending that the Council of Bishops confirm the selection, effective at once. Bishop Sparks will continue to administer the Seattle Area which he has headed since formation of the United Methodist Church in 1968. For ten years prior to that time, he was resident bishop of the Western Area of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

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Recommendations To White House Released

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (UMI) — United Methodist Bishop Roy C. Nichols of Pittsburgh, chairman of the forum on "Crisis in Values" at the recent White House Conference on Children in Washington, D.C., has released the text of his section's recommendations to the President.

A major part of the "deep trouble of children and families," the report declared, stems from the "existing contradictions between the stated values of our institutions and the values implied by their actual behavior." One of the goals for the '70s, the report held, should be for political, economic, educational and religious institutions "to correct their behavior if it differs from their stated values of respect for the individual, concern for the environment, and justice, equality and opportunity for all."

The report placed special stress on a revision of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, to "provide Americans of all ages, races and cultures with a realistic, affirmative pledge to deepen our commitment to a truly free, truly responsible, and truly united society." The proposed new text reads: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, **and dedicate myself to the task of making it** one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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UMCOR reports all-time high income

OMAHA, Nebr. (UMI)—Disasters combined to produce an all-time high income last year for the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. In its annual meeting, the committee was told that 1970 receipts totaled $2,364,503, while total disbursements were $2,158,364.

Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary, said that gifts in response to the Peru earthquake and the East Pakistan cyclone made the difference.

Allocations approved at the meeting totaled $495,067, more than 90 per cent of which will be spent through interdenominational channels and the bulk of it for refugee programs. Included are rehabilitation work in Peru, rural development in Kenya and Haiti, family planning on Taiwan, economic and community development in Greece and Boliva, and medical, emergency, and family services in the Palestine area.

Dr. Haines said that UMCOR efforts during 1970 reached some 5.5 million persons in 57 countries.

Georgia Senator was Methodist layman

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Senator Richard B. Russell, 73, a United Methodist layman considered to be one of the most influential senators of this century, died here Jan 21.

He was dean of the Senate, having come to it in 1933 as its then youngest member. He already had served a term as governor of Georgia, its youngest in history. As a lawmaker, his greatest impact was after he became chairman of the Senate's powerful Armed Services Committee in 1951.

Military rites were conducted in Washington, with graveside services Jan. 24 at Winder, Ga. Participants in the service included the pastor of his church, the Rev. C. Hoke Sewell of First United Methodist Church of Winder; as well as a brother, the Rev. H. E. Russell, a Presbyterian pastor in Memphis, Tenn.; Senate Chaplain Edward L. R. Elson and several senators.

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A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

10. **The Ministry of Presbyters and Deacons**

We continue our look at the chapter dealing with the ministry by underlining what it has to say about "presbyters" and "deacons." "Presbyters" is a new term to United Methodists, and we will have to understand that it is identical with our present classification of "elder."

In dealing with the order of "deacon," the Plan indicates that "the form of the diaconate is to be kept as flexible as possible and that details may not be determined until the Transitional Assembly which will bring the new church into existence."

Four principles are stated concerning the care of ordained ministers in the new church. First, the whole church will bear a responsibility toward each minister from his first approach to ordination until the time of his death. Second, the church will provide services to assist each minister in the measurement of his achievement and needs. Third, preparation for the ministry is a continuing task, and the church will provide opportunities for continuing education. Fourth, the church will provide open opportunity and equal treatment for all its ministers, irrespective of racial or ethnic background.

Presbyters: The united church will welcome the diversity of interpretations of the presbyterate. All those who are recognized as ordained ministers in any of the uniting churches at the time of unification will be recognized as ordained ministers by the new church. However, the Plan states that each ordained minister may choose whether he will be a presbyter or become a deacon or a layman.

Presbyters will have the functions and responsibilities which include the following: preachers of the Word, celebrants of the Sacraments, teachers of the Gospel, leaders in mission, prophets of God, pastoral overseers and administrators, ecumenical leaders, and participants in discipline.

Opportunities will be given presbyters for special assignments and for these the church will indicate special training and qualifications. Some presbyters for special assignments and for these the church will indicate special training and qualifications. Some presbyters will not earn their entire livlihood through employment by the church. We find this interesting sentence in the Plan: "Others, receiving their entire income from employment outside the church, will in principle have no limitation on the exercise of their ministry."

A section refers to "special cases" in the following language: "The united church may also discern those gifts needed for ministry in some persons who lack the extensive specialized education normally required of presbyters. The church may authorize such persons to be ordained as presbyters, but they will exercise their presbyteral functions in specified areas of ministry in the local parish and community."

Deacons: Without diminishing the wide range of service provided by the unordained and their essential mission as the church-in-the-world, the ordination of deacons implies a limited but genuine participation in the ministry of Word and Sacraments. The office has emphasized the exercise of the church's ministry of service to the world; the care of the poor, the sick, and others in need.

The functions of deacons are listed as: provision of service in mission, participation in the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, and church administration.

As previously indicated, the Plan provides that "the Transitional Assembly will determine specific requirements for the professional education and training of deacons and for probationary stages in preparation for ordination."

AMU president announces resignation

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (RNS) — Dr. Frederick P. McGinnis, president of Alaska Methodist University since 1960, has announced his resignation. In the 10 years of his tenure, the school has grown from 177 students to 1,800.

AMU now occupies a five-building, $20-million campus, and maintains a liberal arts college, a college of business administration and economics, and Alaska's first college of nursing.

The school has been arranging cooperative programs with the seven branches of the state-operated University of Alaska and in 1968 launched an exchange program with Nagoya Gakuin University, Nagoya, Japan.

Affiliated with the Board of World Missions of the United Methodist Church, the AMU received $200,000 for the Church in 1970, plus financial assistance from the denomination's advance support funds.

A $3 million nationwide campaign is being conducted under the leadership of news commentator Lowell Thomas, Sr. The Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church has a 20-man task force working in a $1 million campaign for the school.

Alaska Methodist University is also cooperating with the state university in the construction of an $8 million library on grounds between AMU and Anchorage Community College.

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Zions Herald, founded in 1823 as a Methodist journal for New England, has been replaced and continued by **The Methodist Churchman,** a monthly serving clergy and members throughout New England. The name change, according to editor John L. Bryan, reflects the fact that many persons missed the significance of the name **Zions Herald.**

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Quadrennial Bible Study, Part II available

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Part two of the United Methodist Church's Quadrennial Emphasis Bible Study will be available for the March-April May quarter.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of Charlotte, N.C., chairman of the Bible Study Committee, and Dr. Raoul C. Calkins of Dayton, executive secretary of the Quadrennial Emphasis, are urging that the denomination's churches make wide use of the special resource materials which center on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus."

Dr. Edward W. Bauman, senior minister of Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., has written the 112-page student book. Dr. Bauman is widely known as an educator and lecturer who pioneered in conducting the first fully-accredited college course in religion to be made available over commercial TV.

In addition to Dr. Bauman's basic book on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus," resource materials include a leader's guide and an easel-back flip chart illustrating the series and suitable also for use as posters. All of these are available from Cokesbury stores and service centers.

The general chairman of the Quadrennial Emphasis is Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass.

Adopted at the 1968 General Conference in Dallas, Texas, the four-year program includes the church-wide Bible study, raising $20 million in a Fund for Reconciliation, and a voluntary youth service program for specific work of reconciliation and rehabilitation.

Headquarters office of the Quadrennial Emphasis is at 601 West Riverview Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

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The Rev. Pierce Harris, 75, widely-known former pastor of First Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga., lecturer and author, died January 14 at McDonough, Ga., after suffering a heart attack.

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METHODIST AGENCY WILL RECEIVE $1,266,753 IN WAR CLAIMS

NEW YORK (RNS) — The United Methodist Board of Missions will receive $1,266,753 in war claims under a law passed by the 91st Congress.

The Board's world division is one of 29 non-profit organizations benefitting from $9.2 million in new funds allocated through the government's War Claims Office.

In 1967, the Board received $2,066,834 in claims resulting from the loss of overseas properties and facilities during World War II. The total claim was $3,333,587.

Initially, non-profit claimants received 62 per cent of their claims. The recent government action gives them 100 per cent coverage.

Use of the new funds will be decided by the world division. The sum must be used, according to Congress, for promoting "social welfare, religious, charitable or education purposes."

The award to the Methodist mission agency represents the claims of both the former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches, which merged in 1968.

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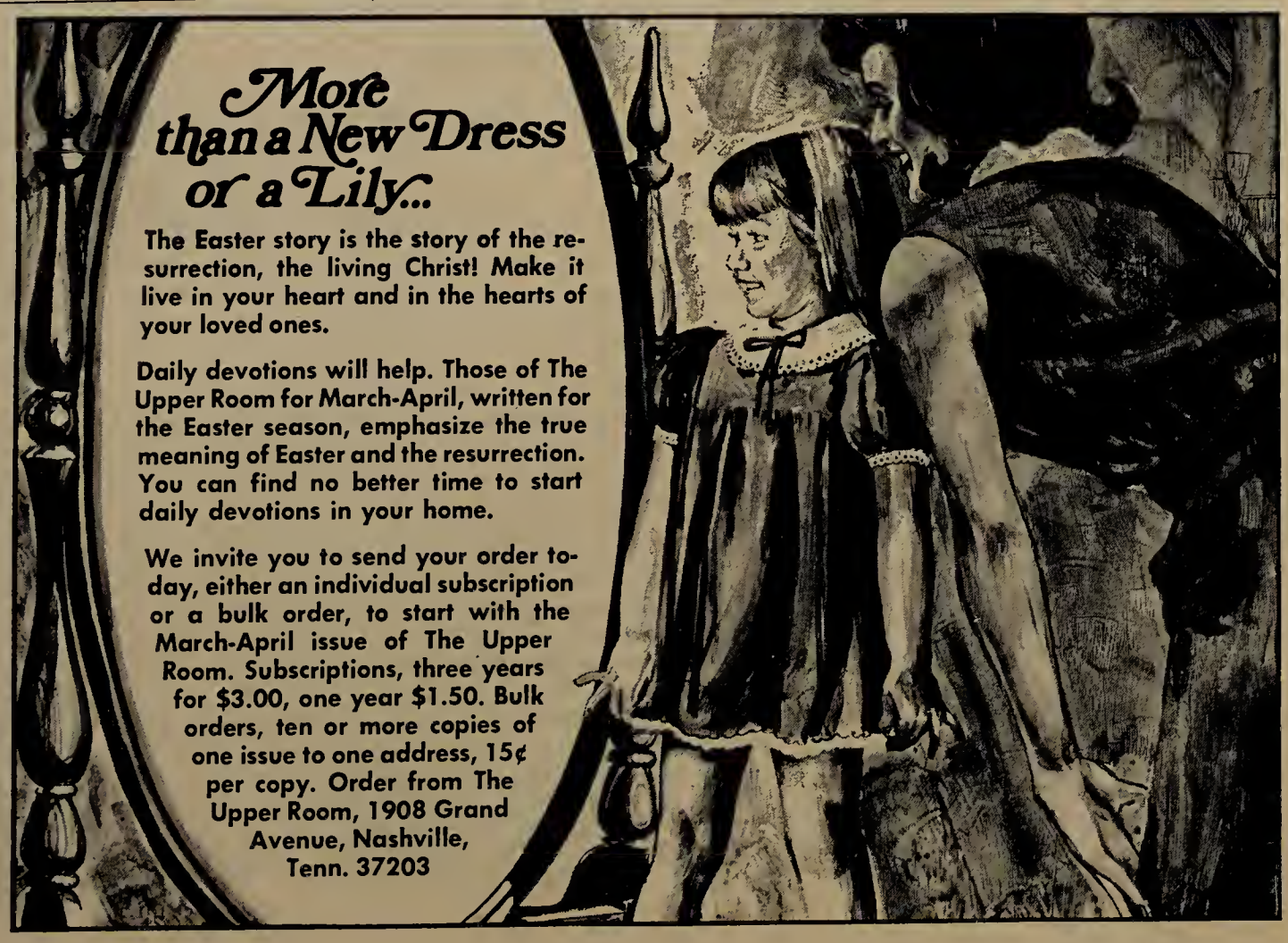
God, give me hills to climb, and strength for climbing!—Arthur Guiterman



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1971 Circulation Campaign

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Alexandria First:Sloane	7	27	1	35
Jena-Belah:Moreland	1	23		24
LeCompte-Bayou Chicot-Cheneyville:Milton	1	20		21
Bentley:Kellogg	3	3		6**
Pl. Grove:Cotton	7	10		17**
Natchitoches First:Harper	15	63	5	83
Olla-Tullos:Malone	5	34		39**
Pineville:Walton	22	91		113**
Total	61	271	6	338

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Baton Rouge First:Dawson	3	6		9
Blackwater:Blakeley	14	31		45
Donaldsonville:Paine		2		2
Lottie-Rosedale:Burlew		18		18
Slaughter-New Roads: Zerangue	6	18		24*
Total	23	75		98

HAMMOND DISTRICT

Amite:McClain	9	113		122***
Bluff Creek:Babin	3	5		8
Bogalusa Elizabeth Sullivan:Mouser	6	37		43
Covington:Irving	4	30		34
Faithful-New River-Meadows:Holt	2	14		16
Fisher:Means	4			4
Fitzgerald-Waldheim: Scarf	4	13		17
Franklinton:Means	2	33	1	36
Hammond:Blount	16	43		59
Livingston-James Chapel-Corbin:Campbell	1	20		21
Ponchatoula:Lancaster	1	27		28
Slidell:Vining	2	40		42
Sun-Bush:Wood	2	11		13**
Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge-Pine Hill:Worthy	6	10		16
Walker-Mangum-Friend-Ship:Davis	10	12	4	26
Total	72	408	5	485

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Church Pt-Maxie-Pitreville: Deen		14		14
Houma First:Cain	4	50		54
Houma Hts.-LaGrange: Bell	11	26		37
Jeanerette-Lydia:Reeves	3	6		9
Lafayette - Ivanhoe: Branton		6		6**
Lockport-Raceland:Martin		1		1
Melville-Palmetto:Marcel	1	18		19
Morgan City:Blakeley	18	41		59
New Iberia:Flurry	9	20		29
Total	46	182		228

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Cameron-Grand Chenier: Coody	9	19	1	29**
DeQuincy:Galatas	3	14		17
DeRidderFirst:Wallace	5	24		29
Elton-Basile:Sayes	5	17		22*
Eunice-Ville Platte:Martin	10	20	1	31
Prospect-Hornbeck: Bengtson	6	14		20**
Guydan:Lankford	6	22		28
Kinder-Oberlin:Matthew		51		51**
Lake Arthur:Nance	28	13		41**
Fairview-Sweet Lake: Giessen	5	15	1	21
Lake Charles First;Pearce	13	137	1	151
Simpson:Bowdon	6	19	1	26
Broadland:Knight		9		9***
Sulphur-Wesley:Thompson	6	20		26
Welsh:Lawton		40		40
Total	102	434	5	541

MONROE DISTRICT

Bonita-Hughes:Brooks	6	18		24**
Baskin:McKisson		9		9***
Epps-Floyd:Stegall	9	18		27**
Ferriday:Baker	1	21		22
Gilbert-Boeuf Prairie: Holley		36		36**
Crew Lake-Union:Medak		8		8
Mangham-Crowville:Howes		32		32**
Monroe - Reveille:Tooke	9	11		20**
Sicily Island-Harrisonburg: Hodges	8	19		27
St. Joseph-Wesley:Henkel	1	14		15
Tallulah:Bell	7	19		26
Waterproof-Clayton: Wingfield	1	13		14
West Monroe First:Peyton	33	27		60
Claiborne-Wilhite:Lowe	3	2		5
Winnsboro:Miller	9	43		52
Wisner:St.Amant	2	22		24
Woodlawn-Little Creek: McKeithen	5	3		8
Total	94	315		409

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

New Orleans				
Carrollton:Harris	3	32		35
Elysian Fields:Fuller	2	4		6
First:Crichlow	14	32		46
Jefferson-St. John's: Hall		1		1
Metairie:McFarland	3	2		5
Rayne:Galloway	14	75	3	92
St. Luke:Woodland	2	7		9
St. Mark-Wesley:Coles		17		17
Total	38	170	3	211

RUSTON DISTRICT

Arcadia-Mt. Moriah:York	4	28		32
Bernice-Alabama-Beech Grove:Terry	2	37		39**
Chatham-Zoar:Brown	2	12		14
Choudrant-Douglas:Spinks	5	18		23
Clay:Westbrook		7		7
Ansley:Stokes	1	14		15***
Dubach-Hilly	3	12		15
Harmony-Lisbon-Ariz: Robinson	4	28		32
Antioch:Hearn		3		3*
Farmerville:Scott	11	19		30
Gibsland-Oak Gr.:Taylor	5	8		13
Haynesville-Colquitt: Winegeart	15	28		43
Homer-Wesley:Simmons	37	215		252***
Minden First:Rickey	12	110	4	126
Minden Lake View-McIntyre: Coppage	6	21		27
Ruston Grace-Wesley: Lynch	10	1		11
Ruston Trinity:McGuire	33	426		462****
Simmsboro-Antioch:Parks	5	39		44**
Total	155	1026	4	1185

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Bossier City				
St. Stephen's-Hall Summit: Cunningham		1		1
Haughton-Love Chapel: Ovenshire	1	19		20
Holly Springs:McCarty	1	4		5
Ida-Hosston:Edwards		10		10
Logansport-Bethel:Wilson	27	18		45**
Mansfield-Grand Cane: Harkins		5		5
Mooringsport:Grove	1	20		21**
Shreveport Broadmoor: Kilpatrick	36	113		149
First:Dykes	5	58	2	65
Mangum	11	24		35
Noel:Nader	3	66		69
Wesley-Keithville: Hollingsworth	2	13		15
Wynn Mem.:		4		4
Christ Church:Baker	41	3		44
Total	128	358	2	488

KEY:
* Reached quota
** Exceeded Quota
*** Doubled Quota
****Tripled quota

RECAPITULATION
REPORT NO. 1
1971 LOUISIANA METHODIST CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Per Cent
Ruston	155	1026	4	1185	1600	74
Hammond	72	408	5	485	1145	43
Lake Charles	102	434	5	541	1730	31
Alexandria	61	271	6	338	1371	25
Monroe	94	315		409	2122	19
Shreveport	128	358	2	488	3080	16
Lafayette	46	182		228	1649	14
New Orleans	38	170	3	211	2059	10
Baton Rouge	23	75		98	2516	4
Total	719	3239	25	3983		

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Missionaries brought modern medicine into nearly every country of Asia, Africa, and the islands of the sea; the same is true with literacy campaigns, modern education, and the improvement of economic and social conditions. Along with these went the transforming power of Jesus Christ to overcome sin and human frailties.—Ralph Diffendorfer

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Repentance and conversion and spiritual renewal are still the most indispensible words of our time.—Samuel M. Cavert

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(Memorials list continued from last week)

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P. W. MORELAND
by Mr. & Mrs. Bunk Smith
MRS. ARTHUR DUTTON
by Mr. & Mrs. Bunk Smith
BILLY EASTERWOOD
by Mrs. James S. Reily
JOHN MORRIS
by Mrs. James S. Reily
MRS. JEWEL MAXEY
by the Zwolle United Methodist Church
MRS. CLEAH HENRY
by Rev. & Mrs. C. Ed Henkel
VARNELL SIMMONS
by Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Barmore
G. A. HUME
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DR. & MRS. D. F. DAVIS
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NICK FRANKLIN
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MRS. MAY BELLE GRISSOM
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MRS. R. P. McFADDEN
by Mr. & Mrs. Earl G. Hussey
MRS. LOUISA PEVY
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ROY KIRKLEY
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JAMES R. CAVETT
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by Wynn A Man Bible Class - Wynn Memorial Church - Shreveport
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MYRTIE B. MANGUM
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by Mr. & Mrs. Otha Lang
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The children at MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma selected a live oak tree and helped to plant it for Arbor Day. They envision the tree, christened "MacDonell Oak," as one day becoming as large as the beautiful oaks which grace the front of the Center. Staff members were on hand to assist with the planting.

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ABOVE LEFT: Herbert Moffett (second from left), chairman of the Louisiana Thousand Club, presents check for $10,000 to Dr. A. E. McKeithen, chairman of Finance of the Hodge United Methodist Church, to assist in their rebuilding and modernization program. Others in picture are J. A. Pullen (left), chairman of Administrative Board and the Rev. Ralph Cain, Ruston District superintendent. ABOVE RIGHT: B. E. Hathaway, Sr., Building Fund treasurer and church lay leader at the Hodge Church, presents check for $10,000 to Mrs. E. L. Edmonds, president of Pelican State Life Insurance Co. of Jonesboro, from whom the Hodge Church borrowed construction funds for their rebuilding and modernization program. Left to right, John H. Dennis, church treasurer; Dr. A. E. McKeithen, Mrs. Edmonds, Hathaway and E. G. Knobloch, a trustee. The first Call from the One Thousand Club in the current conference year went to assist the Hodge church, strategically located in an industrial area in Ruston District.

LAMECO votes five percent dividend

The Louisiana Conferenee Credit Organization, known as LAMECO, held its annual meeting January 18 at Centenary College. President Don Risinger announced that the board of directors had approved a 5 per cent dividend for shareholders, the largest so far announced in the history of the group.

Officers eleeted for the eoming year are: the Rev. Don Risinger, re-eleeted president; Dr. Leonard Cooke, viee-president; the Rev. James Poole, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Waits, treasurer; Millard Jones and Robert Ed Taylor, elected to the Board of Direetors.

Cecil Bland, along with Mrs. Ruth Waits are the loan officers for the Credit Union.

LAMECO is a recognized federally approved eredit union, open to all ministers in the Louisiana Conference, faeulty, staff and employees at Centenary College, staff members and employees of United Methodist institutions in the Louisiana Conferenee, and

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World Family Life Conference speakers announced

NEW YORK (UMI) — A Swiss psyehologist, a Korean professor, a soeiologist from Singapore and four bishops are among speakers and leaders announeed for the second World Methodist Family Life Conferenee August 14-18 in Estes Park, Colo.

Registrations are being received, and when the full eomplement of 200 delegates has been reaehed, representation is expected from 40-50 eountries, according to Bishop Hazen G. Werner, New York, Conferenee program chairman.

The Conference is being planned by the World Methodist Council Committee on Family Life, of which retired Bishop Werner was ehairman until last November. Dr. J. Otis Young, Evanston, Ill., is ehairman of the world family group's exeeutive committee and its North Ameriean Section, whieh is eoordinating the Estes Park meeting.

Bishop Werner, who eontinues as chairman of the program committee, announced these leaders for the eonferenee, whieh has an over-all theme, "The Christian Family and the Arriving Generation":

Dr. Nalla Tan, sociologist from the University of Singapore, will give a paper on the Conference topie, "The Impact of a Changing Society on the Growing Person." Dr. Claus Eek, psychologist from the University of Zurich in Switzerland, and Dr. Henry

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On January 3 a Service of Dedication was held for First United Methodist Church, Springfield, and a Service of Consecration was held for that church's parsonage. Participants were (from left): the Rev. J. J. Caraway, Hammond District Superintendent; the Rev. Harold Bordages, pastor; the Rev. John Sayes, former pastor who led in the construction of both buildings; A. B. Sibley, chairman of the Administrative Board; and Trustees Lawrence Loper and George Thayer.

OUR BISHOP'S LETTER

New Orleans, Louisiana
February 5, 1971

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

Race Relations Sunday, celebrated annually on the seeond Sunday in February, is observed as an opportunity to inform United Methodists of the past contributions and the present needs of the twelve predominantly Negro eolleges related to the United Methodist Church. An offering is received on this day eaeh year in support of these institutions.

The 1970 General Conference approved a reeommendation from the Council on World Service and Finance ealling for an organized and speeial effort to seeure four million dollars annually through the Race Relations offering for thc benefit of blaek colleges relatcd to the United Methodist Board of Edueation.

The funds which are contributed in Louisiana on Raee Relations Sunday will go for the support of Dillard University in New Orleans. Dillard is an outstanding school, with a beautiful eampus, an exeellent faculty, a large student body, and an able prcsident and administrative staff. In addition to its academie work, it maintains Flint-Goodridge Hospital and a school of nursing.

Aecording to Dr. Broadus Butler, the president, the needs of Dillard are prcssing and challenging. Listed among these requirements are: building renovations, faeulty salaries, library budget, and maintenanee. Dillard, like most of our private institutions of learning, faees a possible largc operational defieit.

May I urge our Louisiana Methodists to respond to the eall of your church on Race Relations Sunday. Cheerfully and willingly let us do our part.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey G. Walton

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The Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr., staff member of the Louisiana Conference A Program Council for the past three years, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the United Methodist Assn. of Conference Program Staff with responsibilities in Evangelism. This organization is a section of the Council on Evangelism chaired by Dr. Ira Gallaway of Fort Worth, Texas. Dean serves as executive secretary of the Conference Bd. of Missions and the Conference Bd. of Evangelism in Louisiana Conference A. He has served the following pastorates since 1949: Caddo Heights, Shreveport; Kentwood, Sweetlake-Fairview, Lake Charles; Vinton, Westlake and DeQuincy.

The teaching team from the Program Council Office which conducted a "Teacher Training Event" at Munholland Church in New Orleans recently. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr.; the Rev. Ken MacDowell, host pastor; Mrs. Katherine E. Gibbs; Mrs. Shirley Melton, of Aurora church in New Orleans; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn (rear); Miss Alice Flint and Cecil Bland.

LSU Wesley Fd. holds retreat for Bd. of Directors

The Board of Directors of the LSU Wesley Foundation held an overnight retreat at Camp Istrouma on January 29-30. The purpose was to provide an opportunity for extended discussion and planning on the future of the Wesley Foundation in regard to programing, personnel, structure and finances.

Dr. Glenn Hosman, a staff member in the Department of Campus Ministry in the General Board of Education in Nashville, was the resource person for the retreat. Dr. Hosman rendered invaluable assistance in helping the Board members interpret the needs of campus ministry in the light of the policies and recommendations of the church's national staff.

The retreat, at which 80 per cent of the Board's membership was in attendance, was conducted under the leadership of the chairman, Dr. Ralph M. Dreger. Assuming leadership in the discussions were Michael Simmons, student president, Tom H. Matheny, Shelby McKenzie, Dr. Robert S. Reich and the Rev. Delton Pickering, campus minister.

Other clergymen in attendance included Dr. Ben R. Oliphant, the Rev. Donice W. Alverson, and the Rev. Robert C. Carter.

It was the consensus of the participants that this format, which provided maximum opportunity for extended discussion on each agenda topic, was of immense help. They recommend that other Wesley Foundation boards consider sponsoring such retreats at least once a year.

—Delton Pickering
Campus Minister

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Family Life

Shin, professor at Women's Teachers College, Seoul, Korea, will present papers on the Conference topic, "The Responsibilities of Parenthood and the Growing Person."

Bishop Earl Hunt of United Methodism's Charlotte (N.C.) Area will give an address on "The Family in These Disturbing Times." Bishop Roy Nichols of the Pittsburgh Area will lead Bible interpretations concerning family life.

Bishop Eric Mitchell of United Methodism's Hyderabad (India) Area will conduct a service of Holy Communion, and Bishop Eugene Frank of United Methodism's Missouri Area will summarize conclusions and activities of the Conference.

Other speakers and leaders are expected to be announced soon. This will be the second world family meeting sponsored by the World Methodist Council. The first was in England in 1966.

Dr. Lueg to lead Week of Renewal at NLU Wesley Fd.

A Lay Witness Mission will precede a Week of Renewal at Wesley Foundation, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, according to an announcement by the Rev. James Wilson, campus minister. The Mission is scheduled for the February 12-14 weekend.

Dr. Carl Lueg, minister at First United Methodist Church in Monroe, will be the inspirational speaker for the Week of Renewal scheduled to begin on Sunday evening, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. and to continue each evening through Thursday, February 18 at the same hour.

The Lay Witness Mission will begin with a fellowship dinner on Friday evening at 6:30. Young adults from churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas will be present to relate what Christianity means to them and how they became involved in the work of the Church. A general group session will be followed by discussions in smaller groups.

Saturday group meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. at various locations on the campus. There will be opportunity for smaller discussion units and for individual conversations. Sunday activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the 11:00 o'clock hour set aside for worship.

An invitation is extended to the colleg community to participate fully in the Lay Witness Mission and in the Week of Renewal which will follow.

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"Teacher Training Event" at Munholland

The Conference Program Council Training Team from Louisiana Conference A, headed by Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, conducted a "Teacher Training Event" at Munholland Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans the weekend of January 29-30. Representatives of five churches including Metairie, Aurora, St. Matthews, Gretna and Munholland were present for the leadership training opportunity.

A spokesman listed the following as the six-fold purpose for the event: (1) familiarization with available resources; (2) to offer suggestions for use of literature; (3) to discuss the question "What is teaching and how do people learn;" (4) discussion of relationships between teachers and students; (5) evaluation of teaching goals, and (6) the demonstration of teaching methods.

Teachers of pre-school and elementary age children, youth and adults were invited to participate, in the event, which included also discussions relating to the enlistment of workers and planning for continuing leadership training programs.

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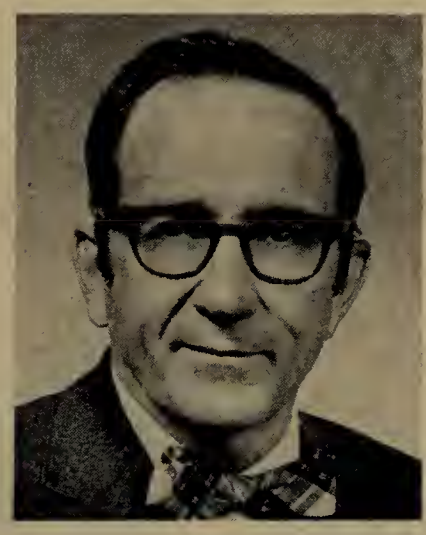

Dr. Lindsay P. Pherigo, professor of New Testament and Early Church History at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, Mo., will be the lecturer for the Baton Rouge District Lay School of Theology at First Church in Baton Rouge, Feb. 15-18. Sessions will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the church parlor during this period. Dr. Pherigo is widely recognized as a scholar in his field, and has engaged in special studies at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio and in Athens, Greece. Topics will include: "The Church as the Body of Christ," "The Church as Retreat-House," "The Church as World Redeemer," and "Experimental Forms of the Church." Registration fee for the School is $3; nursery facilities will be provided.

Editorial

THREE VIEWS OF THE COCU PLAN OF UNION

Increasingly the people of United Methodism are moving into a careful study of the Plan of Union prepared by the Consultation on Church Union. We have shared in a recent panel discussion and several other such appearances are scheduled in the near futture. Our conviction grows that we have an obligation to inform our people about this proposal now being studied in the nine Protestant denominations, including our own, that are participants in this proposal.

In this connection we would like to eommend to all our readers the February 4 issue of **Christian Advocate,** general periodical of our chureh. Three leaders have written in those pages of their own reactions to the plan, and we feel they have made real contributions to the baekground material we all need for an understanding of its "pros" and "cons." If you have this issue of the **Advocate,** we suggest you hold onto it as essential supplementary material for your study.

The three who have written the articles mentioned are Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, a strong supporter of the plan who indicates several points at whieh it should be strengthened; Dr. Lyle E. Sehaller, director of the Center for Parish Development at Evangelical Theologieal Seminary, who carefully analyzes the parish organization suggested; and Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington who discusses what he regards as the serious shorteomings in the method proposed for the appointment of ministers.

Bishop Mathews reminds United Methodists that they have been a part of the Consultation on Chureh Union almost from the beginning and that we therefore have a real obligation to react to the suggestions. Ten representatives of our denomination have represented us throughout the eonsultations and four United Methodists helped to write the Plan of Union. Bishop Mathews makes it elear that we are now dealing with a preliminary draft of a Plan of Union, whieh will take its final direetion as a result of the suggestions that are sent in by individuals and groups after they have studied it. He points out that we might all wish for a better plan, but that this is the one we have bcfore us and it is to it that we must reaet.

We share with Bishop Mathews the affirmation that it would be irresponsible for United Methodists not to engage themselves fully in this ereative proeess. This is why we are plcased to note that a substantial number of loeal ehureh groups are now engaged in their discussions of the plan. However, we are still amazed to diseover that many individual ehurchmen are not even aware of the proposal that has been made to bring nine churches, ineluding our own, into a new ehureh whieh would be seen as a step in the direetion of broader church unity. The name, Chureh of Christ Uniting, may or may not be the one that is finally used. This will also depend in a large measure on the reactions that are reeeived from the "grass roots."

Dr. Sehaller points out that the "parish plan" of COCU will stimulate as mueh discussion as any other feature of it. This is his field, and he approaehes it with a series of questions to guide us in our own evaluation of the new style of organization propos-ed to put the chureh in mission at the loeal level. May we remind you that the plan antieipates that the parish will consist in most cases of several eongregations whieh will be working together in their planning and the administration of their ehureh programs. Sinee we have all been so aeeustomed to thinking in terms of the loeal eongregation, Dr. Sehaller points out that this concept of interdependenee replaeing independenee as the basie eharaeteristie of the relationship of one congregation to another will be a major ehange from chureh life as we now know it.

We are reminded that the new proposal ineludes "task forces" organized for speeial projects in the organization of the parish. This seeks to implement the great emphasis on mission about which most of us have been thinking and ealls for the primary relationship of the elergy to the parish rather than to the eongregation. He feels that this is the means by whieh a great deal of duplication could be avoided and would bring the pastor into a rieh new relationship with his people.

Bishop Lord points out that ambiguities are to be found in the proposal eoncerning the function of a bishop and the method by whieh the pastors would be assigned to the congregations. He recognizes that this was inevitable in the writing of a plan whieh includes churehes like the Anglican and United Methodist who have held the episcopacy in high regard and nonepiscopal ehureh like the Presbyterian and the Disciples of Christ.

He feels that small ehurches whieh now receive greater proteetion from the appointive system of United Methodism would suffer the most unless safeguards are written into this part of the plan of union.

Bishop Lord also points out that there are really two levels of episeopaey under the Plan – one at the distriet level, serving in an administrative capacity but not being full members of the National Assembly whieh would be the highest governing body of the ehurch. However, it is his eonviction that unless some careful reeonsideration is made of the appointment system – or laek thereof – small churehes will suffer greatly in their future supply of ministers. He feels that too many people and eommittees are involved in the appointment process, and we might add that we are inelined to agree with him at this point.

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the Editor's Corner

RECOLLECTIONS OF A MOUNT MAGAZINE WEEK-END

Any person with a fond attaehment for Mount Magazine, one of this seetion's most beautiful spots, has been saddened by two events of the past week. First, we read the news of the fire whieh destroyed the picturesque Lodge atop Arkansas' highest mountain. Then, just three days later there was the tragie highway aeeident near Dardanelle which took the lives of five of the Dan Blocker Singers, an interesting group of young people who operated the Lodge during the last season.

Mrs. Knox and I are members of a group of friends that came into being first as a Great Deeisions Group to diseuss the problems of foreign affairs about seven or eight years ago. We beeame sueh elose friends that we resolved to keep on meeting after the "Great Deeisions" agenda had been exhausted. It has been a most delightful experienee and we look forward to those seeond Saturdays when we meet.

In addition to meeting monthly in one of our homes we make one or two week-end trips a year to attraetive eamping sites. We have gone a number of times to Buffalo River State Park and have been onee to Mount Petit Jean.

Last Oetober we decided to visit Mount Magazine and found it onc of the riehly rewarding experienees we have had. Although we stayed in cabins, we did take some meals at the Lodge where we were attraetcd by two features — the rustie beauty of the building and the refreshing atmosphere that was generated by the Dan Blocker Singers who operated it and who presented a floor show with the dinner.

Although presenting some of the characteristics of the "hippie" gencration, the Dan Blocker Singers eommunicated a depth and a purpose whieh kept them from being so classified. Originating on the west coast, they eonvineed Dan Blocker of "Bonanza" fame of their sincerity and spiritual purpose so that he was willing for them to carry his name and some degree of sponsorship.

We regret that we did not becomc better acquainted with them so that we could now recall the faces of those who met their untimely death.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Program styles of youths emerged as a top priority as 750 persons attending the annual Convention of Nat'l. Religious Broadcasters (NRB) in Washington, D.C., considered the topic, "Broadcasting Today . . . For Christ and Country." The NRB is reported to have 400 member stations and programs, which produce three-fourths of all religious broadcasting in the world. Convention delegates voted to develop a "youth bank" of program materials which will include tapes of programs presently being produced for exchange among NRB members. Dr. Benjamin Armstrong, executive secretary of the organization, said religious broadcasters have been placing their programs on the "Top 40" radio stations and finding growing acceptability among both station management and the youthful listening audience.

Pennsylvania State University is launching what is said to be the first U.S. graduate program in religion focusing entirely on American culture. The new curriculum will have both academic and professional orientations, according to Dr. Luther H. Harshbarger, head of the department of religious study. "Our program expects to provide special and dual competences for scholars, researchers and teachers who want to develop programs in secondary schools, community colleges, colleges and universities," he said.

The Southern Baptist Convention, which already has 1,400,000 "tithers," hopes to convince 100,000 additional members to give 10 per cent of their earnings by 1975, according to James Lackey, stewardship commission director. The SBC will strive also to get 99 per cent of its churches to contribute through its Cooperative Program during the same period, and to encourage 1 million Baptists to make a "current Christian will" that includes the church as a beneficiary.

Charles H. Tuttle, who served for many years as general counsel to the Nat'l. Council of Churches, died Jan. 26 at 91 years of age. Notable legal accomplishments of the Episcopalian attorney included his successful defense of N. Y. State's released time religious education program before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1952, and his investigation of political and judicial corruption which laid the foundation for the ultimate downfall of the Tammany administration in the days of Mayor James J. Walker. He helped draft the first statue in any state against discrimination in employment by reason of race, creed or national origin.

Four television commercials containing a catchy jingle and influenced by Sesame Street cartoons have been produced for the "sandbox set" by three Protestant denominations—Christian (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal and the United Methodist Church. Four 30-second spots star children at play—with balloons, a kaleidescope, a wagon, and a talking chicken. "It's nice to share," is the theme of the simple story line.

Of 17 Southern and border states and territories whose Presbyterians split according to Civil War sympathies more than a century ago, Kentucky is the first to have its Presbyterians completely reunited. The reunion was accomplished through the recent merger of each of the United Presbyterians' three presbyteries, or regional governing units, with its counterpart Southern presbytery—into The Presbytery of Louisville (Union).

The Senate of Priests in the Corpus Christi Catholic diocese has called for state aid to non-public schools in Texas. It held that "pressing financial burdens" are a present threat to the survival of non-public schools, and, therefore, a threat to genuine "freedom of education." The rationale of the proposal by the Senate of Priests is "that parents, who are taxpaying citizens, have the constitutional right to choose a non-public school for their children's education and should receive some help from the state in relation to that part of the education of their children which is not religious education." The body holds that freedom of choice in education in the nation is possible "only if privately sponsored schools be allowed to continue to exist."

The Southern Baptist Convention, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., has announced the appointment of the first Thai executive secretary of the United Bible Societies of Thailand and Laos. The 45-year-old Rev. Boon Krong Pitakanon of Bangkok is pastor of Thailand's largest Baptist congregation. He succeeds Chan Y. Choi, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, as executive secretary. The new Bible Society leader said that scripture distribution is an excellent way of expressing the revival spirit evident among many groups in Thailand. "God is working here as never before," he said.

The new academic dean of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., has called for a reexamination of seminary programs and aims. He urged a greater role in the field education aspect of the curriculum. The seminary should stress competence in the ministry rather than over-emphasize scholastic excellence, declared Elmer L. Gray in his inaugural address as academic dean of the Southern Baptist Seminary. Outlining some personal qualities essential for the modern minister, including the ability to think objectively, Mr. Gray added that in no way do these "rule out the working of God. By becoming competent the minister will not rely less on God but rather be available to him for greater service."

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, welcoming a major committee of the World Council of Churches to Addis Ababa, said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but spiritual life does not deny the need for bread. Therefore the spiritual life of humanity must include common aspirations of all of us for a better standard of living and for greater improvement in the quality of human existence."

Mrs. Christian Van Wyk, deputy chairman of the executive board of Women's Aid Service of the largest of three Dutch Reformed Churches in South Africa, declared that persons guilty of "importing and/or distributing drugs" should be given the death penalty. "Drugs destroy the moral values of young people," she asserted, "causing immorality, sexual promiscuity, and an increase in the number of extra-marital births." She reported that many women of the Northern Transvaal branch of her organization agreed that the "crime of drug peddling" should be made "punishable with death."

A national Catholic laymen's group, under the leadership of Dr. Joseph O'Donoghue a former priest of the Washington, D.C. archdiocese and now executive director of the Nat'l Assn. of Laymen (NAL), has announced that it will develop plans for a world ecumenical council of the laity to reform the Roman Catholic Church. Dr. O'Donoghue said the lay council would parallel the official, high-level ecumenical councils such as Vatican II. One of the 42 priests suspended for protesting Pope Paul's encyclical on birth control, Dr. O'Donoghue has long been critical of "closed" episcopal meetings and the total decision-making power of the bishops. "The Church has always listened to good people," he said, "We can still be an authentic voice of the spirit . . . . ."

A private school opened in 1910 by the founder of the Hershey Chocolate Company, Hershey, Pa., has made religion an integral part of its academic program. John A. Cook is director of religious education at the Milton Hershey School and conducts 43 weekly classes in religion. "We don't try to shove religion down their throats," said Mr. Cook, "We strive to show them that the religious man can be a decent, all-American type of person."

Eight church leaders representing a cross-section of Protestantism in Western Canada joined in editing an issue of the Western Catholic Reporter in Edmonton, Alberta. The issue was devoted entirely to the Bible and marked the Jan. 17-24 Christian Unity Week. Douglas J. Roche, editor, commenting on the observance noted that the world is torn by dissent, alienation and accelerating social change and is in a "state of future shock," and declared that only the "timeless messages and values" of the Bible provide the basis for the solution of man's problems today.

Members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches had a full agenda, with crucial issues to be decided upon, when they met January 10-21 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Here six United Methodists on the Central Committee are hard at work (left to right): Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, general secretary of the Board of Missions; Bishop Roy H. Short of the Louisville Area; Bishop Roy C. Nichols of the Pittsburgh Area; Dr. Lois C. Miller, New York, a Board of Missions associate general secretary; Dr. Jose Miguez-Bonino, president of Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Airea, Argentina; Bishop James K. Mathews of the Boston Area. (Methodist Information Photo)

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Feb. 14—Sunday	**Luke 10:25-28**
Feb. 15	**Matt. 13:1-8**
Feb. 16	**Matt. 16:24-28**
Feb. 17	**Matt. 18:1-6**
Feb. 18	**Matt. 18:11-14**
Feb. 19	**John 8:12-19**
Feb. 20	**John 10:7-18**
Feb. 21—Sunday	**John 11:1-26**

BLANCHARD YOUTH GROUP TO VISIT HAUGHTON CHURCH

"God Squad," a youth group from the Blanchard United Methodist Church will put on a program of contemporary and gospel songs and personal testimonies at the Haughton United Methodist Church on Sunday Night, February 14. The program is planned especially for the young people of the district, but adults are also invited.

"God Squad" grew out of a spiritual awakening among the members of the Blanchard UMYF during a Lay Witness Mission several months ago. Mrs. T. C. Shepherd is their counselor, and the Rev. Frank Stage is their pastor. The Rev. Lewis Ovenshire is the Haughton pastor.

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THE SENIOR HIGH UMY of Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will hold a Youth Encounter Week-end, February 19-21. About 20 young people from a number of states will participate in the worship, study and discussion. The pastor is Dr. H. Barry Bailey.

CENTENARY CHURCH, Franklinton, is studying "The Americas – How Many Worlds?" from Jan. 31 to Feb. 28. Outside leaders include: Feb. 7 – Mrs. J. J. Caraway of Hammond, speaking on the Migrant Ministry; Feb. 14 – the Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Perez who are working in the Cuban Refugee Program in New Orleans; and Feb. 28 – the Rev. Antonio Sandoval, Rio Grande Conference pastor from Bishop, Tex. Mission chairmen who have planned the program are Miss Emma Burris and Mrs. Hebert Sisson.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST Church of DeRidder and the Merryville United Methodist Church will be in revival from Sunday, February 14 through Friday, February 19. The evangelist will be the Rev. Danny George, young pastor of the Mineral Springs (Arkansas) United Methodist Church. Services in Merryville will be Monday through Thursday, starting at 6:15 p.m. The services at Wesley will run from Sunday through Friday, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Special music and a children's message will be part of each service. The Rev. Walter Clarke, pastor, invites the public.

MISSION MONTH AT NOEL EMPHASIZES "THE AMERICAS"

Missions month emphasis at Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, during February is under the direction of Mrs. W. D. Snelling, chairman of the Commission on Missions. Mrs. Don Tucker is coordinator of the children's study. The subject is "The Americas."

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, chairman of the Noel Commission on Ecumenical Affairs who recently attended an ecumenical meeting in India, spoke at the first session on "The Americas in Transition."

Dr. Alfredo Nanez, faculty member of Perkins School of Theology and former president of Lydia Patterson Institute at El Paso, will speak on February 14.

Dr. John B. Holt, also of Perkins' faculty, is scheduled to speak on February 21.

Dr. Sam Nader is the Noel minister.

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PANELISTS AT NEW ORLEANS' First Church study of "The Americas" on January 24 included Carlos Bringuier, Cuban author and lawyer; Dr. Richard Arellano, Mexican professor of International Marketing at LSUNO; Dr. Daniel Jimenez, Columbian attending LSU Medical School; Carlos Klejman, from Argentina, now a member of the New Orleans Symphony. Mrs. George W. Pomeroy served as moderator. The Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor.

GARFIELD BEATTIE presented the program and Keith Nash provided the meal for the February 10 meeting of the Methodist Men of Jefferson United Methodist Church, New Orleans. The Rev. Donald J. Hall is the pastor.

GONZALES' SENIOR HIGH UMY presented a musical communication "How the Word Gets Around" at the Sunday evening study of that subject, January 24. It was so well received that the group was asked to present same at morning worship, which was done on Sunday, January 31. The Rev. Charles Humphreys is their pastor.

ISTROUMA UNITED Methodists, Baton Rouge, studied "Communicating the Gospel" during the church school hour on Sunday mornings in January. Mrs. John B. Fox of Broadmoor Church introduced the study, assisted by Mrs. Rose Ann Erickson. Robert Cobb, Jr., a member of the Blackwater Church and a high school student at Central, was in charge of the second program. The concluding session featured a panel discussion with Ervie Ellender as moderator. Panelists were Mrs. Sam Gray, newspaper representative, Mrs. Ervie Ellender, school guidance counselor; Robert Cobb, high school student; and Dr. Lester Bradford, former missionary in Africa. The Rev. Edwin Barksdale is the Istrouma minister.

MISSION STUDY AT PINEVILLE

"How the Word Gets Around" is being studied during the month of February by First United Methodist Church, Pineville.

Session theme and leaders for the study are: Feb. 7–"What is the Word We are to Communicate?"–Charles Goodgame; Feb. 14–"To Whom? A Focus on the Target"–Earl May; Feb. 21–"How Does the Word Get Around?"–Dr. J. C. Kennedy; Feb. 28–"Don't Church Me In"–Mrs. Richard Lohrey.

Speaking at the Sunday evening church services during the study will be the following four persons who will be telling "How the Word Gets Around" through their institution: Feb. 7–Terrel Deville, The Methodist Children's Home; Feb. 14–Miss Louise Sharp, St. Mark's Community Center; Feb. 21–the Rev. Jack Midyett, Methodist Home Hospital; Feb. 28–the Rev. Garland Dean, Conference A Program Council.

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THE CADDO HEIGHTS United Methodist Church in Shreveport presented a mission study recently on a Sunday evening. Mrs. Dallas Alam, WSCS president, led the study on "Where Tomorrow Struggles to Be Born: The Americas in Transition." Jack Baird of the local congregation was the speaker. An interesting display of Latin American clothing, artifacts, ornaments and other items was shown. Other resource persons for this event were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phillips of the church who had recently returned from a visit to see their son in Venezuela.

THE REV. ROBERT EAKER, pastor of the Spanish-American Ministry in New Orleans, was the speaker for the Jan. 24 session of the mission study on the Americas at Carrollton United Methodist Church, New Orleans. Dr. James T. Harris is the pastor.

IN THEIR Jan. 24 session of the study of "How the Word Gets Around," the congregation of First Church, Lafayette, heard from the following representatives of the mass media: Mrs. Ann LeJeune, television; Bob Angers, magazine; Jim Bradshaw, daily newspaper; and Ted Nabors, representing radio. The pastor is the Rev. Edward R. Haug.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH of Lake Charles is having a Churchwide School of Mission during February. The study of "How the Word Gets Around" was presented on February 7 by Dr. Woodrow Hearn. "The Americas" is the subject for two Sunday evenings and the speakers will be Dr. Henry Bowden on the 14th, and Mrs. Cathleen Berry on the 21st. "The Psalms" is the emphasis for February 28 and Mrs. George Chastain, Jr. will lead. The Rev. William P. Fraser is the pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. ROBERT JAMIESON, pastor of Henning Memorial United Methodist Church, Sulphur, was the speaker for the Jan. 20 meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of First Church, Lake Charles. Mr. Jamieson, who is a member of the Southwest Calcasieu Historical Society, spoke on "Early Religious Activities in Southwest Louisiana." Dr. George Pearce, Jr. is the pastor.

BRUCE DIMIER, a senior student at LSU whose home is in New Orleans, will be the leader for the Retreat for the Senior UMYF of First Church, Welsh, to be held at the Lake Charles District Camp, Feb. 19 and 20. He is active in the "Campus Crusade for Christ" and worked last summer as a staff member at the headquarters of that organization in San Bernardino, Calif. The Rev. Bob L. Lawton is the Welsh pastor.

THE WISNER CHURCH fellowship supper on February 10 had a "south of the border" flavor. Food and decorations set the atmosphere for the study of "The Americas – How Many Worlds?" being held in that church on Sunday evenings during February. The Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Jr. is the pastor at Wisner.

ON FEB. 7, the Methodist Men's Sunday School Class of First Church, Shreveport, held a special day honoring all the past presidents of their class. A former president, J. P. McCullough, was the speaker. The class was organized in 1940 with Frank Betts as its first president. John Preston is the current president. Dr. D. L. Dykes is the pastor.

A "LAUNCH NIGHT" for new small groups was held at Slidell United Methodist Church on Feb. 2. George Hay, director of Gulf South Yokefellow, was the resource person for the occasion. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is the pastor.

THE REV. CAROLE COTTON, associate minister at Aurora United Methodist Church, New Orleans, is speaking Feb. 3 and 10 for the Adult Study Group of Lake Vista United Methodist Church in that city. Her theme is "The Changing Role of Women in the Church." The Rev. Edward R. Thomas is the Lake Vista pastor.

CHARLES GRISBAUM, JR. of the staff of the Community Services Council of Jefferson Parish was the speaker for the Feb. 3 meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, New Orleans. He spoke on "Youth and the City." The pastor is the Rev. Charles S. Walker.

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Totals	242	421		663

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Guydan:Lankford	6	22		28
Iowa-Bell City-Hayes:Crofoot	8	25		33
Jennings:Carruth	9	41	1	51
Kinder-Oberlin:Matthew		51		51**
Lake Arthur:Nance	28	13		41**
Fairview-Sweet Lake:Giessen	6	15	1	22
Lake Charles:Pearce	14	141	1	156
Simpson:Bowdon	6	19	1	26
University:Fraser	5	23		28
Leesville-Holly Grove:Tatum	10	30		40
Broadland:Knight		9		9***
Sulphur-Henning:Jamieson	11	62		73
Wesley:Thompson	6	20		26
Welsh:Lawton	3	49		52**
Totals	155	640	7	802

MONROE DISTRICT

Bastrop:Quaid	8	61	1	70
Bonita-Hughes:Brooks	6	18		24**
Collinston:McKnight		13		13
Columbia-Hebert:House	5	21		26
Baskin:McKisson		9		9***
Delhi:Allen	10	19		29
Epps-Floyd:Stegall	9	19		28**
Ferriday:Baker	1	21		22
Gilbert-Beouf Prairie:Holley	8	30		38**
Crew Lake-Union:Medak	3	5		8
Mangham-Crowville:Howes	2	37		39**
Monroe:Lueg	13	40		53
Reveille:Tooke	9	11		20**
Oak Grove:Schwendimann	2	22		24
Rayville-Holly Ridge:Bowdon	2	38		40
Sicily Island-Harrisonburg:Hodges	8	19		27
St. Joseph-Wesley:Henkel	1	14		15
Tallulah:Bell	8	24		32
Waterproof-Clayton:Wingfield	1	13		14
West Monroe:Peyton	33	29		62
Brownsville Larger Parish:Patton	5	23		28**
Claiborne-Wilhite:Lowe	3	2		5
Winnsboro:Miller	9	46		55
Wisner:StAmant	2	22		24
Woodlawn:McKeithen	7	4		11
Totals	155	540	1	696

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

New Orleans				
Carrollton Ave.:Harris	3	32		35
St. Andrew's:Garrett		14		14
Elysian Fields:Fuller	2	5		7
First:Crichlow	33	48		81
Jefferson-St. John's:Hall	26	19		45
Kenner:Duerson	3	11		14
Lake Vista:Thomas	2	5		7
Metairie:McFarland	3	2		5
Munholland:McDowell	43	25		68
Napoleon:Poole	6	24		30
Parker:Hurley		24		24
Rayne:Galloway	14	75	3	92
St. Luke:Woodland	2	7		9
St. Bernard:St. Claude:Evans	4	12		16
St. Mark-John Wesley:Coles		17		17
Trinity-Asbury-Buras:Conerly	2	4		6
Totals	143	324	3	470

RUSTON DISTRICT

Arcadia-Mt. Moriah:York	5	36		41
Bernice-Beech Grove-Summerfield:Terry	2	37		39**
Beinville-Mill Creek-Strange:McDowell	1	20		21
Chatham:Brown	2	12		14
Choudrant-Douglas:Spinks	5	18		23
Clay:Westbrook		7		7
Ansley:Stokes	1	14		15***
Cotton Valley-Pl. Valley:Carter	7	38		45**
Dubach-Hilly:Grant	3	12		15
Harmony Chapel-Lisbon-Arizona:Robinson	4	28		32
Downsville-Bethel-Mt. Nebo:Averett		2		2
Doyline-Sibley:Longfellow	2	5		7
Eros:Ross	1	9		10**
Ruston Greater Circuit Antioch		3		3
Pine Grove-Evergreen-Bethlehem:	5	3		8
Farmerville:Scott	11	19		30
Gibsland-Oak Grove:Taylor	5	8		13
Haynesville-Colquitt:Winegeart	15	28		43
Heflin-Brushwood:Cassels	3	46		49**
Homer-Wesley:Simmons	37	215		252***
Jonesboro-Center Point:Adams	10	29	1	40
Marion-Birds Chapel:Corie		24		24
Minden:Rickey	12	110	4	126
Lake View-McIntyre:Coppage	8	24		32
Ringgold-Grand Bayou-Rockey Mt.	7	46		53**
Ruston-Grace-Wesley:Lynch	14	31		45
Trinity:McGuire	33	426		459***
Simmsboro-Antioch-Salem:Parks	7	44		51**
Springhill-Sarepta:Mayo	3	27	1	31
Totals	203	1321	6	1530

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Blanchard-Belcher:Stage	9	20		29
Bossier City:Rorie	4	28	3	35
St. Stephen's Hall Summit:Cunningham	7	11		18
Cross Roads:Rowe	4	8	1	13***
Haughton-Love:Ovenshire	1	19		20
Holly Springs:McCarty	1	4		5
Ida-Hosston:Edwards		30		30**
Logansport-Bethel:Wilson	27	18		45**
Mansfield-Grand Cane:Harkins	13	19		32
Many-Bayou Scie:Taylor	81	49		130***
Mooringsport:Grove	1	20		21**
Oil City:Durham	3	18		21***
Pl. Hill-Mitchell-Pelican:Constable	11	9	1	21
Pl. Dealing-Walker's:Emanuel	3	18		21
Shreveport Broadmoor:Kilpatrick	36	113		149
First:Dykes	5	59	2	66
Mangum:Brown	11	24		35
Morningside-Stonewall:Felder	13	22		35
Noel:Nader	3	77		80
Wesley-Keithville:Hollingsworth	4	23		27
Wynn Mem:	1	3		4
Vivian-Rodessa:Tohline	9	44		53
Zwolle-Noble-Converse:Dear	7	16		23*
Shreveport - Christ::Baker	41	5		46
Totals	295	730	7	960

Mrs. Ruth Moore, center, has been chosen as the recipient of a trip to the Holy Land, given by the Men's Bible Class of First Church, Winnsboro. Shown with her are William R. Baker, left, chairman of the committee which raised the funds for the trip, and George Miller, who inspired the class to undertake the project. Mrs. Moore will leave March 15 on the two-week's tour.

Mickey Lewis, right, from the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston was the speaker for a recent meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of Homer. He is shown with Dale Foster, president of the group.

WINNSBORO PASTOR AT SEMINAR ON RENEWAL

The Rev. Robert R. Miller, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Winnsboro, is attending the Seminar on Renewal at St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., during the month of February. Financial support from the Conference Committee on Continuing Education and the Winnsboro congregation enabled him to attend this month of study.

During the pastor's absence the Winnsboro pulpit is being filled by the following: the Rev. John Koelemay, chaplain of The Methodist Hospital, New Orleans; the Rev. Theron McKisson, pastor of Baskin United Methodist Church; the Rev. Garland Dean of the Program Council; the Rev. James Wilson, Wesley Foundation director at Northeast State College, Monroe; and David Shirley, a ministerial student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Laymen participating in the services during the month are Cale Martin, Pershing Robinson, Barney Cottingham, William W. House, James Nugent and members of the MYF.

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ELIZABETH LANGFORD is general chairman of the Churchwide School of Mission being conducted in First U.M. Church of Monroe. Classes are held for all age groups on Sunday evenings, beginning January 31. Scheduled as masters of ceremonies were John Witherspoon, Frank Spooner, Bill Buller and James Wooldridge. Dr. James Goorley was the speaker at the first session. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is the pastor.

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Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of His highest willingness.—Richard Chenevix Trench

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* reached quota
** exceeded quota
*** doubled quota
**** tripled quota

RECAPITULATION
Report No. 2
1971 LOUISIANA METHODIST CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Per Cent
Ruston	203	1321	6	1530	1600	96
Hammond	87	440	5	532	1145	47
Lake Charles	155	640	7	802	1730	46
Alexandria	102	502	6	610	1371	45
Lafayette	242	421		663	1649	40
Monroe	155	540	1	696	2122	33
Shreveport	295	730	7	960	3080	32
New Orleans	143	324	3	470	2059	23
Baton Rouge	52	147	1	200	2516	8
TOTALS	1425	4954	36	6415		

MISSION HOSPITAL IN NEW MEXICO DEDICATED

NEW YORK (UMI)—A $2.2 million addition to Espanola Hospital in northern New Mexico was dedicated Jan. 31. The hospital is a major project of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

The addition enlarges the hospital's capacity to 100 beds, allowing it to provide better services to its pluralistic community of Hispanic-Americans, Indians and whites in a large geographic area.

The hospital now includes a new two-story wing, a new mechanical plant and renovation of much of the old structure. Financing for the project was obtained from a local fund drive and gifts from foundations and friends resulting in $320,000 in cash and pledges, and a $1,633,600 grant from the Economic Development Administration. The balance of the $2.2 million was borrowed and will be paid off from operating income and gifts.

Espanola Hospital provides comprehensive modern services such as diagnostic laboratories, a radio-isotope, laboratory, physical therapy department, inhalation therapy, coronary care unit, maternity and pediatric services and an emergency unit.

The hospital is affiliated with the University of New Mexico medical school for intern training and also provides clinical experience for the School of Practical Nursing of McCurdy Schools, a National Division educational facility. It was founded in 1948 by the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. Dr. Samuel Ziegler, first physician to work there, is still on the staff.

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News in Brief

The Rev. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, has announced that he will retire in 1972, his 65th birthday year. Dr. Wicke has held the post since 1965 and on the board staff 20 years in two different terms.

Dr. Thomas J. Kerr, IV, has been named 18th president of the United Methodist-related Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, succeeding Dr. Lynn W. Turner who is retiring. Dr. Kerr has been on the faculty since 1963.

A multipurpose high school dormitory building, constructed in part by student volunteers from across the nation, has been dedicated at Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Ky., a project of the United Methodist Board of Missions' National Division.

The Rev. K. G. McDowell, chairman of the Louisiana Conference A Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, is shown presenting the Rev. Jack H. Midyett, superintendent of The Methodist Home Hospital, an anonymous check in the amount of one thousand dollars for the Home's "Renovation and Capital Improvement Program."

CHURCH TO PROVIDE NEW SERVICES

NEW YORK (UMI) — Major renovations will soon be underway at the First Spanish United Methodist Church here, scene of two occupations in the past year by the Young Lords, to provide a day care center, space for tutoring neighborhood children and quarters for drug addiction treatment—demands made by the militant group of Puerto Ricans.

The move, according to New York Annual Conference officials, marks the culmination of many months of negotiations with the day care division of the Social Services Department of the City of New York, and consulting architects and a construction firm. The negotiations were concurrent with efforts to recover the property from the Young Lords who, for two periods of several weeks, locked the congregation out and used the building for their own purposes before vacating December 9 after a court injunction.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 21: Knowing and Doing God's Will

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:21-29; 21:23-32

MEMORY SELECTION: Not every one who says to me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover how we might know the will of God with some reasonable assurance; to gain an understanding of the way in which we can do that will in our own lives once we have discovered what it is.

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We hear a great deal these days about the problems of "the generation gap." We often wonder what it is that "turns the younger generation off" from those who are adults. Our lesson today will take us into this territory, because one of the characteristics of our young people is that they cannot endure hyprocrisy among their elders. This is by no means the sole condition of the alienation, but we must face the fact that most of us do not do as well as we know in our relationships with God and man.

No question causes us greater concern than this: How can we know God's will with any kind of assurance? Jesus knew that many who were following him were asking that question, and he sought to give an answer by using a number of short parables which should have settled the issue once and for all. Yet we will all be thinking of how much we are like some of those in Jesus' time who moved him to say, "Not every one who says, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." People are truly serious about wanting to discover the will of God for their lives, and yet how few of us have the satisfaction of feeling that we have really attained that goal?

Too many people think that the will of God is identified with unhappiness and tragic circumstances. This is an idea that we need to get rid of. Jesus did not believe that, and the parables in today's lesson help us see this. Another thing we will be seeing here is that Jesus had a great deal to say about doing the will of God. This is the most positive aspect of these stories. However, there is plenty of evidence around us to show that it takes more than knowing the will of God to do it—the additional ingredient is called motivation. All through the lesson we need to examine the characters in the stories to see what made them act like they did.

Dr. Laymon says in **International Lesson Annual:** "Applying Jesus' teachings today requires dedication as well as knowledge. It calls for an inner sensitivity to God's spirit so that we may learn God's will and be guided by it."

There are two simple stories in our material today: the first tells of the houses built on the sand and on the rock, while the other speaks of two sons —the one who said he would do his father's will by working in the vineyard and then failing to report for duty, while the other said he would not work but did. These two brothers are as interesting in their contrasts as the prodigal and his elder brother.

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NOT EVERY ONE WHO SAYS "LORD, LORD"

Our first story comes near the end of the Sermon on the Mount. In the introduction to this parable Jesus deals with the place of obedience. By the time Matthew was written the disciples were referring to Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth. This emphasis is on the absurdity of profession without performance. We hear Jesus saying that he does not want men to call him "Lord" in private prayer or public worship if they are not willing to obey his commands.

Jesus was surrounded by people who addressed him this way. This was the everyday language of his followers, and yet his heart broke continually as he saw through their words to the deeds that were lacking. Two important words here are "saith" and "doeth." How often we have known people who spoke out clearly concerning the high goals and purposes of life, but those words could not be heard because of their deeds?

Jesus was making the point that it is ridiculous to address a man as "my teacher" if you pay no attention to his teaching. There have been periods in the history of the Christian Church when certain words including the name of Jesus have been used as a sort of magic formula. In our own day we have seen those who sought to exploit his name without making any effort to help bring his kingdom in. Faith and worship have been used as substitutes for helping Christ's kingdom come.

Dr. George Buttrick says in **Interpreter's Bible:** "A man ought not to expect light on God's will in life's intricacies of conduct if he is unwilling to follow a clear will in life's simplicities." Mark Twain spoke on this theme when he said, "It's not the parts of the Bible that I don't understand that bother me. It's the parts that I do understand that give me trouble."

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WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

The story of the wise and foolish builders ends with the words, "And great was the fall of it." In Matthew these are the concluding words of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus used this story to bring together all that he had been saying and to establish a mood of urgency.

He told them of two builders who made diametrically opposite choices concerning the stuff with which they built the foundations for their homes. Let us remember that Jesus had worked in the building trade and knew how crucial this choice was. In the dry land where he lived there are many days when it does not seem to matter where one builds — the sand is almost as hard as the rock. Yet Jesus had seen those other days when the torrential rains came down from the hills to destroy structurcs that did not have strong foundations.

Storms do come in life—it is not enough to prepare for just the happy days. Can we not see the picture in Jesus' mind of those other days? He was thinking with his own disciples concerning the testing times they would know because of their allegiance to him. He was thinking of those days that come to all men when their faith is tested and spiritual structures built on the sand are swept away. Who has not seen human houses "fall in"—crumble in sudden ruin—before the onset of business calamity, or the overwhelming storm of sorrow? And who has not seen other houses endure however the pitiless rain might beat down?

Throughout this story we see Jesus speaking as an architect with authority. He does not leave any doubt about the kind of people he is visualizing as building on sand. He says, "Every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand." Only on this truth can the life of men and nations stand. Yet so many fail to see the direct connection between Jesus' teachings and their conduct. This is what the Sermon on the Mount is all about.

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THE STORY OF THE TWO SONS

The second of our parables is found in Matthew 21 and is very similar to the first with its emphasis on finding and doing the will of God. A man had two sons, one of whom was rebellious while the other constantly put on a show of respect for his father. However, when the time of testing came it was a different story. When the father asked the defiant son to work for him in the vineyard he was rude and disrespectful and said he would not go. Yet he changed his mind and did the work assigned to him. The other was polite and said that he would work, but he only paid lip service and did not go. Jesus then raised the question, "Which of the two did the will of his father?"

Continuing the application, Jesus used the method of dramatic contrast which was characteristic of him, comparing the rebellious son to tax collectors and harlots who had rejected God but were now to be found in the company of Jesus' followers. On the other hand, he makes the point that the religious leaders of his day had previously paid lip service to God, but were now opposed to what he was trying to do through Christ.

Many people in that day and in ours have given lip service to religion and their loyalty to God and the Bible, while at the same time they have been obstructionists when the will of God became obvious. It seems so difficult for some people to accept this central teaching of Jesus. Clearly pointing his finger of accusation at the religious elite who were plaguing him as he now approached his cross, he said, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of heaven before you." (Matt. 21:31)

One of the serious questions confronting churchmen today concerns the mission of the church. Where is the will of God being done today? Many new forms of ministry have been implemented and many who have been accustomed to giving lip service to God within the traditional religious patterns are opposing them. These parables speak to us so directly concerning these tensions many of us now feel.

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DISTURBING THE RIGHTEOUS

How this parable must have grated on the self-righteous people as he reminded them that what they said with their lips was not enough to qualify them for membership in the kingdom. These were people who by tradition had come to believe that this was the route into God's presence. Many of us are direct descendants of that company, and we do not like to be reminded that what we say will be measured by what we do.

A minister once described his mission as "comforting the disturbed and disturbing the comfortable." Isn't this the kind of work Jesus did, especially in these little stories about which we are talking today?

In a number of meetings we have attended recently the emphasis has been on bringing together the positions of the pietists and the activists. It may have appeared for a time that a Christian had to vote for one of these philosophies or the other. Just ahead of us we may see a new vitality in the Christian faith as we rediscover what Jesus was talking about in our lesson for today—saying that we have faith in his Lordship and then working with all our energy to achieve the goals of his kingdom.

There is a new emphasis on worship and ritual in our time, and this is bringing new vitality to many churches. However, this can be no more than lip service unless the church with a truly great worship program is also engaged in a program of outreach to meet human need and work against injustice.

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HEARING AND DOING GOD'S WILL

Someone has told the story of a visitor being carried on a tour of a great oil refinery. It contained some of the most modern machinery and seemed to be a model of petroleum production. Then the visitor asked his guide what the oil was used for that was being made there. He was told that there was no oil to sell because it took the entire production of the refinery to lubricate the machinery.

Stability in the Christian life comes from knowing and obeying the teachings of Christ. Most of us do not do as well as we know, and so the problem is not so much one of knowledge as of motivation. We have been told that over and over again Jesus stresses the principle that the will of God is something to be done—not just something to be believed in; something to be said.

Jesus has warned us that the emotion which says, "I go," and is not straightway translated into deeds is the kind of insincerity that is worse than denial. A word which Jesus often used was "straightway," for his commands are vibrant with immediacy. He said, "We must work . . . while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." (John 9:14)

There are so many tasks challenging the church today. None of us dares risk our eternal part in the kingdom by just giving lip service to the will of God. "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

UNITED METHODIST MISSIONS — Botswana to Zambia

NEW YORK (UMI)—A new symbol of ecumenism and other signs of church progress in the Philippines, growing strength in United Methodism's new missionary outreach in Botswana, and probable atonomy for United Methodist Conferences in Hong Kong and Taiwan are among news items in recent reports from around the world.

The reports have been provided to members of the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions by staff executives of the Division. News items culled from the staff reports follow.

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Taiwan. At its 1970 session, the Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference voted to request United Methodism's 1972 General Conference to grant it the authority to become an affiliated autonomous church when the requirements of the Discipline for autonomy have been fulfilled.

China. As far as is known by the World Division, and "by all reports available to us," the Division staff reported, "all open practice of religion has been suppressed since the Red Guard rampages of 1966-67 when every church, temple, mosque and monastery was closed or converted to secular uses. However, we have seen no official policy statement to cancel the Constitutional guarantee of 'freedom of religious belief.' For the time being it appears China will remain by choice isolated in most ways from many other nations."

Hong Kong. Construction of the United Christian Hospital began in 1970. Financial assistance has been pledged by North American and British mission boards and the German Central Agency. Additional financial assistance is being provided by the Hong Kong government and other local support. The Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference has voted unanimously to become autonomous in 1972 and to seek self-support by the same date. It is expected that church union with the Chinese Methodist Church and the Church of Christ in China may come at about the same time as autonomy. The final construction of the refugee village "St. Andrew's by the Sea, Taipo" has been completed, providing 200 living units and four shop spaces.

Philippines. The Roman Catholic Church has invited the Philippines Protestant churches to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the introduction of Christian faith to the Philippines. The United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ in the Philippines accepted the invitation. In the United Methodist Church, the Southwest Philippines Provisional Annual Conference has been formed and divided into three districts. Three annual conferences (among a total of six) voted for full autonomy of the Philippines church. Mary Johnston Hospital added a new service building and prepared to start construction on the long awaited annex, and the Mary Johnston School of Nursing is set to construct another building. Philippines Wesleyan College survived a serious crisis in leadership, administration and finance.

Europe. The United Methodist Conferences in Europe represent a wide spectrum of missionary activity. Some of them are missionary-sending conferences. The Swiss Conference, the three conferences in West Germany, the conferences of Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland have well organized mission boards engaged in the recruitment, training and finding of missionaries. At present more than 100 persons representing these conferences are serving in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Substantial funds are also raised to support the program of United Methodist Churches located in the continents mentioned above.

"The economic affluence of the Western European countries has enabled the churches to have adequate resources so that they may participate actively in the World Mission of the United Methodist Church; successful efforts are being made to correlate the sending programs of the European boards with the World Division program," the World Division staff report said.

Several European conferences are receiving conferences; their membership is not sufficiently large to provide self-support. Two factors make World Division support essential, the Division staff said. "One is that the United Methodist Church receives no support from governments as do some of the large State Churches, but must depend upon the contributions of its small constituency. The second is that many of these conferences are located in Eastern Zone countries where some limitations are placed upon the institutional church. These differ from country to country but usually affect adversely the growth potential of the organized church. However, the United Methodist congregations in East Europe continue to show astounding vitality despite many problems. The response from those who are privileged to hear the Gospel is most heartening."

Botswana. Here where African Methodists have taken the lead in a "foreign mission" outreach, reports indicate that the first school year is proceeding well. However, there are still unmet needs as far as buildings and missionary housing is concerned. Mr. and Mrs. Denbow, a young couple with previous experience in Africa, have gone to the field, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rothrock will be ready to go around February 1. The Loyd Schaad family will be transferred from Angola to Botswana, and will be doing agricultural and medical work.

Kenya. The World Division has received indications that the Kenya Methodist Church is interested in developing a closer relationship with other churches including the United Methodist Church. It has primary relationship to British Methodism.

Zambia. Bishop Ralph Dodge who serves as chaplain at the Mindolo Ecumenical Centre, reports that there has been considerable discussion about the question of "Zambianization." It may be that the time has come when the World Division will be asked to withdraw some of its missionaries and transfer its support to nationals, the Division staff report speculated.

Nigeria. There is hope for the beginning of a public health program at a northern Nigeria hospital to which the World Division is related when new staff arrives during the next few months. Also hoped is that an agriculturalist will be available for Nigeria soon, to work through the Muri Christian Training School. Agricultural and public health programs should begin to deal with some basic problems of that part of Nigeria.

RURAL HEALTH CENTER DEDICATED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

NEW YORK (UMI) — About 300 persons attended the dedication of the Rural Mission Health Center on Johns Island, S.C., on January 19, with Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of the Columbia Area of the United Methodist Church giving the principal address.

The United Methodist Church is closely associated with the clinic through the National Division, Board of Missions, and Dr. Eldred B. Heisel of Columbus, Ohio, a United Methodist physician who was instrumental in starting the medical facility.

The health center, located in a specially-renovated addition to Bethlehem United Methodist Church, is operated through Rural Mission Inc., an interdenominational, interracial, nonprofit agency which already sponsors other work in the Sea Islands, off the coast of South Carolina.

So far, Dr. Heisel, who travels to the clinic weekly from Columbus, is the only medical doctor on the staff. The clinic's most pressing need is for a full-time, permanent physician, according to Miss Betty J. Letzig, executive secretary for health ministries of the National Division.

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• Division of Curriculum Resources meets

Need for continuous review and adaptation of study materials recognized

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The agency responsible for Christian education resources in the United Methodist Church acted recently to step up interpretation of resources and training of church school teachers in the use of materials.

Members of the Division of Curriculum Resources of the Board of Education meeting here January 25-27 reaffirmed their confidence in the church school materials. They also agree that there must be continuing review and adaptation of materials to changing needs and new educational media.

Following comments that "when people know our resources, they will use them," the division instructed its general secretary, Dr. Henry M. Bullock, to seek "adequate interpretation and training of teachers in the use of curriculum resources." It authorized the installation of a telephone service for "instant communication" with persons having questions about resources.

The division also authorized a guide for new church school teachers on how to use curriculum resources, a tool which pastors also could use in orienting new and prospective teachers.

Gary H. Vincent, manager of Graded Press which produces the curriculum resources, pointed out that circulation decreases have generally paralleled declining church school attendance since the mid-60s.

With division president, Bishop Francis E. Kearns; Canton, Ohio, in the chair, the division also authorized a study of the possible need for a new children's curriculum series and heard reports on continuing efforts to sensitize staff to the perspectives and concerns of blacks and other minority groups.

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Police-Community Relations Workshop reviews pilot project

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — A year's experiences of church-related task forces in building police-community relationships in seven cities were shared at a workshop here, made possible by the United Methodist Fund for Reconciliation.

Some 60 representatives of task forces, plus consultants, shared in the second annual mid-winter workshop of the Police-Community Relations Project. These included the seven pilot cities plus seven more now getting under way. According to the Rev. John P. Adams, Washington, director, the project is primarily a "broker" of information and resources to communities. All of the programs are ecumenically based.

Issues dominating this workshop included police use of firearms, recruitment and promotion of ethnic policemen, handling of citizen complaints and grievances and the relationships of churches to police chaplains. Adams noted that the ethnic approach had broadened during the year from almost exclusively blacks to include other groups, especially Mexican-American.

Without any real choice in the matter, "churchmen are being thrust" into such issues, Adams pointed out, and the experience can be "both delicate and dangerous." The prime effort of the project, however, is to help the church "be a positive factor, rather than negative."

During the past year, the pilot cities have been Oakland, Calif.; Tucson, Ariz.; Memphis, Tenn.; South Bend, Ind.; Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pa. Additional task forces are now at work in Houston, Tex.; Omaha, Nebr.; Akron, Ohio; Syracuse, N.Y.; Jackson, Miss.; Flint, Mich., and Wilmington, Dela.

Mrs. Carolyn Wilhelm, New York, of the Women's Division, Board of Missions, is associate coordinator for the project, which has a $35,000 annual grant from the Fund for Reconciliation. Adams is on the staff of the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns.

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A dining room table with children's eager, hungry faces around it, ceases to be a mere dining room table, and becomes an altar.—Strunsky

motive *to become independent corporation*

NASHVILLE, Tenn (UMI) — **motive** magazine, controversial United Methodist periodical, will become an independent corporation July 1, 1971, according to action taken at the annual meeting of the United Methodist Board of Education here January 25-27.

Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education which has published **motive,** and Robert E. Maurer, **motive** editor, stressed that the plan for the new corporation was mutually acceptable.

Dr. Wicke said, "We want it clearly understood that the United Methodist Church has not thrown the child out of the house. This is not a sudden inspiration but a recommendation we are making in mutual agreement following a thorough study."

During the 1969 annual meeting of the division action was taken to provide financial support for the magazine for three years with instructions that "an ecumenical home" be sought. At this recent meeting a committee was appointed to study **motive** during 1971. Whether the magazine will continue to receive support from the division beyond the end of this calendar year will depend upon the recommendations of that committee.

All staff and members of the Board of Education will resign from **motive** positions July 1, 1971 and all members of the staff of **motive** will resign as members of committees of the Board of Education.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

11. Organizing for Mission

Chapter 8 of the Plan moves into the matters of structure and organization and will require several columns for adequate treatment.

While recognizing that there are elements of congregational, presbyterian, connectional and episcopal forms of polity in the proposed organization it asks that none of these designations be retained in the new structure. As in the other areas of the church's life, structures shall be open to experimentation and change.

The levels at which the united church will be organized are the parish, the district, the region and the nation. We will take a quick look at each level, indicating points of similarity and difference between our present form of United Methodist organization and that proposed.

The parish, although it may consist of only one congregation, will normally consist of several congregations and developing task groups. The congregations making up a parish will not necessarily be contiguous but will be formed to include diverse elements in different parts of a city or rural section. It certainly does not mean that all churches of the uniting denominations in a given geographical section will become part of the same parish.

The district will be more nearly like the Annual Conference than the district organization with which we are familiar in United Methodism. This will be the unit over which a bishop presides. The Plan recognizes that districts will be of different sizes but suggests that 75 parishes might be ideal. From this you can see that there would be a large number of districts and many bishops in the new church.

The region would compare with our jurisdiction in The United Methodist Church. It is pointed out that regional boundaries need not conform to the geographical structures current in the uniting churches. "The regions, as in the case of the districts, may differ in size, but not in their essential function." The region would provide program resources and leadership for the districts and will carry responsibility for such areas as communication, training, and joint planning, in association with national agencies and district and parish structures.

Included in the area of **the nation** will be the appropriate legislative assembly which will establish a relatively lean bureaucratic structure, substantially less than a combination of the staffs of the uniting churches. The staffs would serve in those areas which cannot be implemented by structures in the region, district, or parish. Because the united church will reach out in mission and service far beyond the borders of the nation there will be kept in mind the possibility that some future unions might encompass more than the political boundaries of a single nation. United Methodists will see this as happening at the time we should elect to come into such a union.

In every area of the new structure, in both lay and ordained leadership, the united church shall assure all races, various age groups, and both sexes the right of full participation. To that end each parish and each governing body beyond the parish shall have a committee on equity to assure the implementation of these principles.

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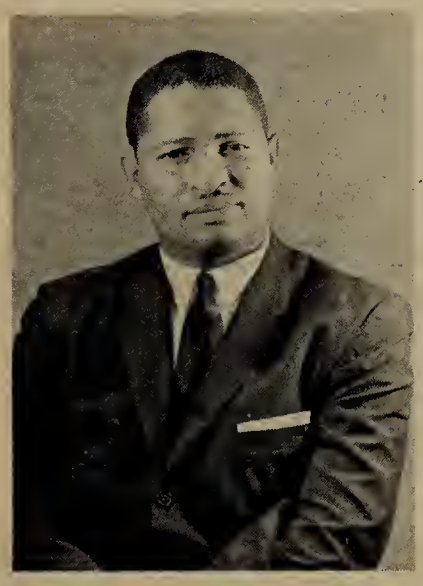
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) – New officers of the 750-member Christian Educators Fellowship of the United Methodist Church, elected at a recent meeting of the CEF Board of Directors, are (l. to r.): Miss Ethel R. Johnson, Syrocuse, N.Y., member-at-lorge; the Rev. R. Horold Hipps, Nashville, Tenn., executive officer; the Rev. Donald E. Barnes, Dallas, Tex., chairman; Miss Emma Moe Richordson, El Paso, Tex., secretary; the Rev. James H. Holmes, New York City; and Richord E. Van Skike, Denver, Colo., treasurer. Beginning in 1972, full membership in CEF will be limited to ministers, directors, and associates in education who hove goined professional certification by the church. Associate membership will then be open to others who ore working in Christian education.

Participants in a panel on the study "Latin America" – "How Many Worlds" held at First Church, New Orleans recently. BACK ROW (from left): Brian Ausburn, Missions Work Area chairman; Dr. Carlos Bringuier (Cuba), author, lawyer, American businessman; Carlos Klejman (Argentina), musician with New Orleans Symphony; Raymond Forbish, panel coordinator; FRONT: Dr. Daniel Jimenez (Columbia), Rockefeller Scholar, LSU Medical School; Mrs. George W. Pomeroy, moderator, who presented "Overview" at an earlier session, and Dr. Richard Arellano (Mexico), International Marketing professor, Louisiana State University at New Orleans.



The Rev. Abraham E. Davis, now in his eighth year as pastor of Saint Paul United Methodist Church (Conference B) in Shreveport, has been named to the 1971 edition of DICTIONARY OF INTERNATIONAL BIOGRAPHY. David is President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance in the Shreveport-Bossier City area. In 1966 he was named to "Who's Who In The Methodist Church." He was nominated by Perkins School of Theology in Dallas and the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga. for the Parish Ministers' Fellowship which enabled him to study at the Ecumenical Center for Continuing Education at Yale University during the summer of 1970.

MRS. ELIZABETH S. PIERCE

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Pierce of Tallulah died at Delta Haven Nursing Home on Jan. 13 at the age of 95. The funeral service was held at First United Methodist Church in Tallulah, with the Rev. Clark W. Bell, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Pierce, a valued member of of the Tallulah Church and church school, was also a member of the National and Louisiana Retired Teachers' Association. She taught for many years in the Philippines and in the Tallulah High School. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary teachers' fraternity and the Tallulah Book Club.

ABOVE: Dr. Raleigh Pickard (r.) and his wife, Louisa, shown with the Rev. James L. Stovall, during their recent visit at St. Matthew's UM Church in Metairie. Dr. Pickard is an opthalmologist and medical director of the Holston Methodist Hospital in Yadgiri, Mysore State, India. He is seeking funds for a much needed Nurses' Hostel Extension.

UPPER LEFT: Brenda Feger models an Indian "sari" assisted by Mrs. Pickard.

LOWER LEFT: Dr. Pickard and the Rev. Milton Guttierrez, associate pastor at St. Matthews, lead the youth in Indian and American folk songs. Mrs. Pickard provided an autoharp accompaniment for the singing of Indian hymns.

(The Nurses' Hostel Extension project, for which Dr. Pickard is seeking funds is fully approved by the United Methodist Board of Missions. Persons or groups interested in contributing are requested to send funds to the Board of Missions with the designation "FOR NURSES' HOSTEL EXTENSION.")

LSU WESLEY FOUNDATION TEAM PRESENTS PROGRAM OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

A team of students from the Louisiana State University Wesley Foundation produced "A Celebration Appropriating the Music of Simon and Garfunkel" for a joint meeting of the junior high and senior high UMYFs at First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge on Sunday night, January 31. An overflow crowd of youth and adult counselors joined the LSU students in a penetrating look at the music of these contemporary musicians. The program was under the direction of Steve Fleming, a junior at LSU from Dallas, Texas, and vice president for Program in the LSU Wesley Foundation. The Rev. Delton Pickering is the Wesley Foundation campus minister.

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The Methodist Men of Love Chapel UM Church in Haughton saved their church more than $300 by being "do-it-yourselfers." Undaunted by steep 35-foot gables on each end of the church, Bobby Dodson, Clarence Robbins, William O'Kelly and the Rev. Lewis Ovenshire, pastor, climbed to the top of the building to paint, while other men painted the lower trim. The WSCS supplied reinforcement in the form of lunch and coffee breaks for the 10 painters.

Participants in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity observance at St. Michael Catholic Church in Crowley. FROM LEFT: the Rev. Charles Dubois, associate pastor at host church; the Rev. B. E. Bond, First UM pastor who presented the message; the Rev. A. B. Caesar, pastor of CME Church; the Rev. Leonard Nelson, Trinity Episcopal pastor and Lee Seilhan. This was the second in a series of three ecumenical services which marked the special week. The first service in the form of a panel discussion was held at First Presbyterian Church, and the concluding service of worship at Israelite Baptist Church featured a sermon by Msgr. Charles Mallet, St. Michael's pastor.

At recent meeting of the Tangi-Helena Sub-District (Region B in Hammond District) held at Pine Ridge United Methodist Church. BACK ROW (l. to r.): The Rev. Walter Worthy, host pastor; J. D. Bridges, speaker; the Rev. Larry Stafford, counselor; Jeff McClain, treasurer. The young ladies in front row are other officers.

Some of the college students present for Student Recognition Sunday at First Church, New Iberia with the Rev. Lynn Merrill (center back), who preached at the two morning worship services. To his right is his father, the Rev. Merlin Merrill, Lafayette District superintendent, and to his left the Rev. Fred Flurry, New Iberia pastor.

Danny Sutherland with parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sutherland, and David Harper with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harper are pictured here with Pastor Fred S. Flurry as they received God and Country Scouting awards at a recent worship service.

Father Richard C. Nowery (second from left) was guest speaker for the recent mission study held at First UM Church, Alexandria. Intrigued by Father Nowery's communication equipment are (from left): Dr. Bentley Sloane, pastor; Malcolm Justice, chairman for the study; the Rev. DeWitt Ginn, associate pastor, and Dr. H. L. Johns, retired minister from Monroe. (Photo by Ethel Holloman, TOWN TALK staff)

Kentwood Methodist Men, shown here, heard the Rev. Landrum Salley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Kentwood at a recent meeting. Two important projects of this group are the Conference 1000 Club and sending of money to assist the Methodist Men's Club at Angola. The Rev. Vernon Fairley is pastor.

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Administrative officials of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in New Orleans rejoice as final payment on the $170,000 indebtedness on the sanctuary constructed fourteen years ago is made. A Service of Celebration is planned for Sunday, February 28. On that date, the Rev. W. Spencer Wren, pastor of St. Luke's Church from 1951-58--the years of planning, construction and financing of the sanctuary, will return as guest preacher for the special occasion. Wren is presently a member of the faculty at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado and is associate secretary of the Colorado Council of Churches. SEATED (l. to r.) during the final transaction: Clyde Hendrick and L. C. Pigford. The Rev. J. Philip Woodland, pastor stands, second from right, in picture.

Georgia conferences approve merger plan

ATLANTA, Ga. . . . In a vote which is expected to be challenged before the Judicial Council in April, the predominantly white North Georgia Annual Conference and the black Georgia Annual Conference approved a plan of merger in called sessions on Feb. 4 and 6.

The white conference approved merger by a vote of 486 to 360, and the black conference voted 125 to 26 for the plan. The new conference would be called the "North Georgia Conference." Its boundaries would be the same as the former North Georgia Conference, except that black churches in the southern half of Georgia would be contained in an "attached district."

It is the "attached district," as well as the plan generally, that will receive close scrutiny by the Judicial Council when it meets April 21-25 at St. Simons Island, Ga.

Georgia leaders tried unsuccessfully to pass racial merger in 1969 and 1970 in a plan which was approved by the North Georgia and Georgia Conferences, but was twice defeated by the white South Georgia Conference.

Members of the national Commission on Religion and Race have announced informally that they will ask the Judicial Council for a declaratory judgement on the constitutionality of the plan. Their point is that all the black churches in the southern half of Georgia would be placed in an "attached district" which appears segregated.

Following the second defeat of the merger plan by the South Georgia Conference, Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta, who presides over all three of the annual conferences in Georgia, proposed that North Georgia and Georgia write a new plan under which the two conferences that approved merger might come together.

A new plan was written last fall by a 120 member interracial committee headed by Paul Webb, Jr., an Atlanta attorney. This was the plan which was recently adopted.

Bishop Smith told delegates that Dr. Murray Leiffer of Evanston, Ill., president of the Judicial Council, has invited him to appear April 22 to plead the case for the newly adopted plan.

Though the South Georgia Conference is not included in the present merger, there is a possibility that the body may vote again at its June sessions. In the two past votes, a merger plan was defeated by close margins.

DR. MYRON WICKE TO RETIRE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. Myron F. Wicke, secretary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, has announced that he will retire in 1972, his 65th birthday year.

Dr. Wicke was a staff member of the Methodist Board of Education from 1949 to 1958 and returned as associate general secretary in 1961. In 1965 he became general secretary of the division. From 1958 to 1961 he was dean of the college of arts and sciences at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.

Louisiana pastors attending St. Paul Renewal Seminar

Three pastors from Louisiana Conference A are among the 33 from fifteen states who are attending a Continuing Education Seminar at the Center for Renewal, Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, during the month of February. They are: the Rev. Sale Lilly, Davidson United Methodist Church, Lafayette; the Rev. Robert R. Miller, First United Methodist Church, Winnsboro; and the Rev. Edward O. Pickens, First United Methodist Church, Denham Springs.

The ministers, who are dealing with "The Renewal of the Church," were nominated to the seminar by their bishops upon recommendation of their district superintendents and their Annual Conference Board of the Ministry. A similar class was held during January with 14 present. This is the fifth winter that the seminar has been presented.

During the month the pastors are involved in an intensive program of exposure to the world, study, and dialogue concerning how the Church may be strengthened for its mission and ministry. The pastors have first-hand encounters with many of the crisis areas of society, followed by reflection as to how the Church may effectively and realistically minister to these critical problems. Typical learning experiences include visits to various community organizations and agencies, as well as to groups such as the Black Action Training Center at 25th and Troost.

A panel discussion on "Systems of Our Society" included persons representing the following: police—Officer Richard Gardner; health—Jerry Peruse; education—Dr. Robert MacNever; communication—Walt Bodine.

Faculty scholars in various fields such as Bible, theology, ethics, sociology, psychology and education provided data to help these ministers understand the role of the Church and their role as pastors in contemporary society, assisting them in developing more adequate ministries.

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News in Brief

Dr. W. Russell Hindmarsh, professor of atomic physics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and vice-president of the British Methodist Conference, will deliver the keynote address at the opening session of the 12th World Methodist Conference in Denver, Colo., August 18.

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Dr. Eugene H. Countiss receives an award for "distinguished and unselfish medical service" to the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans since 1937. Dr. George W. Pomeroy (right) makes the presentation.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton (right) presents Attorney Max M. Schaumburger an award for 48 years of "distinguished and unselfish legal service" to the Home.

Pair recognized for service to hospital

A highlight of the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Home Hospital was the presentation of awards for "Distinguished and Unselfish Service" to a doctor and an attorney who have served for many years.

At the meeting held at the Home on January 28 presentations were made to Dr. Eugene H. Countiss for medical service since 1937 and to Max M. Schaumburger who has given legal service to the Home since 1923.

Members of the board from the three participating Annual Conferences —Louisiana Conference A, Mississippi Conference and North Mississippi Conference—were present for the meeting. Dr. B. A. Galloway, chairman, presided.

The board strongly urged the three member conferences to lend full support to the "Renovation and Capital Improvement Program" of the Home, since much needs to be done to restore the building.

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AT LEFT: The new First United Methodist Church parsonage located at 205 College Drive in Hammond was completed February 1. The Henry C. Blounts are the parsonage family who will have the good fortune to occupy the new residence which contains 3,000 square feet—with four bedrooms and three baths.

Comment invited on World Peace Resolution

The following resolution on world peace was adopted by the Boards of Christian Social Concerns of Louisiana Conferences A and B at their joint meeting in Alexandria, Jan. 23-24. The Rev. J. Philip Woodland of the Conference A Board has asked us to print the statement and to invite comments and responses to it to be sent to the **Louisiana Methodist.**

RESOLUTION

We believe that war is the foremost problem facing man in our world today and that the search for Christian answers to this problem should be one of our foremost concerns; and that the Church should speak positively and specifically to its membership and to the world concerning the Christian answers to this problem. The following statements are prepared to this end:

First; Believing that love is more powerful than force of any kind, that war serves only to multiply the evils it seeks to solve, we call upon the nations of the world to discard war as a method of solving international problems and to set as a goal and begin immediately to work toward total and complete disarmament.

Second: Believing that war is evil, not only in general but in particular, we commend the President of the United States for his effort to bring American soldiers home from Vietnam. However, believing that Vietnamization is not peace, we call upon the President and leaders of the United States, as well as all other parties in the Vietnam conflict, to withdraw all military support as well as personnel from Vietnam. And believing that the withdrawal of military personnel while increasing military arms support is not consistent, we specifically urge our own leaders to eliminate the entire United States military presence in Vietnam, and that we give all support possible to construction and peaceful projects in that war-torn country.

Third: Believing that the treatment of military prisoners should be universally humane and that the holding of military prisoners serves no useful purpose in modern warfare, we urge leaders on both sides of the Vietnam conflict to release all prisoners of war; and until such time as this release can be fully accomplished, that all prisoners of war be given unlimited mail privileges and full communication with the outside world, as well as humane physical and emotional treatment.

Fourth; Believing that the same principles set down above in relation to the particular war in Vietnam apply to all particular wars now going on in the world, including the Middle East and Cambodian conflict, we urge that these same principles be applied and that the United States, as well as all other countries involved turn all resources now being used in the destructive forces of war toward rebuilding these countries and toward the healing and constructive program of peace.

Fifth: Believing that peace in the world can be brought earliest and best by the cooperative effort of all warring countries, we request that copies of this report be sent to our own President, to the heads of state of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Israel, the United Arab Republic, Jordan, Russia, China, Cambodia, and to all other nations who are members of the United Nations.

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ECUMENICAL EMPHASIS AT BLACKWATER CHURCH

The Blackwater United Methodist Church is giving emphasis to the Ecumenical movement during the month of February, under the direction of Mrs. Eugene McGehee, chairman of Ecumenical Affairs in that church.

Two Baton Rouge clergymen, the Rev. Verl Underwood, pastor of First Christian Church and the Rev. Gerald LeFebvre, of St. Isadore Catholic Church, were participants in a program on Sunday evening, February 7. LeFebvre and the Rev. William C. Blakely, Blackwater United Methodist Church pastor, had performed an interfaith marriage in the United Methodist Church on the preceding evening.

Baton Rouge ministers who took part in a panel program during the February 14 evening worship were the Rev. Brady Brittain of Grace Baptist Church, and the Rev. Edgar T. Van Buren of the Unitarian Fellowship.

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New Orleans Board of Missions Annual Meeting

ABOVE RIGHT: Dr. Harry Kumuro, in charge of Special Ministries with the National Division of the Bd. of Missions, was featured speaker at the evening session of the New Orleans District Bd. of Missions meeting on Feb. 1. Dr. George W. Pomeroy (r.), District superintendent, presided. CENTER: Dr. Kenneth G. McDowell, Munholland UM Church, host pastor is shown with Mrs. McDowell. LEFT: Among the 150 persons present for the meeting were Mrs. George W. Pomeroy (l.) and Mrs. Charles Cadwallader. (Dr. Kumuro spoke concerning the work with minority groups; reports from the District treasurer, District Bd. of Church Building and Location were presented)

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Editorial

LENT — "E - Minus Forty"

In these days of space travel we have grown accustomed to thinking in terms of "countdowns" as the anxiety mounts concerning the dramatic moments in these history-making flights. We are also reminded that during World War II we were conditioned to think in terms of the approaching days of great decision. We can recall what "D—minus ten" meant in relation to a dramatic event like the invasion of Europe. Ash Wednesday which comes next week reminds us of one of the most significant "countdowns" as the Lenten Season begins and we look toward Easter. It will be "E—minus forty" as we look ahead to Easter and its great impact on Christian living.

As we move through Mardi Gras into Lent we will be deciding what the season of spiritual preparation will mean to us this year. There are many indications that an increasing number of Protestants are noting the arrival of Lent and making some serious approach to a deepened religious life that will prepare them for a more meaningful observance of Easter.

There are so many resources to help us give meaning to Lent that we should pause now and consider which of them we will enlist for our own "countdown to Easter." There are continuing signs from the world around us —through journalists and playwrights and others—of a hunger of a great multitude of people that we feel can be satisfied by a challenging observance of Lent.

The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "Lencten," which meant "Spring." For the Christian it came to mean far more than just the lengthening of days and the coming of Spring. We are creatures of an ebb-and-flow in relation to worship and spiritual realities, and we seem to need great emotional moments to refuel us for other days when our religious experience levels off. The center of faith for the Christian is in the Resurrection making real the victories which are possible over sin and death. When we are properly prepared for it, we celebrate Easter with joyful song and praise.

Lent is that season of the year which has been set apart for the special consideration of our Lord's own preparation for his death. It consists of the forty-six days preceding Easter, and is itself introduced by the three Sundays before Ash Wednesday. The climax of Mardi Gras comes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Scripture is filled with the accounts of 40-day periods of dramatic significance. Moses, Elijah and Jesus fasted for such a period at crucial moments in their lives. The period of the forty years of wandering of Israel in the wilderness during the Exodus likewise gives dramatic meaning to the same figure.

In the earlier history of the observance of Lent quite a bit of flexibility was found in the duration and mode of observing the season. A certain uniformity came first when the church started observing five days of fasting a week for eight weeks before Easter.

Ash Wednesday, which comes this year on February 24, gets its name from the custom of burning the ashes of the palms used in the services of the previous Palm Sunday. In many places these ashes are applied to the foreheads of worshippers as a symbol of their penitence. It was in connection with such an act of penance that the idea developed that Lent would be an excellent time to plan special good works and almsgiving. This is why a number of Protestant groups have for a number of years initiated appeals for their members to become involved in special efforts to meet human need.

Pope Gregory wrote of Lent, "From this day (Ash Wednesday) unto the joys of Paschal solemnity there are six weeks coming . . . that we, who through the past year have lived too much for ourselves, should mortify ourselves to our Creator in the tenth of the year through abstinence. Whence, most dear Brethren, as ye are bid by the law to offer the tenth of your substance, so contend to offer to him also the tenth of your days."

While the length of the period is only traditional and the modes of observing it are variable, the idea which lies at the heart of Lent is permanent and of binding authority. The soul of man needs seasons of quiet for its growth in wisdom and stature. Life demands that there should be times of special endeavor.

Lent can never be the exclusive property of any religious group, nor can any of us be free from the obligation to give some special consideration to its challenges. One group may observe it in ways which do not commend themselves to others, but this does not justify the rejection by any.

Prompted by the Reformation, some Protestants reacted drastically against Lent with its legalism and emphasis on good works. Christ fasted, said Calvin, but not as an example for his followers. This Reformer felt that a better stance would be moderation in all things. John Wesley agreed, saying that fasting during Lent was "more of a hindrance than a help."

The important question is still, "What will Lent mean to me?" At the center of the Protestant approach is the conviction that every man is his own priest. This means that no religious discipline will be individually helpful unless it speaks to a need that is felt personally. This says that if you have felt for a long time that you should do more devotional reading, Lent is the time for you to begin. If you feel an honest hunger for more knowledge about the Bible of Christian theology then you should start now on that quest. If your attendance at church and church school have been irregular, do something about it during Lent.

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the Editor's Corner

EPISCOPAL AND JEWISH CONGREGATIONS SHARE WASHINGTON BUILDING

For more than five years a church building in a relatively obscure section of Washington, D.C. has been "living a double life" in providing a home for a Jewish congregation as well as for its own St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Come Friday night ever since 1966 the Episcopal church has been converted into a synagogue for Temple Micah, a small congregation of Reform Jews.

Temple Micah has been a tenant of the mission church of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington for five years, primarily to provide a place for its religious schools on Saturdays. Until recently things were on a rather informal basis. Now a three-year agreement has been entered into by the two groups and if, at the end of that time, things are looking as rosy as they do now, the Jewish congregation and the Episcopalians might make their little arrangement a permanent fixture.

Located in the Southwest Quadrant of Washington, a section that has seen massive urban renewal and shifting of populations, the arrangement seemed to be indicated for both congregations. St. Augustine's has only about 175 members and Temple Micah isn't much larger.

When Temple Micah gets ready for its services on Saturday about all that is necessary for the transition is to pull a covering down over the cross of St. Andrew which is on the altar. Gay banners proclaiming "Rejoice" and "Live" can stay on the walls so far as Sidney Booth, president of the Jewish congregation is concerned.

Inside the church, an office is being prepared for use by the rabbi, adjacent to the vicar's office. Both congregations will use the same office for their respective secretaries. Other maintenance expenses will be shared, pro-rata.

Rabbi Mehlman has expressed an attitude which indicates the atmosphere of the arrangement: "I am firmly opposed to Bill's (the rector) dampening his Christian spirit, just as I should not become a watered down Jew."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

World Council of Churches' rehabilitation plans for flood-ravaged East Pakistan include the building of three new villages housing 1,800 families. The Rev. Alan Brash, head of the WCC's Division of Interchurch-Aid, Refugee and World Service, said the villages will cost about $750,000. Some 240 Protestant and Orthodox Churches holding Council membership are asked to provide the funds. Former bamboo huts will be replaced by simple two-room concrete houses with reinforced roofs, said Mr. Brash, and villages will be protected by sea embankments and forest belts. Each village replaced will be provided with fishing and agricultural equipment and livestock.

Dr. Robert V. Moss, one of three Protestant leaders of denominations which accredit chaplains, said following the trio's recent visit in South Vietnam with 250 of the 390 chaplains serving the area that chaplains there are doing an impressive job working with morale problems, drug addiction and racism among the U.S. troops. Dr. Moss reported being "much impressed" by the attitude of villagers in the MeKong Delta toward the four-man military assistance teams there. "My impression is that the Community Defense and Development Program is doing more to win Vietcong and other dissident South Vietnamese over to the present government . . . than is military superiority."

Religious News Service reports that "a small, timid step toward new directions in American ecumenism was taken by the policy-making General Bd. of the Nat'l. Council of Churches" meeting in Louisville recently. Hours of talk involved an "Ecui-Modal" plan to convert the Council into a less centralized and more broadly-based organization. The restructured agency envisions participation by non-NCC member Protestant bodies—such as the Southern Baptists—and possibly Roman Catholics. The proposal would "replace the centrally-governed and tightly-coordinated NCC with decentralized, virtually autonomous ecumenical instrumentalities."

"Pious" people having devotional orientations show less prejudice than other members of their social class, according to a sociological survey released by Dr. Thomas C. Campbell of the Chicago Theological Seminary and Dr. Yoshio Fukuyama of Penn. State University. The survey among 8,000 members of the United Church of Christ revealed that the most involved laymen in the United Church were found to be persons who were former Presbyterians and Methodists. A devotional style of participation in the church, said the sociologists, "presents an important prescription for the life of the churches in our time."

"We must turn from a 'how' oriented society to a 'why' oriented people," declared Kansas United Methodist Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe during the opening session of the annual Bd.of Education meeting in Nashville. The Sunday school and the church related college, two major concerns of the Board, are faced with possible death, the bishop said—"Until the answer is clear of **why** I should send my child to Sunday school or **why** I should support a church-related college we're going to have trouble." Stowe said the church must be at the center of society creating a value system which speaks to issues such as peace, human life values, racism, hunger, poverty and ecology. He urged Christian educators to give to their day a theology of hope rooted both in the past and future.

More and more Episcopal Church clergy may have to support themselves while serving churches in the Diocese of Minnesota, Bishop Philip F. McNairy told delegates in the diocese's annual convention. He revealed that the diocese now has nearly 50 clergymen who make their living in secular fields or in specialized ministries. The bishop said he would encourage men in seminary to equip themselves with dual skills and for self-support. He urged that lay people be trained to assume many of the roles in which clergy function.

The General Bd. of the Church of the Nazarene approved a record 1971 budget and appointed 18 new missionaries at its annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. It was also announced that the board will open Nazarene work in Singapore, Indonesia, Ecuador and the Bahamas in '71. Other actions included approval of 10 per cent increases in missionary salaries, and establishment of a pension plan for pastors. First checks will be issued in April to about 500 retired clergymen.

The American Broadcasting Co. has produced a special 10-week series of television programs on "Religion in America Today." The half-hour programs are scheduled for broadcast Feb. 28 through May 16, except for April 4 and 11 when the series will be interrupted for special Easter and Passover programs. "This series is the most ambitious, sustained TV study of the contemporary religious spirit at the grassroots ever presented," according to a spokesman. ABC has produced the special series for its continuing "Directions" program in cooperation with visual and audio agencies of the Nat'l. Council of Churches, the Catholic Church, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and the Southern Baptist denomination.

Evangelist John Haggai, Southern Baptist clergyman, will officiate at the opening of his new international headquarters in Singapore—a foreign mission base which it is hoped will generate 487-million "Asian contacts" by 1976. He explained that "a growing nationalism in non-Eastern, non-white nations combines with an increasing resentment against American paternalism (whether imaginary or real) to close doors to American ideology." Haggai said, "Evangelism International is seeking to deal with the growing crisis in foreign missions . . . the missionary effort is not dying, but it is changing—radically." The ministry of EI is to train national Christians through a series of seminars to become missionaries in their own lands.

A set of guidelines for writers of church literature has been adopted by the Sunday School Bd. of the Southern Baptist Convention. The guidelines acknowledge "the possibility of more than one interpretation of certain Scripture passages, theological doctrines, and current issues." However, they add, "utmost care and discretion shall be used by writers and editors when presenting interpretations and opinions not generally held by Southern Baptists, whether these be in the area of the Bible, theology, ethics, science or current social questions." The 21-page statement was prepared by Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Bd.

The Rev. Paul E. McCoy, Wilmington, Del., president of a recently organized group of 14 inner city Methodist churches, said most of them "can't go it alone" and need the support and help of fellow churchmen in the suburbs. He appealed to suburban churches to establish "yoked" relationships with inner city congregations which urgently need assistance.

People are still starving on the Ganges Delta of East Pakistan, struck by the Nov. 14 cyclone and tidal wave, according to a Minneapolis man who went as a volunteer to investigate the situation. "It is impossible to give these millions enough food, shelter, medicine and clothing," reported William G. Fisher, consultant for Lutheran Brotherhood (fraternal insurance society), on his return from an eight-day boat trip into the disaster area. Mr. Fisher urged that residents of the Delta be relocated in an area away from this zone visited by disastrous cyclones on the average of every five years. The land is losing its fertility and engineers told him it would be impossible to build dikes that could withstand the tidal waves.

Terence Cardinal Cooke's recent appeal for a "substantial" state aid program for non-public schools has been sharply challenged by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL). PEARL has called on the N.Y. State Legislature to reject "all bills aimed at giving public funds to non-public schools." William Haddad, co-chairman of the 29-member organization, said "We see an all-out campaign to distribute untold millions of dollars of public funds to parochial schools, as if the strict prohibition against such aid were not there at all." "Private and parochial schools have a place in American education and in a free society. But they have no call on the public purse for support," Haddad said.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Dr. J. A. O. Preus, president of the Lutheron Church-Missouri Synod, issues on oppeol to religious leaders throughout the world to intercede on behalf of American prisoners of wor in Southeost Asio. With Dr. Preus (center), os he issues his coll ot o Woshington, D.C., press conference, ore, left to right; Mrs. Bobby Vinson, whose husband is missing in oction; Air Force Col. Norris M. Overly, one of the first POWs releosed by North Vietnom; Dr. Preus; Army Mojor Jomes N. Rowe, who escoped from the Vietcong ofter olmost six yeors of coptivity; ond Mrs. Kevin J. McMonus, whose husbond is o prisoner of wor in North Vietnom. (RNS Photo)

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Feb. 21—Sunday	John 11:1-26
Feb. 22	Luke 15:1-10
Feb. 23	Luke 19:1-10
Feb. 24	John 12:32-36
Feb. 25	John 12:46-50
Feb. 26	John 14:1-6
Feb. 27	John 15:12-17
Feb. 28—Sunday	John 20:24-31

MERRYVILLE UNITED Methodist Church started a "Heart for Christ" program January 31 to conclude February 21. Members are responding by rededicating their hearts to Christ. Program features include a family supper and program on Thursday, February 11, and the revival being held this week with the Rev. Danny George as evangelist. The Rev. Walter Clarke is pastor.

THE LENTEN PROGRAM used in 1970 at First Church, Winnsboro, has been incorporated in a book which will soon be published by the General Board of Evangelism. The program originated with the Council of Ministries of which S. W. Williamson was the chairman. The Rev. Robert R. Miller is the pastor.

NEW OFFICERS OF D.M.A. Club (Don't Mention Age) of Ingleside United Methodist Church are: Mrs. Hazel Hunter, chairman; Mrs. L. D. Reynolds, co-chairman; Mrs. H. P. Brashear, secretary.

SENIOR CITIZENS XYZ Club of Broadmoor U.M. Church, Shreveport, recently made a tour of the Shreveport Civic Center. Following the tour, lunch was served at the home of Mrs. G. F. Abendroth by WSCS Circle 3, led by Mrs. Harvey Carter.

MRS. F. E. KENNON reported to members of First Church, Minden, concerning her recent trip to India. Her presentation of "Our Mission Work in India" launched the church-wide School of Mission, February 14. Mrs. Kennon, president of the Minden Women's Society, was part of an official delegation celebrating Methodism's centennial in India.

MRS. ALAN KIMBROUGH, president of the Women's Society of Asbury Church, Lafayette, told how the career of being a housewife relates to her identity as a Christian person, at the Sunday Evening Series in her church, February 7. This brought to a close the series on "Being a Christian in Your Career." The Rev. George Ross is pastor.

THE DERIDDER FIRST United Methodist Church reported $2,674-.03 raised by the 1970 bazaar, half of which was designated for missions by the Women's Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Demorets of Sweet Lake community were honored on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 24, with an open house in their home. They have two children, Mrs. H. T. Worthington of Lake Charles and Clyde Demarets of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The honorees are members of Sweet Lake Memorial U.M. Church. The Rev. Charles Geissen is their pastor.

SIMPSON CHURCH, Lake Charles, has just completed their study of "The Americas – How Many Worlds?" At one of the sessions Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., the pastor, showed slides and spoke of his travels in Latin America. For another session, the Rev. Harvey Williamson, Lake Charles District Superintendent, gave an illustrated report on work in Costa Rica. A special offering received during the study is being directed to the Methodist Church in Monclova, Mexico.

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED Methodist Church of Metairie had the first session of its mission study Sunday night, January 31. The general theme is "Communications." The opening session was a panel discussion by Alec Gifford, news director of Channel 8, Gene Burke, political affairs writer for the New Orleans States-Item and Jim Siracuse of the Simcock Advertising Company. The session was moderated by Bill Allen. The Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor.

ANDY HAMILTON, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston with an outstanding football record at LSU, was one of two speakers who spoke on the work of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the February 7 morning worship service at that church. The pastor is the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire.

OFFICERS RECENTLY elected by the Methodist Men's Club of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, Bossier City, are: Earl Everritt, president; M. D. Green, first vice president; Howard Toland, second vice president; and Harold Young, secretary-treasurer. The pastor is the Rev. George B. Cunningham.

THE BULLETIN of First Church, Houma, reports that some 1200 young people and around 600 adults attended the recent "Drug Rally" initiated and promoted by the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of that church. Those who helped in the plans for the rally included Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gray, Andrew Fanguy, Mrs. Beryl Olivier, Frank Olivier, David Buck, and Dr. D. C. Walther. The Rev. A. Jerome Cain is the pastor.

THE FOLK CHOIR of First Church, Baton Rouge, presented the folk musical "Tell It Like It Is" at the evening worship service of First Church, Shreveport, February 7. The production was written by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser, both pioneers in the field of contemporary religious music. The Baton Rouge group is directed by Mrs. Gwen Redding, and their accompanist is Melvin Ballard.

"THE METHODIST NEWS," published by First Church, Denham Springs, carried the news that Penn Morgan, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Morgan is one of a group of ministerial students from St. Paul's School of Theology who have recently returned from a month's study tour of Europe.

THE REV. EDWARD O. PICKENS, pastor of First Church, Denham Springs, spent the first two weeks of February attending the special course in the continuing education program at St. Paul's School of Theology, Kansas City. The pulpit was filled on February 7 by the Rev. P. E. Hinnant.

MRS. WESLEY BOWMAN, popular lecturer, author and teacher, was the speaker for the Annual Church School Workers' Valentine Family Night at First Church, Pineville, February 8. This event was for all workers in the Church School. The Rev. Richard E. Walton is the pastor.

JOHN FISK, popular entertainer known as "the mayor of Bayou Pom-Pom," was the speaker for the Ladies' Night meeting of the Methodist Men of Lake Vista United Methodist Church, February 15. The pastor is the Rev. Edward R. Thomas.

THE COMBINED YOUTH CHOIRS of Broadmoor United Methodist Church and Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, presented a folk musical at the Presbyterian Church on February 7 and the Methodist Church on February 14. The director was Miss Norma Jean Locke, and the accompanist was Miss Barbara Ann Locke.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Ringgold UMYF are: president, Jimmy McDowell; vice-president, Margie Kyles; secretary, Diane Mirvis; treasurer, Suzi Corley; reporter, Kristy Robertson; parliamentarian, De Ann Causey. The Rev. Terry Willis is their pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

YOUNG PEOPLE in a number of the Shreveport churches are selling tickets for the February 23 appearance of Art Linkletter at the Civic Center. His lecture is being sponsored by the Parents' League of Shreveport, and the young people selling the tickets are retaining a substantial part of the proceeds for their own youth programs.

A DEPUTATION TEAM from the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech led the evening worship service at First Church, Minden, on February 7. The team was composed of Bob Welsh, Ray Buhls, Kathy Fife, Ted Wilson, Larry O'Dell, and William Morrow. Sharon O'Dell was the organist for the service. The pastor is Dr. Henry A. Rickey.

THE REV. R. H. STAPLES was the guest speaker for the February 8 Ladies' Night program of the Methodist Men of First Church, West Monroe. He is a retired member of Louisiana Conference A who served that church as pastor from 1947 to 1953. The present pastor is the Rev. Robert L. Peyton.

A NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL and the remodeling of existing facilities at Wesley United Methodist Church in De Ridder are planned, according to the Rev. Walter Clarke, pastor. The administrative Board has appointed the following members to the Building Committee to implement these plans: Arlie Wilkerson, Board chairman; Floyd Martin, Lay leader; Annette MacDonald, Council of Ministries chairman; Hazel Martin, Education chairman; Teresa Kehoe, Evangelism chairman; June Taylor, Worship chairman; Keith Nelson, Finance chairman, and Gerald Kehoe, Trustee chairman. A three-phase development program is planned.

DAVE KIRK, concert organist for the Allen Organ Co., presented an informal concert on the new instrument at Rayville United Methodist Church on February 10. The pastor is the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr.

NEW LEADERS for the music program at Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, are: Pat Shelby, an assistant professor of voice at USL, who has been employed as director of music; Dick Flory, a graduate student at USL, who is the new church organist; and Beverly Ray, a senior in Lafayette High School who has been accompanist for the Asbury Youth Choir and the Cokesbury Choir, who will serve as assistant organist. The Rev. George W. Ross is the pastor.

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1971 Circulation Campaign

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Alexandria - First:Sloane	9	58	1	68
Trinity:Corley	2	22		24
Wesley-St. Paul:Blakeman	4	18		22***
Horseshoe Dr.:Blakeman				
Ball Ct.:Mayo				
Boyce-Sieper:Pinkard		7		7
Bunkie-White's-Evergreen: Christie	7	31		38
Colfax-Hollins:Wade	14	21		35
Elizabeth-Hopewell:Milam	6	47		53***
Glenmora-Forest Hill:Stegall	3	12		15
Melder-Lewis:Pinckard				
Jena-Belah:Moreland	3	19		22
Jonesville:Pyles				
Lecompte-Bayou Chicot-Cheney-Ville:Milton	1	20		21
Bentley:Kellogg	3	3		6**
Pleasant Grove:Cotton	7	10		17**
Marksville-Oak Grove-Simmesport: Lee				
Marthaville-Beula-Robeline: Bailes				
Montgomery-Mt. Zion:McVay	8	30		38*
Natchitoches-First: Harper	15	65	5	85
College Ave. Provencal-Weaver: Bevill				
Oak Grove-Davis Spgs.-Campti: Proctor	15	23		38**
Oakdale-Pine Prairie:Howell	2	25		27
Olla-Tullos:Malone	6	34		40**
Palestine-Bethel:Hoffpauir				
Pineville-First:Walton	22	91		113**
Pollock-Selma-Liberty:Dill				
Trout-Eden-Urania:Spiller				
Winnfield-Couley:Skinner	16	48		64
Totals	143	584	6	733

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Baker:Howell				
Baton Rouge-First:Dawson	3	6		9
Broadmoor:Bailey	36	143		179
St. Paul-Brownsfield:Messer	2	2		4
Ingleside:Alverson				
Istrouma:Barksdale				
Jefferson:Crosby	5	12		17
St. Luke-Port Allen:Ramke				
North Baton Rouge:Carter	6	11	1	18
St. John-Highland:Price	2	3		5
University:Oliphint	4	20	2	26
Winbourne:Stout				
Asbury:Pickett				
Bethel-Magnolia:Dampier	4	16		20
Blackwater:Blakely	18	38		56
Clinton-Clear Creek:Eubanks	4	34	1	39
Concord-New Hope: Kimble				
Deerford:Wilkes		15		15*
Denham Springs	3	14		17
Donaldsonville:Paine		2		2
Gonzales:Humphreys				
Grand River:Oldham				
Jackson-Ethel:Carter	8	10		18
Live Oak:Collins	10	13		23
Lottie-Rosedale:Burlew		18		18
Plaquemine:Sibley				
Carpenter's Chapel:Daigle				
St. Francisville-Tunica:Means	2	12		14
Slaughter-New Roads:Zerangue	6	18		24*
Zachary:Williams	6	14	2	22
Totals	119	399	6	524

HAMMOND DISTRICT

Amite-Independence:McClain	9	113		122***
Angie-Varnado:Sylvest		6		6
Bluff Creek:Babin	3	5		8
Bogalusa-Eliz.Sullivan:Mouser	8	62		70
Covington:Irving	22	19		41
Days-Center-Darlington:Turner				
Faithful-New River-Meadows:Holt	2	14		16
Fisher:Means	4			4
Fitzgerald-Waldheim:Scarf	4	13		17
Franklinton:Means	2	33	1	36
Greensburg-Wesley:Casey				
Hammond:Blount	16	43		59
Kentwood-Mt. Hermon:Fairley	6	33		39**
Lacombe-St. Tammany:Ensenat				
Livingston-James-Corbin:Campbell	1	20		21
Loranger-Cooper's Chapel: Stafford	4	7		11
Lutcher-LaPlace:Sirman				
Pearl River-Talisheek				
Pine Grove-Montpelier:Milton	1	11		12
Ponchatoula:Lancaster	4	26		30
Slidell:Vining	3	40		43
Springfield-Maurepas-Huff's: Bordages	4	4		8
Sun-Bush:Wood	2	11		13**
Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge-Pine Hill: Worthy	6	10		16
Walker-Mangum-Friendship: Davis	10	13	4	27
Wesley-Lee's Landing:Walters				
Totals	107	483	5	595

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Abbeville-Pecan Island:Arnold	5	25		30
Berwick:Bergeron				
Church Point-Maxie-Pitreville: Deen	2	16		18*
Crowley-First:Bond	14	37		51
Wesley:VanHorn				
Ebenezer-Iota:Boyd	8	17		25*
Franklin:McCammon	3	59		62
Golden-Meadow-Gr.Isle: Robinson	6	15		21
Houma-First:Cain	4	50		54
Houma Heights-LaGrange:Bell	11	26		37
St. Martinville:Gilbert				
Indian Bayou-Kaplan:Peterson				
Jeanerette-Lydia:Reeves	3	6		9
Lafayette-Davidson:Lilly	2	13		15
Asbury:Ross	164	79		243***
Ivanhoe:Branton		6		6**
First:Haug	7	58		65
Lockport-Raceland:Martin	3	8		11
Melville-Palmetto:Marcel	1	17		18
Morgan City:Blakely	20	46		66
New Iberia:Flurry	11	29	1	41
Opelousas:Shirley	4	36		40
Port Barre-Krotz Spgs:Strozier	6	32		38
Rayne-Branch:Cady				
Thibodaux-Vacherie-Gibson:Jones				
Patterson-Bayou Vista:Johns				
Totals	274	575	1	850

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Cameron-Grand Chenier:Coody	9	19	1	29**
DeQuincy:Galatas	3	14		17
DeRidder-First:Wallace	5	24		29
Wesley-Merryville:Clark	20	28	1	49**
Elton-Basile:Sayes	5	18		23**
Eunice-Ville Platte:Martin	10	21	1	32
Prospect-Hornbeck:Bengtson	6	14		20**
Guydan:Lankford	6	22		28
Iowa-Bell City-Hayes:Crofoot	8	25		33
Jennings-First:Carruth	9	41	1	51
Trinity:Lapuyade	2	11		13
Kinder-Oberlin:Matthew		51		51**
Lake Arthur:Nance	28	13		41**
Fairview-Sweet Lake:Giessen	6	15	1	22
Lake Charles - First:Pearce	14	142	1	157
Oak Park:Harbuck				
Simpson:Bowdon	6	19	1	26
St. Luke:Peeples		5		5
University:Fraser	5	23		28
Westlake:Meek				
Leesville-Holly Grove	10	30		40
Maplewood-Hackberry:Reid	2	10	1	13
Broadland:Knight		9		9**
Raymond:Wade				
Sulphur-Henning:Jamieson	11	62		73
Wesley:Thompson	6	20		26
Vinton:Bevill				
Welsh:Lawton	3	49		52**
Moss Bluff:Squires				
Roanoke-Mims	1	13		14
Totals	175	698	8	881

MONROE DISTRICT

Bastrop-First:Quaid	8	62	1	71
Memorial-Beekman:Dowden				
Bonita:Brooks	6	19		25***
Collinston-Bonne Idee:Love, McKnight		13		13
Columbia-Hebert:House	5	21	2	28
Baskin:McKisson		9		9***
Delhi:Allen	10	19		29
Epps-Floyd:Stegall	9	19		28**
Ferriday:Baker	1	21		22
Gilbert-BeoufPrairie:Holley	8	30		38**
Grayson-Kelly:McGowen	11	25		36***
Crew Lake-Union:Medak	3	5		8
Kilbourne-Locust Grove:Strong	6	3		9
Lake Providence:Potter				
Mangham-Crowville:Howes	2	37		39**
Mer Rouge-Oak Ridge:Robertson		15		15
Monroe - First:Lueg	13	40		53
Reveille:Tooke	9	11		20**
Memorial:Caraway	19	37		56
Southside:Joyner	8	36		44
St. Mark's:Jacocks				
St. Paul:Frazier				
Newellton:Harrington				
Oak Grove:Schwendimann	2	22		24
Pioneer-Forrest:Jordan				
Rayville-Holly Ridge:Bowdon	2	38		40
Sicily Island-Harrisonburg: Hodges	10	24	1	35**
St. Andrews-Bartholomew: Robertson	2	17		19
St. Joseph-Wesley:Henkel	1	14		15
Tallulah:Bell	8	24		32
Vidalia:Bengtson				
Waterproof-Clayton:Wingfield	3	14		17
West Monroe-First:Peyton	33	29		62
Brownville:Patton	7	24		31**
Claiborne-Wilhite:Lowe	3	2		5
McGuire:Sewell	16	14	2	32
Winnsboro:Miller	9	46		55
Wisner:StAmant	2	23		25
Woodlawn-LittleCreek: McKeithen	6	5		11
Totals	222	698	6	926

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

New Orleans - Albiers:Townsend	4	9		13
Aurora:Branton				
Carrollton Ave:Harris	4	36		40
St. Andrew's:Garrett	4	14		18
Elysian Fields:Fuller	2	5		7
Felicity:Eaker				
First:Crichlow	33	50		83
Gentilly:McKeithen				
Gretna:Wall				
Jefferson-St. John's	26	19		45
Kenner:Duerson	3	11		14
Lake Vista:Thomas	2	5		7
Luling:Foreman				
Metairie:McFarland	3	2		5
St. James:Smith				
Munholland:McDowell	52	32		84
Napoleon :Poole	6	24		30
Parker Mem:Hurley		24		24
Rayne:Galloway	14	75	3	92
St. Luke:Woodland	2	7		9
St. Bernard-St. Claude Hts: Evans	4	12		16
St. Mark-John Wesley:Coles		17		17
St. Matthew:Stovall				
St. Paul's:Walker				
Second:Herr		14		14
Trinity-Asbury-Buras	2	4		6
Belle Chasse:Horton				
Totals	161	360	3	524

RUSTON DISTRICT

Arcadia-Mt. Moriah:York	5	37		42
Athens-Bethel-Cross Roads:Anders	3	10		13
Bernice-Beech Grove-Summerfield: Terry	2	37		39**
Summerfield:Durbin				
Beinville-Mill Creek-Strange: McDowell	1	20		21
Castor:Staples	1	14		15*
Calhoun-Beulah-Indian Village: Crotwell				
Chatham-Zoar:Brown	2	12		14
Choudrant-Douglas:Spinks	5	18		23
Clay:Westbrook		7		7
Ansley:Stokes	1	14		15***

The Rev. Gearge H. Sherman (third fram left) and family received a warm welcame at the Hadge United Methadist church at a reception held in their hanar an Feb. 7. Here, Buefard E. Hathaway, Sr., extends the hand af fellawship. Other members af the Sherman family (l. ta r.) include: Jay, Shirley, Mrs. Jane Sherman, and Mrs. Jill Wiggins. A san, Buddy, was nat present far picture. Pastar Sherman transfers fram the Ringgald-Racky Maunt-Grand Bayau Charge.

This Wesley Foundatian team from Northeast University in Manrae had camplete charge af the Jan. 31 marning warship service at Banita United Methadist Church. FROM LEFT: Judy Primeaux, Babby Newcamber, Jeanne Bingham, Harald Evans, Joanie Fess and the Rev. C. K. Braaks, pastor af the Banita Church.

Sweetheart Banquet scene at Olla United Methodist Church. The UMYF group was entertained with vocal numbers and guitar accampaniment alang with inspirational camments by Vicki Owens, a senior at Baltan High in Alexandria. Mrs. Sherry Jones is UMYF counselor; the Rev. I. Elmer Malane is pastar.

The "US" instrumental music graup perfarmed at the New Member Banquet held Feb. 10 at Braadmaar United Methodist Church in Shrevepart. They are (l. ta r.): David Terry, Daryl Koelemay, Bill Davis, Chris Owens, David Maon. One hundred fifty-twa new members have been received at Broadmaar during this Canference Year. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is the pastar.

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Cotton Valley-Pleasant Valley: Carter	7	39		46**
Dubach-Hilly:Grant	3	12		15
Harmony Chapel-Lisbon-Ariz. Robinson	4	28		32
Downsville-Bethel-Mt.Nebo: Averett	2	41		43**
Doyline - Sibley:Longfellow	2	20		22
Eros:Ross	1	9	1	11**
Antioch:Hearn		3		3
Concord:Hearne				
Frampton Chapel				
Sanders Chapel:Shaw				
Pine Grove-Evergreen-Bethlehem:	5	3		8
Farmerville:Scott	11	19		30
Gibsland-Oak Grove:Taylor	5	11		16
Haynesville-Colquitt:Winegeart	22	32		54
Heflin-Brushwood:Cassels	3	46		49**
Homer-Wesley:Simmons	37	215		252***
Jonesboro-Center Point:Adams	11	32	2	45
Marion-Birds Chapel:Corie		27		27
Minden:Rickey	12	113	4	129
Lake View-McIntyre:Coppage	16	39	2	57
Quitman-Faith:Beck				
Ringgold-Gr. Bayou-Rocky Mt.	7	46		53**
Ruston Grace: Lynch :	126	32	5	163***
Wesley:Lynch	17	9	1	27***
Trinity:McGuire	33	426		459***
Shongaloo-Whitehall:Gilbert				
Simmsboro-Antioch-Salem: Parks	7	44		51**
Springhill-Sarepta:Mayo	3	27	1	31
Hodge-Dodson-New Hope: Sherman				
Totals	357	1447	16	1820

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Bossier City-Barksdale:Mead				
Benton:Krumnow				
Blanchard-Belcher: Stage	9	20		29
Bossier City-First:Rorie	4	28	3	35
St. Stephen's-Hall Summit: Cunningham	7	11		18
Cross Roads:Rowe	4	8	1	13***
Coushatta:Carroll	4	17		21
Greenwood-Longstreet:Wendt	2	22	1	25
Haughton-Love:Ovenshire	1	19		20
Holly Springs	1	4		5
Ida-Hosston:Edwards		30		30**
Keatchie-Shiloh:Dubusk				
Logansport-Bethel:Wilson	27	18		45**
Mansfield-Grand Cane:Harkins	13	19		32
Many-Bayou Scie:Taylor	81	49		130***
Mooringsport:Grove	1	20		21**
Oil City:Durham	3	18		21***
Pleasant Hill-Mitchell-Pelican: Constable	11	9	1	21
Plain Dealing-Walker's:Emanuel	3	18		21
Shreveport-Broadmoor: Kilpatrick	38	118	4	160
Caddo Heights:Finnin				
Cedar Grove:Winn				
First:Dykes	5	59	2	66
Mangum:Brown	16	24		40
Morningside-Stonewall:Felder	13	23		36
Noel:Nader	3	86		89
North Highland:Risinger				
Lakeview:Nolan	7	36	1	44
St. Luke's:Poole	2	13		15
Summer Grove:Taylor				
Trinity-Bethany:Wilson				
Wesley-Keithville:Hollingsworth	4	23		27
Wynne	1	22		23
Vivian-Rodessa: Tohline	9	45		54
Zwolle-Noble-Converse:Dear	7	17		24 *
Shreveport-Christ:Baker	41	5		49
Totals	317	782	13	1112

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* reached quota
** exceeded quota
*** doubled quota
**** tripled quota

RECAPITULATION

REPORT NO 3
1971 LOUISIANA METHODIST CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Percentage
Ruston	357	1447	16	1820	1600	114
Alexandria	143	584	6	733	1371	53
Lafayette	274	575	1	850	1649	52
Hammond	107	483	5	595	1145	51
Lake Charles	175	698	8	881	1730	51
Monroe	222	698	6	926	2122	44
Shreveport	317	782	13	1112	3080	36
New Orleans	161	360	3	524	2059	25
Baton Rouge	119	399	6	524	2516	21
TOTAL	1875	6027	64	7965		

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 28: Rich Toward God

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:19-34; Luke 12:13-21

MEMORY SELECTION: Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. (Matthew 6:33)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover what Jesus taught about material possessions and their relationship to spiritual values; to find some guidelines for stewardship in our own lives.

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On the troop transport on which I traveled to the South Pacific in 1943 there was an Australian civilian whom all of us came to know quite well during the 30-day journey from San Francisco to Brisbane. In our visits with him it became obvious that his native land had not made nearly so much material progress as the United States. However, he did not seem to be disturbed by that fact. When some of us would ask if he did not wish that Australia had as many symbols of material prosperity as our country, he answered, "No, you've paid too great a price for your material prosperity." Then he would cite the statistics for high blood pressure, heart failure, and some of the other by-products of our hectic search for things.

Our land is the wealthiest on earth, and yet we have discovered many things that our money cannot buy. We may have more television sets, and bathtubs, and automobiles than anybody else in the world, but we know that this does not keep us from also having the lead in other statistics which indicate that we have found neither happiness nor abundant living with our money.

In the midst of a situation in which some of his followers expressed unhappiness because he would not intervene in a family quarrel about money, Jesus told a story about a rich farmer who was so successful that he could think of nothing else but the construction of more and bigger barns to hold his accumulated wealth. This story of "the rich fool" is found in Luke 12: 13-21. As we consider this parable we will be thinking about the importance of keeping one's own ideas concerning things in proper perspective. Jesus talked a lot about money, because he knew how central it is in our thinking and in our way of life. He knew that the struggle for money and wealth is what consumes the lives of men and concerns the welfare of nations. He saw it as a major indicator of where a person's love and allegiance really are.

Concerning the story of the "rich fool," Dr. John Knox says in **The Interpreter's Bible:** "No incident in the Gospels brings into such vivid relief what is really the most characteristic feature of Jesus' ethical teaching—viz., its intense preoccupation with the absolute will of God, with an implied indifference to more immediate questions of casuistry." This reference is to Jesus' answer to the man who wanted him to intervene in a family dispute concerning an inheritance. He replied, "Who made me a judge or divider over you?" (Luke 12:14) The story which he told immediately thereafter shows that he was not nearly so indifferent to the question that was raised.

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THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

The backdrop against which the parable of the rich farmer was told is painted with the colors of covetousness. This is the poison which infiltrates so many men's thinking about possessions. It affects the rich and poor alike and destroys the souls of the "haves" and the "have nots" equally.

Luke tells us that a man stepped out of the multitude and asked Jesus to settle a family feud concerning property. In this case, as in many others in the Gospels, Jesus sought to look beyond the immediate situation for an underlying cause of the problem. He knew that he was not a judge and he did not want to be one. He brushed aside the immediate occasion and looked into the basic background of covetousness. He saw that the man was not so concerned about justice as he was about getting something that he wanted very badly.

Have you ever noticed how ofter Jesus listened to a complaint and then turned and addressed his rebuke or correction to the complainant himself? Dr. John Knox says: "We may complain about one another to one another, if we want to, and with more or less justification; but there is no possibility of getting through to God with our complaints against others. Before God we are confessors, not complainants. Before God we are not judges, we are being judged."

As we re-examine what Jesus said about wealth we come to see that he never said that it was wrong to want to escape from poverty. He did not say that the desire for wealth is evil in itself. It is when we become covetous that trouble begins. Dr. Charles Laymon has characterized covetousness in these words: "We want what we want when we want it regardless of how our wanting affects others. Then desire becomes sheer selfishness and negative egotism."

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THE WEALTHY MAN AND HIS BARNS

After refusing to intervene in the man's dispute with his brother concerning property, Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And then he told them a parable.

He tells of a successful farmer who was destroyed by his success. He appears to have come by his wealth honestly and by hard work. His fields simply yielded an increasing abundance. We are not told that he took land that was not his own or that he defrauded or cheated any man. Nor are we told that he was miserly or anti-social. He was just like many farmers we have known—everything he touched seemed to turn to money. He became very busy in the endless round of building one barn after another to store his crops. He was absorbed by what he owned. As Dr. George Buttrick says in **The Parables of Jesus,** "The essential 'within' of his nature was swallowed by the world 'without'."

It is clear that in this story Jesus is challenging an accepted standard of values. It is one that he has challenged in every generation, and he continues to do so today. He is denying that it is possible to achieve security by amassing property. As one of the commentators puts it, furnishing us with our title for today's lesson, "One becomes secure only by being rich toward God."

At the heart of Jesus challenge concerning riches is the affirmation that man cannot serve possessions and God at the same time. "Man cannot serve God and mammon." He saw no possibility for compromise in this matter. He believed that a man must keep things at their distance. He must be in the material world and make his witness there, but he must not let it dominate him.

A man is reported to have once said to his neighbor: "Neighbor, you are so tightfisted God himself couldn't pry your hand open to put a blessing in it." This was the kind of man Jesus was talking about.

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KEEPING THINGS AT A DISTANCE

We are being told repeatedly these days that we make a mistake when we divide the world into secular and sacred compartments. What this means is that we cannot compartmentalize the areas in which God is at work, because he has made the material resources just as he has made the surroundings for worship and spiritual nurture.

However, Jesus was telling his listeners that a man must keep things at their distance. He must say to his possessions: "You are not my life. You can never be my life. There is a gulf set between you and me." The rich man in our story thought so persistently and with such concentration about his goods that the line of distinction between him and his was erased.

Unless we keep things and persons at a distance we will be destroyed as was the rich farmer. The kind of world in which we live makes this difficult. Jesus made God and human personality the supreme objects of devotion. His interests were primarily in worth and not in use. If we are dominated by things we cannot be as appreciative of persons as we should be. Dr. George Harkness has said, "The thing-centered nature of our environment crops out everywhere in the tendency to judge the desirability of a vocation or position by probable income, to judge successful living by the acquisition of material comforts, to judge the attractiveness of recreation by the things advertised on every billboard."

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WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS?

At the heart of any philosophy of stewardship is the question of priorities. More important than the proportion of our means we bring to the support of God's kingdom is the concept of ownership which we have concerning all our possessions. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," said Jesus, recognizing a fundamental trait of human nature.

John Wesley had a three-fold formula which he shared with his followers concerning wealth. He told them to get all they could believing that each individual had a responsibility to himself and God which meant he should use his abilities to their full capacity. Then he told them to save all they could—he was a great believer in thrift. Finally he said, "Now, if, whilst you get all you can and save all you can, you do not give all you can, then you are tenfold more the child of hell than you were before." The trouble with the rich fool in the parable was that he could not keep his perspective as he amassed more wealth.

Materialism will always destroy the finer things within us. This has become a greater menace as the years have passed and it has become possible for us to reach out after more and more things. Dr. William H. Kilpatrick spoke of a moral and spiritual lag among those who are caught up in the amassing of treasure on earth. He said, "Increasing material powers are not safe except with proportionately improving character."

The choice is simple. Every man must decide where his treasure will be. On the basis of that decision will depend the outcome of this life and the next. You cannot say your treasure is in heaven, and then give your life to the things of earth.

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TESTED BY OUR POSSESSIONS

Are we tested by our possessions as some one has said? The New Testament tells us in many places that some Christians are entrusted with much wealth and reveal their nature in the manner in which they handle it. Lon A. Speer says in **Adult Leader:** "The Christian treats his possessions as a trust from God . . . His conscientious stewardship involves not only sharing with his fellow man but preserving his God-given heritage for subsequent generations. Alert to the necessity of protecting earth's riches, he guards against waste, abuse, or pollution. Whatever he holds or oversees as his own he uses as an expression of love for God and man in the fulfillment of God's purpose."

Is the certain "rich man" our acquisitive generation? Can we hear the gentle Jesus becoming divinely indignant and saying, "Thou fool?"

By clear statement and in story form Jesus has given us the outline of a proper attitude toward God and wealth. True wealth consists in the final analysis of a faith in Jesus Christ that will stand through the tests of this life, and insure eternal life with God.

Three quadrennial study groups move closer to reports

by Robert Lear and John Lovelace

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Three quadrennial study commissions of the United Methodist Church expect to have their reports to the 1972 General Conference ready early that year, the groups agreed in a joint meeting here January 27-29.

The bodies reviewing the structure of the general boards and agencies, the statement of social principles of the denomination, and the theology, doctrine and doctrinal standards also will continue to check their progress with each other, as well as the church at large.

Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the Social Principles Commission who presided at the joint meeting, said that he didn't know of a time in the church's history when "so many study groups are seeking the opinion of the people of the church."

Progress reports on the work of the three groups was made in a joint session, and in separate work periods.

It was announced that the report of the Theological Commission in 1972 probably will be in several parts. The Rev. Albert C. Outler of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, is chairman of the group.

One would be a statement of the place of doctrinal formulation in the history of the United Methodist Church, and another would be a short statement on the theological norms and central emphases of United Methodism.

The commission probably will recommend also that such a commission be continued through the 1972-76 quadrennium and, among other things, prepare "short, illustrative statements on . . . the contemporary situation in the light of United Methodist concern for faithfulness to Scripture, tradition, experience and reason, and of pressing current personal and social issues."

Other reports at the joint session revealed that the Social Principles Commission has agreed on a draftsman for the document they will submit in 1972, and that the Structure Commission is considering grouping functions of the church performed at the general level into five clusters with a number of work units in each.

The writer, who had his second meeting with the Social Principles Commission's executive committee here, is the Rev. Alan Geyer, editor of **The Christian Century** and a member of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference.

Dr. Geyer is a former professor of political science and, before joining the **Century** in 1968, was director of international relations for the United Church of Christ's Council for Christian Social Action. Earlier in the quadrennium, he served as a consultant to the Structure Study Commission.

Bishop Thomas emphasized that Dr. Geyer has been retained only as the author of a first draft.

"Whatever document we submit to the 1972 General Conference will be from this entire commission," he said.

A timetable adopted by the group here allows for at least two sessions by the executive committee, one by the entire 32-member commission, and others by additional church leaders to review drafts prepared by Dr. Geyer. The first review of a completed first draft is scheduled for April 21.

The writer presented the first two sections in a proposed seven-section statement under the working title "The Church for the World." The first section, in prose poem cuplet form, received essentially favorable response from the commissioners and was read aloud as a benediction to the session.

It also was announced that some 200 responses from individual and local churches to study papers and other published work of the commission to date had been received. These ranged from one-paragraph statements to one seminarian's term paper, and several were multi-page documents, including one unanimously adopted by a local church's administrative board.

"The more I look at these reports," said Bishop Thomas, the more impressed I am with the process of the local church."

"We have kept good faith with the authors of these reports by carefully and responsibly reviewing each of the papers."

Bishop Thomas said the final document will seek to be "the highest expression of freedom" and that it could be supplemented by specific resolutions by the 1972 General Conference or any subsequent General Conference.

Most of the work time of the Structure Study Commission headed by the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick of Evanston, Ill., was spent in drafting a tentative cluster structure for the grouping of functions performed at the general church level.

As developed here and released to the church for discussion and reaction during the next two months, the clusters are in five areas—Disciple Formation, Outreach, Parish and Conference Services, Communications, and Support Services.

Specific functions were not definitely assigned to the clusters, but task forces will be at work between now and the commission's meeting in late March to define the work to be done within each cluster and propose work units required to accomplish the functions.

The task forces will be made up of study commissioners and staff and board members of the present general agencies of the church.

As discussed here, the clusters would encompass inter-related functions and define fields of programmatic activity which would be performed at the work unit level.

Each work unit would be directed by a policy and guidance committee of nine to 25 members chosen in such a way as to provide a balance of viewpoint and special skills. Each cluster would have a commission of 15 to 25 members, including at least one member from each work unit policy and guidance committee.

Work unit staffs would be headed by a director. Each cluster would have a president as the chief executive officer and an administrator, but except for clerical assistance there would be no other staff at the cluster level.

After extended discussion, the structure commissioners decided to tentatively rename what they had been calling the proposed General Council. The term Council on Ministries and Administration (CMA) is deemed to be more descriptive of its functions.

Its responsibilities and membership were retained much the same as before, but it was agreed that cluster administrators would be chosen for one-year terms to serve as CMA secretary.

Dr. Kirkpatrick stressed that all decisions made here were tentative and will be subject to review at the group's next session March 30-31 in New Orleans, La., in light of task force findings and other discussions.

The three study commissions were established by the 1968 Uniting Conference for the United Methodist Church and were asked to report to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

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News in Brief

A new directory of United Methodist-related health and welfare agencies has been published by the church's Health and Welfare Certification Council. It gives detailed information on 334 agencies that in 1970 served more than 3,000,000 persons and gave almost $37,863,663 in free services.

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The United Church of Christ in Japan continues to be the largest Protestant denomination in that country, according to 1971 statistics, with 205,051 members. The church represents a merger of Protestant denominations and is related to several churches in North America, including the United Methodist Church. Total Christian population in Japan is put at 1,069,576.

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A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

12. **Organizing for Mission**

a. **The Parish**

As we take a look at the parish organization proposed in the Plan of Union we need to keep two things in mind: we have had parishes made up of "one or more congregations" all through our Methodist history, and the district which would have authority to set the boundaries and composition of the parishes corresponds to our annual conference which has had a similar function.

A unique feature of the Plan is the inclusion of "task forces," groups organized for limited times for action on specific ministries and projects.

We should emphasize that a parish map consist of a single congregation when the district so determines. However, it appears from the language of Chapter VIII of the Plan that the intention is for strong and weak congregations to be linked together in parishes in order that there may be a sharing of resources. It also seems that the parishes will not necessarily be made up of congregations that are contiguous to each other.

The business affairs of the parish shall be conducted by a parish council which shall be elected annually at a meeting of the members of the parish. This does not sound like too great a departure from the Charge Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Minister of the Parish shall function as the chief executive officer, but the presiding officer of the council shall be a moderator elected annually. Employees of the parish will not be eligible for election as moderator.

All members of the church—lay persons, presbyters, bishops, and deacons—shall be members of a parish. (This is a change for United Methodists since our ministers hold membership in the annual conference rather than the parish, and the bishops hold membership in the Council of Bishops.)

The parish council shall consist of the ordained ministers who are members of the staff of the parish, and not fewer than three other members elected by the members of the parish. There must be at least two lay members for each ordained minister, each congregation is to be represented, and care is to be taken that racial and ethnic minorities, women, and youth are represented.

A three-fold responsibility of the parish shall be to: (a) participate in the mission effort of the whole church, (b) provide for the nurture of its members and for their effectiveness in mission through worship, education, pastoral care, supporting fellowship, and witness and service in the world, and (c) conduct a ministry of loving service and reconciliation in the community.

The program at the local level may be conducted by a single parish, or by two or more parishes jointly, or ecumenically. It shall include such traditional elements as worship, Christian education, and evangelism, as well as new elements which may be developed for witness and service.

The parish council shall conduct the business affairs of the parish and shall hold the property in the name of the parish corporation or trustees. However, the property shall be held for the benefit of the whole church. Should a parish be dissolved, all of its property shall be and become the property of the district. (May we again remind our readers that "district" in the proposed church corresponds to the present annual conference.)

A great deal of flexibility would be granted the parish so far as structures are concerned. The Plan states: "Each parish shall continuously review the functional relationship between its structures and its mission. It shall establish, change, or eliminate structures as needs arise or conditions of life require. It shall also make recommendations to the district regarding similar changes needed in the structures of the church beyond the parish."

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NEW WORLD SERVICE FILM IS PREMIERED

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — "Do You Know My Name?," a color motion picture dealing with benevolent activities of the United Methodist Church, had its premiere February 3 in Grace United Methodist Church in Hartford City, Ind.

The film was shot on location at the University of Evansville (Ind.), St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Los Angeles' Watts District, a drug education center in Tucson, Ariz., and in Sarawak among the Iban people.

"We are trying to show some of the unusual and innovative programs of the United Methodist agencies supported by World Service, the church's basic benevolence fund, and all of them being carried out by persons under 30," said the Rev. Earl Kenneth Wood, executive producer of the film for the denomination's Division of Interpretation here.

"In this way we hope we can help develop a new image of a missionary and also show that not all young adults are opposed to activities of an institutional church," he added.

Hartford City was chosen for the premiere because it is the home of Mrs. Joe Pearsons, who with her husband, is featured in the Sarawak portion of the motion picture. After its premiere, the film will be available in both Super-8 and 16mm for use in local churches and other groups by March 1.

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Health/Welfare Agency Trustees Meet

NEW ORLEANS, La (UMI) — Trustees of church-related health and welfare agencies must serve in the name of Christ, be creative, and be sure their institutions are always in transition, a United Methodist-sponsored workshop was told here this winter by the dean of Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

Dr. James T. Laney was one of the speakers at the session for trustees sponsored by the denomination's General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. In another address, Eugene T. Hackler, an Olathe, Kans., attorney, reminded the 60 trustees present from across the nation that willingness to care for its poor is a hallmark of a civilized society, but that public welfare has broken down.

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Methodist educator dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. John O. Gross, 76, a retired Methodist educational leader who served more than 48 years as a minister, college president and church board administrator, died here Thursday, Feb. 4, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6 at West End Methodist Church in Nashville. Assisting in the services were Dr. Roy C. Clark, pastor, West End Church; Bishop James W. Henley, Lakeland, Fla., chairman of the Board of Education's Division of Higher Education; Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Ia., former Division staff member; and Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division.

He received his A.B. and D.D. degrees from Asbury College and his S.T.B. degree from Boston University. He also attended Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio and did graduate study at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Kentucky. He received honorary doctorates from 27 colleges and universities.

Dr. Gross entered the Methodist ministry in 1916 and served as pastor and district superintendent in Kentucky before becoming president of Union College, Barbourville, Ky., in 1929. In 1938 he became president of Simpson College, Indianola, Ia. where he served until 1941 when he came to Nashville as secretary of the Methodist Board of Education's Department of Educational Institutions. In 1948 he became head of the department which became known as the Division of Higher Education in 1960.

Following his retirement in 1965 he served as acting president of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C. and later as vice president of Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

Time magazine in 1961 referred to Dr. Gross as Methodism's "Mr. College" and credited him with spearheading a "renaissance" in Methodist higher education which, among other things resulted in $80 million being raised for Methodist-related colleges and universities in four years.

Memorial funds for the John O. and Harriet B. Gross Scholarship Fund are being received by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education.

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"CONTACT" BECOMES PRIVATE CORPORATION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — CONTACT, a national, ecumenical crisis telephone counseling service related administratively to the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, has become a private corporation.

According to the Rev. Ross W. Whetstone, CONTACT executive director and a Board of Evangelism staff member, the new foundation to be known as CONTACT Teleministry Incorporated will operate partially with funds provided by the Lilly Foundation for the first three years. Other grants are expected from foundations and denominational agencies. By 1973 he said the corporation hopes to be self-sustaining with an office and full-time director.

The pattern for the telephone counseling ministry was established in 1963 in Sydney, Australia by Methodist minister Alan Walker using the name "Life Line."

The first center opened under the guidance of the Council at High Point, N.C. in early 1969. Others quickly followed. In November CONTACT programs started in Huntington, W.V. and Harrisburg, Pa. bringing the total accredited centers to 14.

Centers are expected to open in at least eight other cities during 1971 and a goal of 50 centers has been set by January 1, 1973.

DR. PIERCE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NEW PUBLISHING FIRM

NASHVILLE (RNS) — Dr. Lovick Pierce. retired head of the Methodist Publishing House, has been elected chairman of the board of a new publishing firm here.

The company is Aurora Publishers, Inc., formed by a group of local investors interested in expanding the city's publishing industry.

Dr. Pierce retired last Fall after serving 12 years as president and publisher of the Methodist firm, with which he worked a total of 49 years.

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A Success Story

Melvin T. Lewis has been recently elected an assistant vice president of E. F. Hutton & Company, Inc., member of the New York Stock Exchange. He is manager of the firm's office in the Bramlette Building, Longview, Texas.

A native of Bernice, Louisiana, Mr. Lewis received his early education in Ruston, Louisiana Public Schools while living in the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home from 1928 to 1936. He attended the University of California and Florida State University. He served for 20 years with the U. S. Air Force including service during World War II and the Korean War and retired in 1957.

Mr. Lewis is a past director of both the Longview Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Longview, and has served on its official board. He is past president and now serves as director of the East Texas Treatment Center for the Physically Handicapped and is a director of the Longview United Fund.

We are indeed proud of his accomplishments. Mr. Lewis is president of the Alumni Association, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home. He is married to the former Velda Simpson of Ruston, Louisiana. The Lewises who reside in Longview, Texas, have one daughter, Jacquelyn Anne.

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The Montgomery, Louisiana UMYF, accompanied by their Counselor, Mrs. Melvin Hall, the Rev. George McVay and Mrs. McVay were recent visitors to the Children's Home. The group made a sizeable financial offering and contributed a large amount of staple canned goods to the support of the Home.

The Senior UMYF from Arcadia, Louisiana, accompanied by their Counselor, Mrs. George Cole, provided a singing and generally fun-filled chapel program for our Young People here at the Children's Home.

COMMENT

"Great moments are reached only if they have lots of little moments to stand on." These are lines from the Broadway play "Autumn Leaves."

When I read these words, I thought immediately of the many women who through moments of individual service and gifts make it possible for the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild to have a part in the far reaching and extensive program of the Church through its Mission Program.

This applies to our whole life. As we share "small moments" of ourselves with others, we are enabled to add another moment of strength and faith to our life. It is only as we make the right decisions in small things that we are prepared to make decisions that are momentous in their effect.

Have you had a "small moment" of getting to know at least one woman who belongs to the **Conference B** Women's Society of Christian Service or Wesleyan Service Guild? The decision to merge our two conferences has already been made through the church. But the decision to work in harmony and Christian fellowship is your own "small moment" of decision. These small moments of getting to know others will help our merger to be a successful venture in faith and love as we work together in God's world.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President
Louisiana Conference A, Women's Society of Christian Service

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Mrs. Maxine Watkins, at left, is directar of Business Girls' Inn. Mrs. L. G. Thomas and Mrs. J. R. Russell are ticket and public relatians chairmen for the benefit baak review to be held at Broadmaar Church, Shreveport, February 25.

Officers elected for Greater New Orleans CWU

Approximately 200 women were in attendance at the Annual Assembly of Church Women United of Greater New Orleans held on Friday, January 29, to elect officers and hear Mrs. James M. Dolbey, National President of Church Women United.

Mrs. Richard Baines, president for the past two years, presided over the business session during which the By-Laws were revised and election of officers for the forthcoming two year period was held.

Mrs. Barrett Kennedy presented a service certificate to Mrs. Baines in recognition of her action-oriented administration, her ability to involve churches and her plan to form area groups for carrying on Church Women United projects.

Mrs. William Green was honored posthumously through a memorial gift for future work through the national organization of C.W.U. Mrs. James M. Dolbey accepted the gift in recognition of Mrs. Green's compassionate concern and long involvement in local, state and national affairs.

Banners depicting the work of Church Women United in many areas of work here were presented by Mrs. Augustine St. Cyr, Mrs. Joseph Bowen, Mrs. Edward Thomas, Mrs. Alfred Bernard and Mrs. John Green.

A highlight of the morning program was the message brought by Mrs. Dolbey as she described the world of today as ready for a breakthrough into the twenty-first century. "Organizational dry rot permeates our institutions," she stated, "and we must build structures and renew programs to meet the needs of today's world. In this situation women are terribly important for they think in terms of family and children rather than in finance and dehumanizing institutions in society." She called on women to support social reforms in all areas of life, to be creative, innovative, and fearless in effecting change.

Officers elected are: president—Mrs. James W. Thokey; 1st vice president—Mrs. Arthur Dickerson; 2nd vice president—Mrs. S. C. Graves; recording secretary—Mrs. Glenn Stovall; enabling services: Mrs. R. J. Dreuding; ecumenical development: Mrs. Richard Baines; ecumenical action: Mrs. E. R. Thomas; ecumenical celebrations: Mrs. Augustine St. Cyr; corresponding secretary—Mrs. A. A. Bernard; treasurer—Miss Elise Roth.

National CWU President Mrs. James M. Dalbey, center, is shown with Mrs. James W. Thakey, president of Greater New Orleans CWU, and Mrs. Richard Baines, retiring president.

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PRAYER VIGIL AT MEMORIAL

A Prayer Vigil was the way Memorial Methodist WSCS of Monroe observed the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. The projects were presented at regular circle meetings and all members were requested to set aside a time to come to the church for an hour of quiet meditation and presentation of their offering. The Prayer Vigil was held on the third Tuesday of January from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and open to all who desired to participate. The program material from the Literature Headquarters was out for meditation as well as an abundance of other devotional material.

Mrs. R. T. Farr, spiritual growth chairman, reports: We feel this method reaches more people and gives those who participate a keener awareness of the true meaning and purpose of the celebration. Participation was greater this year, as was the offering.

BENEFIT BOOK REVIEW for the Business Girls' Inn will be given Thursday, February 25, in Activities Hall of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport. Mrs. Paul Hildreth will review "Caddo – 1000" by Viola Carruth. Tickets will by available through the WSCS Circle leaders and at the door. Adults – $1.50; students – 75¢. The 10:30 a.m. review will be preceded by a coffee. The 7:30 p.m. review will be followed by coffee at 9 p.m.

A DRUG ABUSE RALLY, sponsored by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, will be held in Ville Platte February 19.

DISTRICT OFFICERS VISIT McGuire Guild

The Edrith Smith Wesleyan Service Guild of McGuire United Methodist Church, West Monroe, met on Monday, January 25, in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Shelby. Guest speakers were Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Monroe District Guild chairman, who spoke on Guild work and Missions, and Mrs. Helen Owen, district chairman of nominations, who presented the meaning and projects of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance.

The President of the McGuire Guild is Mrs. Agnes McCullin.

MRS. CLARA MARTIN BANKSTON

Mrs. Clara Martin Bankston, a lifelong member of Nesom Memorial United Methodist Church in Tickfaw, La., died on January 10 at her home at the age of 69 years. She had served as church treasurer, taught an adult Sunday school class, and was serving as secretary of the Church conference. She was a charter member of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Bankston, who had taught 47 years in the public schools of Tickfaw, was a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University. She was the eldest daughter of the late Mitchell and Amelia Nesom Marlin. Her husband, Warren N. Bankston, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. (Daisy) Glenn F. Tycer, Sr., of Tickfaw; one brother, Gordon H. Martin of Hammond; a niece, Mrs. Janice Martin Bennett of Amite, and a nephew, G. F. Tycer, Jr. of Tickfaw. She was preceded in death by another brother, Nesom A. Martin of Amite.

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Highlight of the year for the Wesleyan Service Guild af First United Methodist Church, Lake Providence, was recognition paid charter members at a receptian held in the church Fellowship Hall. Here, Mrs. Ogden Russell, president, presents special honor pins and certificates to Mrs. A. J. Wyly, Mrs. Hugh A. King and Miss Fleeta Howell. Mrs. H. T. Van Fossen, alsa a charter member, was unable to attend.

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While finolizing plons for the onnuol foculty visitotion–this yeor to the Lofayette District–on the weekend of Februory 27-28, Centenary officiols check o rood map. LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Lee Morgon, one of 22 stoff ond faculty members who will moke the trip; Dr. John H. Allen, president, and Grayson Wotson, director of Church Relotions for the college.

Centenary staff to visit churches in Lafayette District

Twenty-two Centenary College faculty and staff members will travel to the Lafayette District of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on the weekend of February 27-28 to speak about the College in the churches of the District, according to Grayson Watson, director of Church Relations.

President John H. Allen and Dean Thad N. Marsh will lead the delegation to Lafayette in an effort by the College to acquaint the church members with new developments at the Shreveport school.

The group will leave Shreveport Saturday, February 27, at 12:00 noon and will arrive in New Iberia in time for a 6:00 p.m. dinner at First United Methodist Church. At the dinner, pastors of the churches in the District will meet their guests from Centenary. They will return to Shreveport Sunday following the morning worship services in all of the churches.

The Rev. Merlin Merrill, superintendent of the Lafayette District has coordinated the visit with Centenary officials.

This will mark the sixth consecutive year that members of the Centenary faculty and staff have travelled to various parts of the state to foster a closer relationship between the College and the members of the United Methodist Church.

Assignments to the various churches are listed below: Charles Hickcox, Abbeville; Dr. Robert Deufel, Berwick; Dr. Stanton Taylor, Church Point — Maxie — Pitreville; Dr. Lee Morgan, Crowley, First Church; Dr. Viva Rainey, Crowley, Wesley Church; Charles Greene, Ebenezer — Iota; Dr. Webb Pomeroy, Franklin; Mr. Grayson Watson, Golden Meadow — Grand Isle; Dr. Woodrow Pate, Houma, First Church; Dr. Orin Wilkins, Houma Heights — La Grange.

Charles Harrington, Indian Bayou — Kaplan; Dr. John Allen, Asbury, Lafayette; Dr. Walter Lowrey, First Church, Lafayette; H. E. Raney, Ivanhoe, Lafayette; Mrs. Betty Speairs, Mathews; Dr. Joseph Garner, Pharr Chapel, Morgan City; Dean Thad Marsh, First Church, New Iberia; Dr. B. C. Taylor, Opelousas; Jimmie Smith, Patterson — Bayou Vista; Dr. Nolan Shaw, Port Barre — Krotz Springs — Waxia; Dean Shirley Rawlinson, Rayne — Branch; and Chaplain Robert Ed Taylor, Thibodaux.

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Matheny to head Association of Annual Conferences' Lay Leaders

by Cecil Bland

Conference Lay Leaders from across the nation in session at Chicago, Illinois, February 13, elected Tom H. Matheny, Hammond attorney, as president of a new organization "The Association of United Methodist Annual Conference Lay Leaders."

Matheny, along with vice president, Dr. Charles Schoenlein of Richfield Springs, New York, Northern New York Annual Conference lay leader, announced the first official meeting of the new Association would be in St. Louis, Missouri, in February, 1972.

An exccutive committee composed of Matheny, Dr. Schoenlein, Tom Moore, Bucyrus, Ohio, president of the General Board of the Laity, and Dr. David Self, executive secretary of the General Board of the Laity was named and granted authority to elect such other officers as needed.

Action taken by the new group at the Chicago meeting included the following: a. Preparation of a letter to be sent to Dr. Kirkpatrick, chairman of the structure committee of the general church stating the group's dissatisfaction with the interim report relating to structural change, and listing these points:

1. Uneven lay-clergy balance in the membership of the proposed General Program Council membership, with further objection to the large number of Bishops on it;

2. Called for formation of "cluster groups" in the 5 basic program functions of the proposed "super boards"; that there were too few members to represent the entire church;

3. That the whole program needed a great deal of revision, in that approximately one-third of the Conferences would have no lay representation;

4. That the structure committee, in their opinion, has gone beyond its mandate in the proposed plans;

5. Brought up the question of whether there was really any need for a new structure.

The newly appointed executive committee was charged with the mandate to work in a consultant position with the General Board of the Laity. The group passed a resolution to have a legislative petition presented to the General Conference of 1972 (meeting in Atlanta, Georgia) asking that each local church have at least 2 lay members of their respective Annual Conferences, and that one of these must be under 30 years of age.

The new Association will also meet at every regular general gathering of the church.

Tom Matheny was also elected president of the newly formed South Central Jurisdictional Association of Conference Lay Leaders.

Thirty annual conference lay leaders were present at the meeting, of which 8 were from the South Central Jurisdiction. John Hereford, business manager of the General Board of the Laity, associated with the Louisiana Conference, acted as secretary for the group.

Seminary President to present Willson Lectures at Centenary

The president of Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., Dr. Jameson Jones, has been selected to speak in a series of Willson Lectures presented annually at Centenary College.

Dr. Jones will speak Thursday, March 4, at 10:40 a.m. in the Brown Memorial Chapel.

He accepted the presidency at Iliff after serving four years as pastor of Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church on the campus of DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Jones served as an administrator and faculty member at Garrett Theological Seminary for five years; and seven years on the staff of the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Education of the United Methodist Church. In earlier years, he served as National President of the MYF and edited two national youth periodicals.

The series of lectures is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson of Floydada, Texas, through an endowment which provides speakers in the fields of religion and education on college and university campuses and civic clubs. The public is invited to attend the lecture.

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Baton Rouge pastor honored at Nashville meeting

Dr. Ben Oliphint, pastor of University Church, Baton Rouge, was recently presented a special copy of "Try the World Out" a new resource packet for Christian outdoor education, at the January Meeting of the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church in Nashville.

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, church school editor, in making the presentation, paid tribute to Dr. Oliphint's leadership in developing the new materials. The resource packet includes leader's and learner's guides to outdoor education, ecology action leaflets, and creative skills cards. Printed by the Graded Press, the packet was developed after consultation with Christian outdoor education specialists from the American Baptist Convention, the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Oliphint serves on the Division of Curriculum Materials of the General Board. He is also a member of the Church School Study Committee of the board and represents the board on the Inter-board Committee on Enlistment for Church Vocations.

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"Bob" Lay in Oregon-Idaho Crusade

Robert P. "Bob" Lay, Shreveport layman, will be one of approximately 125 ministers and laymen who will be participating in "Operation: Concern," a program of evangelism in the Oregon-Idaho Area, Feb. 23-March 4.

He will be working in the Idaho phase of the program and has been assigned to the Wilder United Methodist Church, Wilder, Idaho.

Each congregation participating has been asked to provide for three basics: an opportunity for preaching evangelism; an opportunity for evangelistic visitation; and an opportunity for evangelism through small groups.

"Operation: Crusade" was planned by the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer of the Oregon Area prior to his death in January. Dr. Charles D. Whittle, staff member of the Board of Evangelism, who is coordinating the program, says of it: "The sudden death of Bishop Palmer's body was a stunning blow to those of us who knew him and appreciated his compassion for persons. We are determined to make this mission a memorial to him as well as our faithful response to the call of God."

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MERRYVILLE UNITED Methodist Church preceded a week of revival with a special monthly covered dish supper on February 12. Floyd Martin spoke on the subject, "Spiritual Renewal." The Rev. Walter Clarke is pastor of the Merryville-Wesley, DeRidder Charge. Both churches engaged in the revival effort.

Conference Camp Leaders in weekend Workshop

Approximately 60 persons are expected to attend the Conference Camp Leaders Workshop at the Lake Charles District Camp (near Kinder) on February 26-27. Those invited to attend include district directors of camping, local camp directors, district superintendents, district coordinators of children, youth, adult, and family life work.

General sessions will deal with some of the following questions: Why camping? What is new in camping and in printed materials? What are other conferences doing in camping? What are the problems in Louisiana Methodist camping? A helpful feature will be small group planning by age groups and by district councils.

Resource leader for the workshop will be the Rev. Melvin Moody, recently appointed director of camping and Christian education outdoors for the General Board of Education of the United Methodist Church. Other persons with responsibility at this event will include Mrs. Katherine Gibbs, Miss Alice Flint, the Rev. Garland Dean of the Program Council staff and the Rev. James Poole of the Conference Committee on Camping.

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Sin is twisting and distorting out of its proper shape a human personality which God designed to be a thing of beauty and a joy forever.—Walter L. Carson

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PRINTER'S ERROR

Due to a printer's error on page 2 of last week's LOUISIANA METHODIST we are re-running the two sets of pictures—at right and below. Our readers may note a similarity in composition of the two pictures at the extreme right.

WESLEY CHURCH, SULPHUR OBSERVES EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. Dan Tohline, pastor at Vivian, returned to Wesley United Methodist Church in Sulphur on Sunday morning, Jan. 24, as guest preacher for that church's eighth anniversary celebration which followed the theme, "Built on Faith—Promoted by Fellowship."

The Wesley congregation met for their first service on January 20, 1963 in the old Fox Theatre under the leadership of their first pastor, the late Rev. Louis Hoffpauir. They now meet in an attractive brick building located at 423 Live Oak Street.

Other pastors who have served Wesley include Tohline, the late Rev. A. M. Martin, and the present pastor, the Rev. Deen Thompson, now serving in his fifth year.

The Moss Bluff congregation of Lake Charles and members of the Henning Memorial Church in Sulphur were special guests for the evening observance. A large birthday cake in the shape of Wesley Church was a special feature at the reception which concluded the day's celebration.

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CAMPBELL CARILLON DEDICATED AT WELSH CHURCH

The John and Ethel Campbell Memorial Carillon at First United Methodist Church in Welsh was dedicated on Sunday, January 31. The Rev. Harvey Williamson, Lake Charles District superintendent, Dr. Ethan Dodgen, Superintendent of the Forrest City District in Arkansas, and the Rev. Robert Lawton, pastor, took part in the special service; Henry Gillett of Welsh was recitalist.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Ethan (Gracc) Dodgen on behalf of the family and friends.

The carillon is an exclusive development of Schulmerich Carillons, Inc. of Sellersville, Pa., and is played from a special keyboard located at the organ console. Automatic controls will make possible the daily chimes programs which will be heard during the noon hour and at evening time, as well as on special occasions.

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Selwyn Lloyd, recently-elected Speaker of the British House of Commons, is a member of one of British Methodism's most distinguished families.

Pair recognized for service to hospital

Dr. Eugene H. Countiss receives an award far "distinguished and unselfish medical service" to the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans since 1937. Dr. George W. Pomeroy (right) makes the presentatian.

Bishap Aubrey G. Waltan (right) presents Attarney Max M. Schaumburger an award for 48 years of "distinguished and unselfish legal service" to the Hame.

New Orleans Board of Missions Annual Meeting

ABOVE RIGHT: Dr. Harry Kumuro, in charge af Special Ministries with the National Division af the Bd. of Missions, was featured speaker at the evening sessian af the New Orleans District Bd. af Missions meeting on Feb. 1. Dr. Gearge W. Pameray (r.), District superintendent, presided. CENTER: Dr. Kenneth G. McDawell, Munhalland UM Church, host pastor is shown with Mrs. McDowell. LEFT: Among the 150 persons present for the meeting were Mrs. Gearge W. Pomeroy (l.) and Mrs. Charles Cadwallader. (Dr. Kumura spake cancerning the work with minority graups; reports fram the District treasurer, District Bd. of Church Building and Location were presented)

Editorial

COMMUNICATING CHRIST WITH A BEAT

Hardly a one of us has not been concentrating on church communications during recent weeks as a large number of our congregations have undertaken seriously to discover "how the word gets around." By this means we have all been given an opportunity to look in on the various media and to become better acquainted with experts and technicians from a number of them.

These studies should have prepared us to be more objective about many of the communicative processes and made of us better listeners. A number of exciting things are happening around us, and we of the Christian community should listen to some of the things that are being said.

As you drive your car these days, or listen to the radio within your own home, you must be aware of the large number of religious songs that are being included in regular programs of popular music. Some are quick to declare that this programming is in itself sacrilegious, while others are able to see this trend as an honest effort of comunication originating with youth and beamed toward the church.

The Rev. Spurgeon M. Dunnam III, editor of **The Texas Methodist,** said recently: "Although some religious leaders have been predicting a revival of religious interest among young people for some time, the advent of 'Jesus rock' has for the most part caught the average John Q. Churchman surprised and unprepared. He doesn't know quite how to respond to young people who have largely rejected the church, but who now show in their music a spiritual quest and a fascination with the person of Jesus Christ."

The easiest course of action for the traditional churchman is to scoff at the whole movement and write it off as exploitation. This, however, would not be true to the principles of communication about which we have been talking and would be erecting still another barrier between the generations. This new trend in "Jesus rock" music could be just the opportunity we have needed to get to know our own young people and to hear them tell us of some of their needs and hungers.

Two or three developments should be mentioned at this point for those who need to be briefed on this subject:

—At the recent annual convention of National Religious Broadcasters, program styles of young people emerged as a top priority. Some minority voices were raised by some who still declare that "rock music is intrinsically demonic." However, one religious broadcaster said, "We believe the so-called 'Jesus movement' among some youth has helped religious broadcasters so that not only are Christian programs in the new format being accepted by stations — without cost to the broadcaster — but stations are asking for more."

—By far the most dramatic of the developments in this area is the meteoric rise in popularity of the so-called "rock opera" entitled "Jesus Christ Superstar." Here again we would plead with you to hear it before you knock it. May we quote again from our friend Spurgeon Dunnam: "Churchmen are likely to be unfairly harsh in their reactions to the rock musical. To evaluate it properly, one must first recognize 'Superstar' as expressing the images of contemporary youth culture rather than orthodox Christian theology. Clearly 'Superstar' falls far short of the theological stance required of a committed Christian." But, we might add, so the expressions that most of us use in trying to get "the word around."

The Rev. H. Myron Braun, editor of Music Ministry, said in commenting on "Superstar" recently: "I hope we can say also to the great body of 'average' churchmen that the appearance of a 'Jesus' vocabulary in song doesn't necessarily mean a sudden asking of deeper questions or a sudden return to Christianity or the church; searchings into the deeper meanings of life have been with us for quite some time—in the music of Simon and Garfunkel, Bob Dyland, and others, to mention only a few recent examples."

Mr. Dunnam suggests that "Jesus rock" presents the church with a tremendous challenge for Christian evangelism. But he says effective evangelism depends upon the integrity of the evangelizer. He says that before we can use this opportunity to evangelize young people we must show our openness to them as persons, and reflect in our words and actions toward them the humble and compassionate spirit of Jesus.

Youth are witnessing to Jesus Christ in many exciting new ways in our time. Don't turn them off until you have turned them on long enough to hear what they are saying. Give prayerful, objective consideration to these new forms of helping to "get the word around."

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Editor's Corner

A New Look at George Washington Carver

A little book arrived on our desk this week bringing new insight into the life and character of the great Negro scientist Dr. George Washington Carver. It is entitled **'Soul and Soil'** and is written and compiled by the Rev. W. Maurice King, dean of the Upper Room Chapel in Nashville.

Starting with a number of quotations related to the difficulties of a man of science having a faith in God, the book, published by The Upper Room, moves on to show us the depth of Christian faith possessed by Dr. Carver.

We are reminded that, with God's help, this black scientist developed more than 300 products from the peanut; 118 products from the sweet potato; and 75 products from the pecan. In addition, he made synthetic marble from wood shavings, dyes from the Alabama clay; and starch, gum, and wallboard from cotton stalks.

The book is filled with quotations from the numerous biographies that have been written about this great man who contributed to all of American science, but who gave himself to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

Dr. King says: "He was called 'the soul of the faculty' at Tuskegee; he received acclaim from Thomas Edison, from presidents of the United States, from the poverty-stricken and the wealthy-stricken; from the Northerner and the Southerner. Turning down a $100,000 job offer, he chose to use his God-given talents to the end of helping all persons, with God as central in his life."

Brief, pertinent quotations from Dr. Carver are given a new dimension by Dr. King through prayers and comments he has added. One excellent prayer speaks to the alienation between age groups in our day. It is worth sharing with you:

"It seems as yesterday, Lord, when I, too, was a young person—prophetic, idealistic, strong and determined. Mine was a good world! A unique world! A perfect world! Now I am older. The world that I was going to set right is still broken, still torn, still imperfect. But I tried, Lord. With all my youthful vigor, I set out to straighten things out. Now it is my children's turn. I watch as they defy authority, challenge tradition and question everything. Help me to be patient instead of judgmental, to offer guidance instead of scorn, to see them as You saw them—prophetic, idealistic, strong, and determined. AMEN."

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A special fireproof packet containing microfilm copies of the Scriptures was deposited on the Fra Maure highlands of the moon by astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell. Prepared by the American Bible Society, the packet contained a complete Bible in the Revised Standard Version, 16 different language versions of Genesis 1:1, and other Scripture selections. It shows the Scriptures circling the globe. "It is symbolic of our basic goal to provide the Scriptures for man everywhere in a language they can read or understand," noted Dr. James Z. Nettinga, executive secretary of the Society's Nat'l. Distribution Dept.

America's three largest Lutheran Churches have been urged to set aside "a special Sunday in the near future as a Day of Prayer for prisoners of war and persons missing in action in Southeast Asia." Earlier, Dr. J. A. O. Preus, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, had declared March 14 a Day of Prayer for war prisoners throughout the Missouri Synod.

One of the nation's leading proponents of church-state separation suggested in Washington, D.C. that religious groups seeking government aid to church institutions are neglecting their "spiritual mission" in favor of "political power." Characterizing such government subsidies "as destructive of the church itself," Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said "this implies that religion can be bought for a price." Dr. Archer described the present era of church-state confrontation as "the great awakening," observing that there is growing evidence that the rank and file of America is awakening to the church-state problem.

Person-oriented rather than cost-centered care for the aged could keep people healthy longer and reduce the cost of hospitalization, said the Rev. John Mason, director of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) Services to the Aging. He said that homes which provide remotivation and rehabilitation programs for the aging are "penalized for this high quality care" because reimbursement is drastically reduced. However, homes which provide "sedation method" care receive a higher level of reimbursement from federal assistance because the patients are "heavy-care patients." Mason added that church-sponsored homes have more "ambulatory" patients than government homes, indicating that this is the result of rehabilitation efforts.

Addressing a Youth for Christ International staff convention meeting in Minneapolis, a Christian education specialist charged that adults have overplayed the externals in their approach to youth. Dr. Howard Hendricks, chairman of the Christian Education Dept. at Dallas Theological Seminary said, "Parents have been too preoccupied with criticizing long hair and such, while youth workers often think you have to look like kids to get a hearing." The key to a hearing is "attitude—not age," according to Dr. Hendricks. ". . . the kids are basically looking for a brush with reality. They want to see models of Christianity, to see whether the Christ we talk about really makes a difference in the way we live and act," he continued. The educator asserted that the church is too program-oriented and spends too much time in "entertainment" for today's youth. "Many young people would rather study Scripture and discuss their problems in relation to the Bible," he said.

United Methodist Bishop Reuben H. Mueller has asked for the defeat of a state legislative proposal that would allocate $10 million annually to buy "secular services" from private and parochial schools, according to a Religious News Service release. Head of the denomination's Indianapolis Area, he said that the bill is a "subterfuge" to permit indirect public support to schools which are free to pursue "sectarian or partisan overtones."

In an effort to counteract the growing "exodus" of priests from the ministry, the Vatican plans to offer a new series of guidelines aimed at "the recovery" of clergy who have second thoughts about their calling. Announcement of the new measures is contained in the 1970 edition of "The Activities of the Holy See," an annual report on the work of the Pope and the Vatican. Implementation of the measures will be under the direction of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Statistics revealed a loss of 1,476 of the world's priests during 1970.

The Bible Societies in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) have been accepted into full membership in the United Bible Societies. This brings to 50 the number of national Bible societies in the 25-year-old worldwide fellowship. Dr. Oliver Beguin of London, general secretary of the United Bible Societies, said recent indications show that about 25 per cent of East Germans belong to a Christian church—compared with 80 per cent a generation ago.

Dr. Harold Lindsell, editor of Christianity Today magazine, charged at the Layman's Leadership Institute meeting in Miami, Fla., that "the atheistic, existentialist idea that life is meaningless is reflected in the cultural disjunction evident in art, music, philosophy and a religion in which the church has been secularized." He said that the church ought to convince men that "life has meaning."

Speakers at the second annual Nat'l. Conference of Trinity Institute in New York are reported to have "anathematized" secular Christianity and called upon the Church to recognize that its business is religion. An Anglican priest, a Catholic theologian, a Catholic lay philosopher, a Lutheran theologian, an Orthodox theologian, and the Institute's Episcopal director are said to have "taken turns assailing the secular interpretation of Christianity found in Harvey Cox's 'Secular City' and Bonhoeffer's religionless Christianity." The Rev. Michael Marshall, vicar of an Anglican parish in London, said that the "new religion outside the church comes from deep spiritual need but doesn't lead to the kingdom of God." He said that Christianity is "scandalously" different from every other religion, and that it should redirect the religious movement outside the church rather than be swept along with it.

The Nat'l. Temperance and Prohibition Council has been challenged to launch an all-out campaign against alcohol as its major activity in 1971. "Americans must be shocked by the facts . . . the bare facts of the toll that alcohol is taking upon human life," declared Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey.

There is no basis for condemning the chaplaincy as a tool of the military, the president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) said. Dr. A. Dale Fiers, reporting on a recent visit with chaplains in the Far East, underscored the "ministerial character of the chaplaincy and its validity." The executive said: "Individual chaplains differ as much in their abilities, theology and personalities as civilian ministers, but they have one basic thing in common —they consider themselves to be ministers of the Gospel and servants of the church in the world."

Interdenominational Riverside church in New York City will receive $1 million from the estate of the late Mrs. Martha Baird Rockefeller, who died Jan. 24. The sum is reported to be one of 14 charitable bequests by the second wife of the late John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The property of Riverside church is estimated as having a replacement value of about $86,000,000.

Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, a one-time American Baptist Sunday school superintendent, told 500 laymen assembled for the Layman's Leadership Institute in Miami that the "message of salvation" must be tied to "the problems of society." He warned that society has been changed by the impact of television, bringing the realities of life to children in the home. For that reason, he said, the young are aware of problems "which cannot be fundamentally solved unless there are basic changes in cultural values and premises."

With every alcoholic drink a person takes, he may be destroying a few brain cells—cells which are irreparable, according to a startling conclusion drawn by a team of medical researchers in S. Carolina. This applies to the social drinker as well as the alcoholic. Research by Dr. Melvin H. Knisely, professor of anatomy at the Medical University of S. Carolina, and two associates showed that the circulating red blood cells become "agglutinated" when alcohol is consumed, causing a thick, sticky "sludge," which is not able to pass through the fine capillaries in order to nourish body cells with oxygen. Neurons, the brain cells, are especially vunerable to the lack of oxygen. The researchers found that if oxygen is cut off from the brain cells for more than three minutes, they are seriously damaged. If deprived of oxygen for 15 or 20 minutes damage is permanent and the nerve cell dies.

NEW YORK – An actor portrays Christ in two of the television spots based on Jesus' teachings – the "Rich Young Ruler" (left) and "The Woman Taken in Adultery" – produced by two denominational broadcast agencies, the United Methodist Church's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication and the United Presbyterian Church's Division of Mass Media. The new campaign includes the television spot announcements aimed at TV's main audience, middle-aged Americans, and also several radio spots for varying audiences and station formats such as youth, "country and western," etc. (RNS Photo)

World Day of Prayer to be observed March 5

World Day of Prayer is to be observed in 1971 on March 5 in 155 countries by 25,000 women and children's groups throughout the world. This is the 84th observance of this World Day of Prayer celebration and the theme for this year is . . . "New Life Awaits." This is an Interdenominational effort seeking to make visible their unity in Christ.

This ever-widening celebration helps meet the needs of people at home and overseas. It will benefit the following home missions . . . aid American Indians and Spanish-Speaking peoples . . . help send representative farm workers to policy-making meetings . . support health services in Freedom City . . . aid National Parks in a year-round ministry . . . aid internships. . . leadership training, home-making and other related subjects. . . missions for overseas countries will be helped in building self-help projects. . . in the Dominican and Windward Islands . . . a seminary in Djakarta. . . reading and educational material for Africa and Asia. . . subsidize children and women's books and magazines in Korea, India, Argentina, and Mexico . . . rendering emergency aid to devastated areas at home and abroad.

Northeast Louisiana CWU dates

Church Women United in Northcast Louisiana will convene on that day in Monroe-West Monroe area for six services. In Monroe, adult groups will meet at Grace Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Margaret Alger as leader. The West Monroe adult group will meet at McGuire United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Don Wineinger as leader. Adult groups will also meet at First Christian Church with Mrs. S. W. Raby as leader.

Children's services will be held at Monroe Memorial Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. with Mrs. Stone Caraway as leader. Mrs. E. E. Williamson will lead the children at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in West Monroe. The Rev. W. A. Massey will hold a service at L.T.I. in Monroe for the children.

Mrs. M. L. DeFreese is the general chairman of the World Day of Prayer services and says, "Long before there was a Church Women United movement, women and children met together throughout the world and shared their care and concern for Christian Missions. They planned practical ways to carry forward Christ's Mission. All are invited to come share this spiritual hour. "Pray without ceasing!"

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WESLEY WOMEN PRESENT NATIVITY SET TO GARCIAS

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Wesley United Methodist Church of Sulphur presented a hand painted ceramic nativity set to Mr. and Mrs. Juaquin Garcia of Mexico in January.

Wesley Church groups have been helping the Garcias with their missionary work in Mexico by sending financial aid. The couple and son stopped overnight in Sulphur and were special guests at the December Men's Club Meeting. They showed slides and told of the work they were doing in Mexico and answered questions asked by the men and their wives. They went on to visit Mrs. Garcia's parents in Mississippi.

Mrs. Garcia had expressed a desire for a nativity set. Society members decided to buy and hand paint the set in time to give to them on their way back to Mexico.

Mrs. Sheldon Bertrand is president of the Wesley WSCS.

THE REV. AND MRS. Rex Squyres wish to express to all of their friends and loved ones appreciation for their prayers, their warm greetings and expressions of concern during Mr. Squyres' illness. They feel they will never be able to repay all of you for your thoughtfulness. He is now at home, Route 5, Box 124-B, Lake Charles, making satisfactory progress in his recovery.

FIRST U. M. CHURCH, Lake Charles, honored engineers and engineering students at both morning worship services on Sunday, February 21. Engineer's Week is observed annually throughout the United States in February during the week of George Washington's birthday—one of our first American engineers. The Rev. George Pearce, Jr., is the pastor. A special invitation was extended the engineers to come worship in the sanctuary of the Creator, the first and greatest engineer.

HENNING METHODIST MEN at Sulphur held a Sweetheart Banquet in the church fellowship hall on Wednesday, February 17. A Barber Shop Quartet from Jennings High School, under the direction of Robert J. Landry, furnished the entertainment.

THE WINNFIELD FIRST Church bulletin recently reminded the membership that the church has 12 Certified Lay Speakers. They are Carroll Hatcher, Dennis Shell, Denton Shell, Dudley Shell, John Jackson, J. G. Russell, Jr., John Scott, Tracy L. Harrel, Jr., Thomas H. Harrel, Jr., W. B. Stewart, Reginald E. Dietzel and J. D. Holmes, Jr.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Feb. 28—Sunday	John 20:24-31
March 1	Psalms 16:1-11
March 2	Psalms 22:1-5
March 3	Acts 24:10-15
March 4	Rom. 15:4-13
March 5	Job 11:13-18
March 6	Prov. 10:22-28
March 7—Sunday	Prov. 14:27-32

A CHURCH SCHOOL WORKERS' Valentine Family Night was held Monday night, February 15, at First Church, Pineville. Mrs. Wesley Bowman, well known author, lecturer and teacher at Louisiana College, entertained the group with a talk entitled, "Love is a Many Splintered Thing." Mrs. Wayne Fallin is educational assistant and the Rev. Richard E. Walton is pastor of the Pineville Church.

A FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Franklin on Sunday evening, February 14. Dr. B. Joseph Martin of Thibodaux, son of a pioneer Methodist preacher of this area, was the guest speaker and told of many fascinating experiences in early Methodism. Mrs. June Stevens, chairman of the Council of Ministries, with the assistance of her task force, was in charge. The Valentine theme was carried out in the table decorations. The Rev. C. R. McCammon is the pastor.

COMMENT

VICE PRESIDENT

"You cannot sell vegetables from an empty cart," so says an old adage — how true of being a Vice President. If you do not keep yourself informed on all subjects of the church you cannot mould the program work of your society. I am sure with the informative articles that have been published in the **Louisiana Methodist,** you are well informed on COCU (Consultation on Church Union). If more information is needed a book is available, "A Plan of Union" for 65 cents per copy or 25 cents per copy in quantities of 4 or more from: COCU Distributors, P. O. Box 989, Philadelphia, Pa. 19105.

May I also call to your attention the following materials that will be helpful in planning your programs:

1. Forecast—Resource for Church in Mission
2. Project Handbook—National Mission
3. Project Handbook—Overseas Mission
4. Reading Program 1971
5. Church Women United Days 1971
6. The Drug Puzzle—This is a new packet of information on drugs. (The above materials can be purchased from Service Center).

As the Lenten Season approaches, finalize the plans for your study of **Psalms.** A study of this book will make you realize how pertinent the **Psalms** are for us now, and the whole group will realize a spiritual lift from the study as well as a desire to project the arms of compassion of the Church.

Keep your programs full of meaning for your particular group of women. Do not spare your efforts to involve each woman in the total program. The **Spiritual,** "You Can't Go to Heaven in a Rocking Chair," is quite true — nor can good programs be reached in that manner either. Much planning by the Program Committee of which you are the chairman, as well as plain hard work will pay off in meaningful programs.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Vice-President,
Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service

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RACE RELATIONS PROGRAM AT WESLEY RAY U.M. CHURCH

Wesley Ray United Methodist Church, Angie, La. observed Race Relations Sunday with a special program.

Appeals for the United Methodist Negro Colleges were made by the Chairman of Christian Social Concerns. The Chairman of Education warned of the dangers of white and black racism. Young ladies of the Youth Fellowship participated in introduction of the speakers.

Bascom D. Talley, Jr., Bogalusa Methodist layman was the visiting speaker on "Education is the Way." Music by the widely known Wesley Ray choir appropriate to the special program was directed by Mr. Willie Ginn. The Rev. T. R. Wallace is pastor.

Left to right: Beulah Robinson, UMYF; Oliver Brown, Sr., education chairman; Doris Robinson, UMYF; Bascom D. Talley, Jr., visiting speaker; Freddie H. Jefferson, charge lay leader; Mrs. Rovella Martin, chairman, Christian social concerns; Mrs. Eddie Mae May, usher; and the Rev. T. R. Wallace, pastor of the Wesley Ray Church in Angie.

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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Alexandria:First:Sloane	9	59	1	69
Trinity:Corley	2	22		24
Wesley-St. Paul:Blakeman	4	18		22***
Horseshoe:Blakeman				
Ball Ct.:Mayo	4	15		19**
Boyce-Sieper:Pinkard	4	18		22*
Bunkie:Christie	7	31		38
Colfax-Hollins:Wade	14	21		35
Elizabeth-Hopewell:Milam	6	47		53***
Glenmora:Stegall	3	12		15
Melder-Lewis:Pinckard				
Jena-Belah:Moreland	3	21		24
Jonesville:Pyles				
Lecompte-Bayou Chicot-Cheneyville:Milton	2	41	1	44**
Bentley:Kellogg	3	3		6**
Pl. Grove:Cotton	7	10		17**
Marksville-Oak Gr.-Simmesport:Lee				
Marthaville-Beulah-Robeline: Bailes	4	12		16*
Montgomery:McVay	8	30		38*
Natchitoches:First:Harper	15	65	5	85
College Ave.-Provencal-Weaver:Bevill	15	8		23**
Oak Grove-Davis Spgs: Proctor	15	23		38**
Oakdale-Pine Prairie:Howell	2	25		27
Olla-Tullos:Malone	6	34		40**
Palestine-Bethel:Hoffpauir				
Pineville:Walton	22	91		113**
Pollock-Selma-Liberty:Dill	5	12		17
Trout-Eden-Urania:Spiller				
Winnfield-Couley:Skinner	16	48		64
Totals	176	666	7	849

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Baker:Howell				
Baton Rouge-First:Dawson	3	6		9
Broadmoor:Bailey	36	144		180
St. Paul:Messer	2	2		4
Ingleside:Alverson	6	21		27
Istrouma:Barksdale	3	18		21
Jefferson:Crosby	5	12		17
St. Luke-Port Allen:Ramke				
North Baton Rouge:Carter	6	11	1	18
St. John-Highland:Price	2	3		5
University:Oliphint	4	20	2	26
Winbourne:Stout				
Asbury:Pickett				
Bethel-Magnolia:Dampier	4	16		20
Blackwater:Blakely	18	38		56
Clinton-Clear Creek:Eubanks	4	34	1	39
Concord-New Hope:Kimble				
Deerford:Wilkes		15		15*
Denham Spgs:Pickens	3	14		17
Donaldsonville:Paine		2		2
Gonzales:Humphreys	7	10		17
Grand River:Oldham		6		6
Jackson-Ethel:Carter	8	10		18
Live Oak:Collins	5	8		13
Lottie-Rosedale:Burlew		18		18
Plaquemine:Sibley				
Carpenter's Chapel:Daigle				
St. Francisville-Tunica:Means	2	12		14
Slaughter-New Roads:Zerangue	6	18		24*
Zachary:Williams	6	14	2	22
Totals	130	452	6	588

HAMMOND DISTRICT

Amite-Independence:McClain	9	118		127***
Angie-Varnado:Sylvest		6		6
Bluff Creek:Babin	3	5		8
Bogalusa-Eliz.Sullivan: Mouser	8	62		70
Covington:Irving	22	19		41
Days-Center-Darlington: Turner				
Faithful-New River-Meadows: Holt	2	14		16
Fisher:Means	4			4
Fitzgerald-Waldheim:Scarf:	4	13		17
Franklinton:Means	2	33	1	36
Greensburg-Wesley:Casey	4	24		28
Hammond-Tickfaw:Blount	16	43		59
Kentwood-Mt. Hermon: Fairley	6	33		39**
Lacombe-St. Tammany:Ensenat				
Livingston-James Ch.-Corbin: Campbell	1	21		22
Loranger-Cooper's Chapel: Stafford	4	7		11
Lutcher-LaPlace:Sirman				
Pearl River-Talisheek:Saunders				
Pine Gr.-Montpelier:Milton	1	18		19
Ponchatoula:Lancaster	4	26		30
Slidell:Vining	4	40		44
Springfield-Maurepas-Huff's: Bordages	4	5		9
Sun-Bush:Wood	2	11		13**
Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge-Pine Hill:Worthy	13	17		30
Walker-Mangum-Friendship: Davis	10	13	4	27
Wesley-Lee's Landing: Walters				
Totals	123	528	5	656

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Abbeville-Pecan Island:Arnold	5	25		30
Berwick:Bergeron	3	16		19
Church Pt:Deen	2	16		18*
Crowley:Bond	14	37		51
Wesley:VanHorn				
Ebenezer-Iota:Boyd	8	17		25*
Franklin:McCammon	3	59		62
Golden Meadow-Gr. Isle: Robinson	6	15		21
Houma:Cain	4	50		54
Houma Hts:Bell	11	26		37
St. Martinville:Gilbert				
Indian Bayou-Kaplan: Peterson				
Jeanerette-Lydia:Reeves	3	6		9
Lafayette-Davidson:Lilly	2	13		15
Asbury:Ross	164	79		243***
Ivanhoe:Branton		6		6**
First:Haug	7	58		65
Lockport-Raceland:Martin	3	8		11
Melville-Palmetto:Marcel	1	17		18
Morgan City:Blakely	20	46		66
New Iberia:Flurry	11	32	1	44
Opelousas:Shirley	4	36		40
Port Barre-Krotz Spgs.-Waxie:Strozier	6	32		38**
Rayne-Branch:Cady		11		11
Thibodaux-Vacherie-Gibson: Jones	11	20		31**
Patterson-Bayou Vista: Johns				
Totals	294	625	1	920

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Cameron-Gr. Chenier:Coody	9	19	1	29**
DeQuincy:Galatas	3	14		17
DeRidder:Wallace	5	24		29
DeRidder-Wesley-Merryville:Clarke	21	28	1	50**
Elton-Basile:Sayes	5	18		23**
Eunice-Ville Platte:Martin	10	21	1	32
Prospect-Hornbeck:Bengtson	6	14		20**
Guydan:Lankford	6	22		28
Iowa-Bell City-Hayes: Crofoot	8	25		33
Jennings:Carruth	9	41	1	51
Trinity:Lapuyade	2	12		14
Kinder-Oberlin:Matthew		51		51**
Lake Arthur:Nance	28	13		41**
Fairview-Sweet Lake: Geissen	6	15	1	22
Lake Charles-First:Pearce	14	143	1	158
Oak Park:Harbuck	2	5		7
Simpson:Bowdon	6	19	1	26
St. Luke:Peeples		5		5
University:Fraser	5	23		28
Westlake:Meek				
Leesville-Holly Grove:Tatum	10	30		40
Maplewood-Hackberry:Reid	2	10	1	13
Broadland:Knight		9		9**
Raymond:Wade				
Sulphur-Henning:Jamieson	11	62		73
Wesley:Thompson	6	20		26
Vinton:Bevill		12		12
Welsh:Lawton	3	49		52**
Moss Bluff:Squires				
Roanoke:Mims	1	13		14
Totals	178	717	8	903

MONROE DISTRICT

	New	Renewal	Not Due	Total
Bastrop:Quaid	8	62	1	71
Mem.-Beekman:Dowden	7	8	5	20
Bonita:Brooks	6	19		25***
Collinston:Love		13		13
Bonne Idee:McKnight				
Columbia-Hebert:House	5	21	2	28
Baskin:McKisson		9		9***
Delhi:Allen	10	19		29
Epps-Floyd:Stegall	9	19		28**
Ferriday:Baker	1	21		22
Gilbert-Beouf Prairie:Holley	8	30		38**
Grayson-Kelly:McGowen	11	25		36***
Crew Lake-Unlon:Medak	3	6		9
Kilbourne-Locust Gr.: Strong	6	3		9
Lake Providence:Potter	1	17		18
Mangham-Crowville:Howes	2	37		39**
Mer Rouge-Oak Ridge: Robertson		15		15
Monroe-First:Lueg	13	40		53
Reveille:Tooke	9	11		20**
Memorial:Caraway	19	37		56
Southside:Joyner	13	36		49
St. Mark:Jacocks				
St. Paul:Frazier	13	8		21
Newellton:Harrington		1		1
Oak Grove:Schwendimann	3	22		25
Pioneer-Forrest:Jordan				
Rayville-Holly Ridge:Bowdon	3	38		41
Sicily Island-Harrisonburg: Hodges	10	24	1	35**
St. Andrews-Bartholomew: Robertson	2	21		23
St. Joseph-Wesley:Henkel	1	14		15
Tallulah:Bell	8	24		32
Vidalia:Bengtson				
Waterproof-Clayton:Wingfield	3	14		17
West Monroe-First:Peyton	33	30		63
Brownville-Luna-Walnut Grove:Patton	7	24		31**
Claiborne-Wilhite:Lowe	3	2		5
McGuire:Sewell	16	14	2	32
Winnsboro:Miller	9	46		55
Wisner:St.Amant	2	23		25*
Woodlawn-Little Creek: McKeithen	6	5		11
Totals	250	758	11	1019

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

New Orleans-Algiers: Townsend	4	11		15
Aurora:Branton				
Carrollton:Harris	4	36		40
St. Andrew's:Garrett	4	14		18
Elysian Fields:Fuller	2	5		7
Felicity:Eaker				
First:Crichlow	33	51		84
Gentilly:McKeithen	10	10		20
Gretna:Wall				
Jefferson-St. John:Hall	26	19		45
Kenner:Duerson	3	11		14
Lake Vista:Thomas	2	5		7
Luling:Foreman				
Metairie:McFarland	3	2		5
St. James:Smith	3	7		10
Munholland:McDowell	52	32		84
Napoleon:Poole	6	24		30
Parker Mem:Hurley		24		24
Rayne:Galloway	14	75	3	92
St. Luke:Woodland	2	7		9
St. Bernard-St. Claude: Evans	4	12		16
St. Mark-John Wesley:Coles		17		17
St. Matthew:Stovall				
St. Paul:Walker				
Second:Herr		14		14
Trinity-Asbury-Buras:Conerly	2	4		6
New Orleans-Belle Chasse: Horton				
Totals	174	380	3	557

RUSTON DISTRICT

Arcadia-Mt.Moriah:York	5	37		42
Athens-Bethel-Cross Roads: Anders	3	10		13
Bernice-Beech Gr.-Summerfield:Terry	2	37		39**
Beinville-Mill Creek-Strange: McDowell	1	20		21
Castor:Staples	1	14		15*

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Calhoun-Beulah-Indian Village:Crotwell				
Chatham:Brown	2	12		14
Choudrant-Douglas:Spinks	5	19		24
Clay:Westbrook		7		7
Ansley:Stokes	1	14		15***
Cotton Valley-Pl. Valley: Carter	7	39		46**
Dubach-Hilly:Grant	3	12		15
Harmony Chapel-Lisbon-Arizona:Robinson	4	28		32
Downsville-Bethel-Mt. Nebo:Averett	2	41		43**
Doyline-Sibley:Longfellow	2	20		22
Eros:Ross	1	9	1	11**
Ruston Gr. Ct.:Antioch: Hearn		3		3
Concord:Hearne				
Frampton:Putnam				
Sanders:Shaw				
Pine Gr-Evergree-Bethlehem: Holladay	5	14		19
Farmerville:Scott	11	19		30
Gibsland-Oak Gr.:Taylor	5	11		16
Haynesville-Colquitt: Winegeart	22	32		54
Heflin-Brushwood:Cassels	3	46		49**
Homer-Wesley	37	215		252***
Jonesboro-Center Pt.:Adams	11	32	2	45
Marion-Birds Chapel:Corie		27		27
Minden:Rickey	12	113	4	129
Lake View-McIntyre: Coppage	16	39	2	57
Quitman-Faith:Beck	12	20		32**
Ringgold-Gr. Bayou-Rockey Mt.:	7	46		53**
Ruston-Grace: Lynch	126	32	5	163***
Wesley	17	9	1	27***
Trinity:McGuire	33	426		459***
Shongaloo-Whitehall:Gilbert				
Simmsboro-Antioch-Salem: Parks	7	44		51**
Springhill-Sarepta:Mayo	4	36	1	41
Hodge-Dodson-New Hope: Sherman				
Totals	367	1456	15	1838

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Bossier City-Barksdale:Mead Ellerbe Road	14	3		17
Benton:Krumnow		24		24
Blanchard-Belcher:Stage	9	20		29
Bossier City First:Rorie	4	28	3	35
St. Stephen's-Hall: Cunningham	7	11		18
Cross Roads:Rowe	4	8	1	13***
Coushatta:Carroll	4	20		24
Greenwood-Longstreet:Wendt	2	22	1	25
Haughton-Love Chapel: Ovenshire	1	19		20
Holly Springs	1	4		5
Ida-Hosston:Edwards		30		30**
Keatchie-Shiloh:Debusk				
Logansport-Bethel:Wilson	27	18		45**
Mansfield-Grand Cane:Harkins	13	19		32
Many-Bayou Scie:Taylor	81	49		130***
Mooringsport:Grove	1	20		21**
Oil City:Durham	3	18		21***
Pl. Hill-Mitchell-Pelican: Constable	11	9	1	21
Pl. Dealing-Walker's Chapel: Emanuel	3	18		21
Shreveport-Broadmoor: Kilpatrick	38	118	4	160
Caddo Hts:Finnin				
Cedar Grove:Winn	7	25		32
First:Dykes	5	59	2	66
Mangum:Brown	16	24		40
Morningside-Stonewall: Felder	13	23		36
Noel:Nader	3	86		89
North Highland:Risinger				
Lakeview:Nolan	6	36	1	43
St. Luke's:Poole	2	13		15
Summer Grove:Taylor		7	3	10
Trinity-Bethany:Wilson				
Wesley-Keithville: Hollingsworth	5	23		28
Wynn Mem.	1	23		24
Vivian-Rodessa:Tohline	9	45		54

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Zwolle-Noble-Converse: Dear	7	17		24*
Shreveport-Christ:Baker	41	5		46
Totals	338	844	52	1234

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* reached quota
** exceeded quota
*** doubled quota
**** tripled quota

RECAPITULATION

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1971 LOUISIANA METHODIST CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Per Cent
Ruston	367	1456	15	1838	1600	115
Alexandria	176	666	7	849	1371	62
Hammond	123	528	5	656	1145	57
Lafayette	294	625	1	920	1649	56
Lake Charles	178	717	8	903	1730	52
Monroe	250	758	9	1017	2122	48
Shreveport	338	844	52	1234	3080	40
New Orleans	174	380	3	557	2059	.27
Baton Rouge	130	452	6	588	2516	23
Total	2030	6426	106	8569		

Theological beliefs may get one into a church, but certainly not into the kingdom of Heaven.—Stanley I. Stuber

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The kingdom is not retarded so much by intellectual doubts as by the moral demands it makes.—Roy L. Smith

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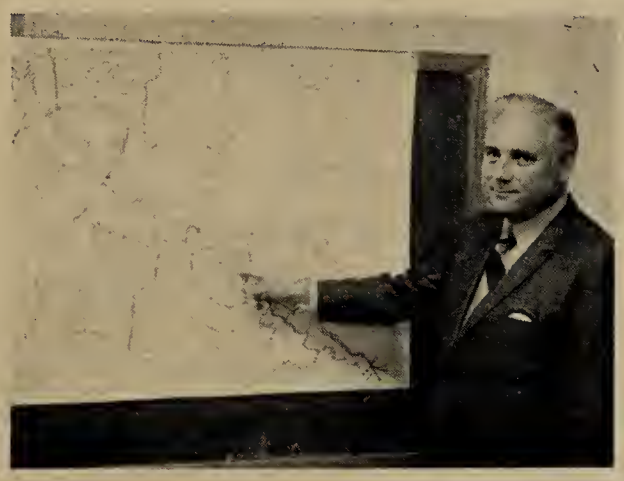

The Rev. Harvey Williamson, Lake Charles District superintendent, is shown explaining the merger plan for Conferences A and B with proposed new districts outlined on map, at recent meeting with members of the Eunice congregation. The Rev. Carey Martin is pastor.

Participants in Annual Ruston District Laymen's Banquet held in the American Legion Hall in Minden on February 9. FROM LEFT: Marcus D. Wren, District lay leader from First Church, Minden; the Rev. Ralph Cain, Ruston District superintendent; Dr. John H. Allen, president of Centenary College, principal speaker for the event, was introduced by C. O. Holland of Minden (right).

Dr. Woodrow Hearn (center), executive director of the Conference Program Council, was guest speaker for the Feb. 14 session of the study "How the Word Gets Around," at St. Luke's Church in Shreveport. Shown with him (l. to r.) are Homer Adams and James Stahl. The Rev. James M. Poole is pastor.

Marcus D. Wren, Jr. (center) received the Ruston District Layman of the Year award. Making the presentation was Robert Charles Smith (right) of Springhill. Wren's pastor, Dr. Henry Rickey is shown at left.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MARCH 7: Living by the Law of Love

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-37

MEMORY SELECTION: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain an understanding of what Jesus meant by the word "neighbor"; to help those in the class appreciate the many challenges of our day for Christians to become involved.

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There is a certain similarity concerning the introduction to last week's lesson and this one. Scripture text for both tell of persons in Jesus' audience raising questions about inheritance. Last week a man asked him to intervene in a family dispute about an inheritance of money. This week we read that "a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life'?" Although the questions were poles apart, this served the purpose of setting the stage for the teaching of another great Christian truth by means of a parable.

Today we are thinking about the story of the good Samaritan and all that it has to say to us about love, neighborliness, and involvement. Someone has said that the Old Testament and the New Testament meet at their highest point in this lesson. What is meant is that the Law and the Prophets are seen as coming together in the Great Commandment.

People today find it difficult to even include the word "neighbor" in their vocabularies. We read a newspaper account of the recent Los Angeles earthquake in which the reporter described his personal experience of being thrown out of bed by the quake and then quickly joining his neighbors on the street as they fled their homes. He said that one man who had lived near him for six months without meeting him offered to turn off the valves to the gas system running into his house. During ordinary days there had been no sense of being neighbors, but in the emergency of the earthquake there was a fellow-feeling which warmed the hearts of all concerned.

Although we do not all experience a similar emergency, who can deny that we do live under the continuing uneasiness which today's world fosters? In such conditions we dare not concern ourselves with "business as usual," but must listen to the voices which call us to be involved in mission where there is need. The story of the good Samaritan speaks to that very point, and so today's lesson should prove to be an exciting and meaningful one for all of us.

The churches and individual Christians have been criticized lately for failing to fulfill the social implications of the Gospel. Others fail to see any connection between a personal experience or religion and the social implications of the needs of people in all parts of the world. Too many of us can pass right by extreme examples of need and act as though we do not see them. We have all been shocked by the story of 39 people in a respectable section of New York City who were witnesses to a gruesome murder of a woman who was crying out for someone to help her—and no one so much as even lifted a phone to call the police. Jesus speaks to people who can do a thing like that in this lesson. If we can hear him there is still some hope for us.

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"WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?"

Commentators do not seem to agree as to whether the man who asked the question about inheriting eternal life was seriously looking for an answer. He may have been one of those who were often in Jesus' audience with no other purpose than that of trapping him into saying things that would destroy him. Luke does tell us that the lawyer stood up "to put him to the test."

You will remember that similar stories are found in Luke 18 and Mark 10. In those passages a young man asks the same question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The question on this occasion was asked by one who was learned in the Jewish law. Dr. George Buttrick feels that we should give the man credit for being serious about his question. Like honest seekers in every age, he is concerned about his own destiny and feels that Jesus is one who can help him. So often we are not as patient as Jesus was in dealing with those who come to us with serious questions about spiritual realities. This is particularly true about those who have adopted differing life styles from our own, and whose words for expressing religious truths are not the ones we have come to think of as traditional.

At the 1968 General Conference Dr. Harold Bosley told of a young man of the "hippie" generation" who dropped into his fashionable Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church just to look around and see if he could discover anything that the church was doing which might communicate with his need. Dr. Bosley confessed that he found it difficult to talk to the young man and doubted that he gave him much to carry with him from the interview. Jesus was never at a loss for words in such a situation, and we are indebted to him for the story he told the young lawyer.

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THE PARABLE

The parable of the good Samaritan has been called the most familiar section of the Gospel of Luke. There is no doubt that it was the most effective manner in which Jesus could have illustrated his answer to the question "And who is my neighbor?"

When the young lawyer questioned him about inheriting eternal life, he was in turn questioned about his own understanding of the meaning of the Law. The reply he gave was a combination of two Old Testament passages—Deuteronomy 6:4, known as "the Shema" and Leviticus 19:18—which concluded with the admonition to love your neighbor as yourself. When Jesus told him his answer was right, the man then asked, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus then related the story of the man who was attacked by robbers while traveling to Jericho. Left half-dead along the road, he was ignored by a priest and a Levite. Finally a Samaritan came along and gave him first aid and carried him to an inn where he saw that he was cared for and left money to provide for him until he was able to travel. At the conclusion of the story Jesus made the lawyer answer his own question saying, "Which of the three, do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

There are a number of things to be seen in this story. The first is that in that day the Jew did not regard a Gentile as a neighbor. The law forbade him to lift up his hand against his neighbor, but a "stranger" was not a neighbor. In the light of this definition, Jesus made the hero of this story a Samaritan — one who a half-breed, of a race which the Jews counted religiously in disrepute and with whom they had no dealings. As a matter of fact the Jewish traveler in Jesus' day would not even go through Samaria, but was willing to take a long detour to avoid it.

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JESUS AND THE SAMARITANS

Although the background of the hostility between the Jews and the Samaritans is not altogether clear, we do know that Jesus used every possible occasion to attempt reconciliation between the groups.

It is generally believed that the Samaritans became a mixed race, after the overthrow of the "northern kingdom" by the intermarriage of the unexiled Israelites with the conquering Assyrians. This was a case of collaborating with an occupying army. The alienation reached its peak in the 4th Century B.C. with the establishment of a Samaritan temple and the consequent downgrading of the temple in Jerusalem.

Starting with the fact that the Samaritan was of a mixed race and worshipped God in the wrong place, the two groups took every possible opportunity to fan the fires of hostility. The result was perhaps the worst example of racial prejudice the world has ever known. Racism has long been one of the great dividers of people with other minorities being substituted for the Samaritan when they have in some way threatened the majority in all parts of the world.

In contrast to the man who extended a helping hand the priest and the Levite seem monstrous in their conduct, but we need to take a long look at them before we are too critical. Can we be sure that we would never play their part?

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Like the young lawyer, men have always thought they had quick answers concerning those to whom they are willing to show compassion. "Who is my neighbor?" Nearness does not make neighborliness. The priest and Levite were near both by race and by office, and the Samaritan was so remote. People may live next to each other for years and yet not be neighbors.

Surely Jesus was speaking to his own disciples as much as to the young lawyer. He knew that they needed to see their own sins of prejudice and legalism as much as he did. He wanted to show that neighborliness must move beyond the restrictions of race and ritual law. He used the figure of the priest to show that official religionists can sometimes be so absorbed in their church responsibilities that they overlook completely the human need and suffering very close at hand. He used the Levite to represent a layman with great loyalty to the church who fails to respond to suffering and prejudice all around him.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in **International Lesson Annual:** "The question, however was—and is—a good one. Who is my neighbor? Whom shall I include in the circle of Christian love? To the Jews in Jesus' day the Samaritans and the Romans were not considered as neighbors who were to be loved . . . Racism is one of the leading evils in our day, too. Jews, Negroes, Japanese, Puerto Ricans, American Indians, and others are the objects of persecution in various areas of the country where they constitute minority groups that threaten the majority. It has always been so, but this does not justify such action in the light of the gospel."

"Who is my neighbor?" asked the lawyer. This is a question we need to raise continually in our modern world.

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LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

In the first part of the lesson the lawyer responded to Jesus' question, "What is written in the law?" by saying one should love his neighbor as himself. He was being very practical as he quoted from the Old Testament. Dr. John Knox says: "When we are asked to love our neighbors, we are required to love them not vaguely or emotionally, but in a very definite, practical and realistic way."

It is really how we regard ourselves that determines the kind of love and understanding we show for our neighbors. The priest and the Levite were very narrow in their concept of their own importance, and the wounded man along the road just did not measure up as a human being of great consequence. The Samaritan on the other hand could forget that he was a member of a despised group. Seeing himself as just a human being, he had no trouble in understanding that here was another man who needed help.

It is the absence of an understanding of basic humanity that is the root of so many of our problems in human relations. Until we learn by the grace of God to live like neighbors, compassionately concerned for each other, we cannot hope for conditions to improve. We thank God, however, for many modern examples of the good Samaritan through whose efforts barriers are continually falling.

'SERVE'

SPOKANE, Wash. (UMI) — If the Rev. S. Raynor Smith wondered why so many youth slept through his sermon at Central United Methodist Church here January 31, there really was a reason—they had just completed a marathon 21½-hour volleyball game to raise more than $700 for Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, and the Race Relations Sunday offering.

Rick Beeman, 17-year-old vice-president of Spokane District youth, said the project was decided upon as an unusual way to raise funds they didn't have themselves. The 100 youth took pledges from members of their churches for points scored in the game and hoped to raise $300 in a 24-hour game beginning at 10 a.m. January 30.

By early Sunday morning, the weary team members had scored 2,356 points and raised $706.80. They called it quits, ate breakfast and attended the service at Central Church where the game had been held.

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Group which met in Dallas recently to plan for Ecumenical Seminar/Workshop for Ministry with Persons in Leisure. FROM LEFT (standing): Dr. Marvin Judy, Perkins Seminary, S.M.U.; the Rev. Tom Arney, Lake Texoma United Ministry; the Rev. Virgil Morris, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction of the UM Church, and Dr. Roy D. Holt, Disciples of Christ executive in Texas. (Seated): Miss Betty Whittoker, National Council of Churches, and the Rev. Melvin West, Office of Creative Ministries, Columbia, Mo.

Group aims at "Key '73" evangelism effort

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A group of 25 United Methodists representing young persons and adults, clergy and laity, men and women, and several ethnic groups met here February 11 to brainstorm possibilities for involvement in a North American evangelism movement known as "Key 73."

Key 73 began in 1967 with a consultation of "evangelical Christians" in Arlington, Va. Participation in the meetings, which became known as "Key Bridge Consultations," soon broadened and in 1970 Key 73 was officially launched. The cooperative umbrella of the movement was raised to include a wide variety of Protestant denominations and evangelism-oriented groups.

As many as 100 groups, with possible Roman Catholic and Orthodox representation, are expected to participate in the movement leading up to and during the year 1973.

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UPPER ROOM to publish new devotional magazine

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — **Alive!,** a new quarterly devotional magazine in contemporary design and beamed at no specific age group but more toward a person's theological perception, will be tested this spring by The Upper Room, an interdenominational ministry related to the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

Two hundred thousand copies of a test issue of **Alive!** will be released, according to Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, editor, to see if it meets the needs of an audience not reached by traditional devotional guides such as **The Upper Room.**

"We see **Alive!** as an expansion, not competition, for **The Upper Room,**" Dr. Weldon explained.

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UMs/Presbyterians in joint radio and TV series

NEW YORK (RNS) — A new series of television spots based on the life and teachings of Jesus has been announced here by broadcast units of the United Methodist and United Presbyterian Churches.

The one-minute spots will be followed by joint radio and television specials, syndicated articles, popular music and a book, "The Jesus Story."

"It is not our purpose to start a 'Jesus cult' or to emphasize the personality of Jesus, but to reveal a man through whom God's word came to us," said Charles Brackbill, association chairman of mass media programming for the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Brackbill's agency took major responsibility for producing the Jesus announcements. Last year, the United Methodist Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO) produced "Survival in the 70's" for the two denominations and other church-related broadcast units.

"The TV spots on Jesus are dramatic and compelling," said Nelson Price, a TRAFCO executive. "Jesus is angry, forceful, human, understanding, gentle. He speaks with the authority of truth and a sure knowledge of God's love. The messages are not explained, not embellished. The 'Word' is presented in its directness and its strength."

The producers expect the messages to be interpreted in different ways, just as Jesus was not heard in the same way by people of his time, Mr. Price noted.

TV spots were filmed in Israel, with Tim Hardy, a British actor, portraying Jesus. Conceived and written by Mr. Brackbill and Robert Thomson of the United Presbyterian media staff, the announcements were shot by EUE/Screen Gems.

The Jesus campaign is intended to bring "fresh ways" of looking at established ideas. The book, "The Jesus Story," was written by William A. Emerson, a former editor of the Saturday Evening Post. It will be published, probably in April, by Harper & Row.

Seminar/Workshop planned for Ministry with Persons in Leisure

Leaders of several denominations met in Dallas, Texas, to plan what appears to be an "ideal" church meeting—one held in a natural scenic spot during an ideal time of the year, and with "built in" time for leisure activities. The meeting is to be called "The Mid-West Ecumenical Seminar/Workshop for Ministry with Persons in Leisure." The seminar/workshop will begin the evening of September 27, and close at noon on September 30, 1971. The Holiday Inn at Lake Ozark, Mo., will serve as headquarters.

The goal of the meeting is "To broaden the church's involvement in its ministry with persons in leisure, by —understanding the needs, exploring the potential, and developing the skills." Sessions will deal with persons in many kinds of leisure, such as retired, the tourist, the under-employed, the "week-ender", the confined, and youth during semester breaks.

Morning sessions will present top-notch speakers and panels dealing with the sociology, psychology, theology and philosophy of leisure. Afternoon sessions will allow participants to be involved in a number of workshops dealing with such as lake ministries, beach ministries, ministries with the retired, coffee houses, race track and drag strip ministries, air terminal ministries, and the use of volunteers.

Evening sessions will allow the participants to take part in such activities as a vesper cruise, a coffee house session, a drama presentation, movie-dialogue, etc. . .

The seminar will attract local pastors, program directors, executives, and laymen from a wide range of denominations. Special workshops will deal with staffing, financing, and strategy for developing special ministries. The meeting is being co-sponsored by denominations and church councils from several mid-western states.

Chairman for the meeting is the Rev. Melvin West, Box 733, Columbia, Missouri.

News in Brief

For the first time since it began annual meetings in 1962, the nine-denominational Consultation on Church Union (COCU) will hold its plenary session in autumn instead of spring. The 1971 session will be held September 26-30 in Denver, Colo. The change to September was made so that study of the draft Plan of Union could continue uninterrupted through the spring.

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Summer urban exchange program planned

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Plans for a four-week urban exchange program this summer in three cities have been announced by the Black Youth-Young Adult Action Task Force (BYYATF) of the United Methodist Church.

The program, which will involve 25 youth from each site in a work-shared experience, will be centered in Philadelphia, Charleston, South Carolina, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

It involves a rotation system in which personnel will move from place to place, sharing their experiences and working together.

The BYYATF has been funded to the extent of $75,000 by the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries.

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Annual MEF goal set at $8¼ million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Receipts from United Methodist churches for the first year of a nationwide Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) exceeded $4,750,000 in 1970, according to Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, head of the United Methodist Department of the Ministry.

The Ministerial Education Fund provides funding for the United Methodist theological schools and the Boards of the Ministry in annual (regional) conferences. In 1970 the annual conferences retained 25 per cent of the money raised (approximately $1,191,000) for recruitment, scholarships, loans, and continuing education. The major amount (75 per cent) is distributed by the Department of the Ministry for current educational expenses of the 14 United Methodist theological schools and for other educational needs of the ministry. The annual goal for UEF has been set at $8,250,000.

The MEF program was adopted by the 1968 General Conference following an intensive study by a 14-member committee headed by Bishop Fred G. Holloway, now retired.

The cost of theological education has been increasing 10 per cent each year, he said, having risen to more than $12,500,000 annually for the 14 United Methodist schools.

Of the nearly 5,000 United Methodists now attending theological schools, 3,500 are attending United Methodist institutions. Four of the 14 seminaries are located in the North Central Jurisdiction; three each in the Southeastern and Northeastern Jurisdictions; and two each in the Western and South Central Jurisdictions.

For 1970, the first year for MEF, the annual conferences were apportioned an amount equal to two per cent of the total paid for all purposes by the churches in the third year of the previous quadrennium (1966-67) excluding payments to World Service, conference benevolences, advance specials, new building, and the servicing of debts.

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Action deferred on use of Washington site

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — After intensive discussion in a meeting on February 8, The Methodist Corporation deferred a decision on what to recommend to the 1972 General Conference as to use of a tract in northwestern Washington.

The 28-member body tentatively accepted a site plan presented by an architectural firm, but decided that other alternatives for site use should be considered.

Agreeing that use of the debt-free 11.8-acre tract would undoubtedly involve future development plans of neighboring American University, the Corporation appointed four of its members to further explore common concerns and relationships with the university.

With Bishop John Wesley Lord in the chair as Corporation president, the agency looked at preliminary sketches of one possible site use. The presentation stimulated considerable discussion of the proposal and related issues.

Among questions and concerns voiced during the meeting were the following: the church has other priorities and is not interested in putting up more buildings for the sake of buildings; the money that would be spent on site development is needed in other fields; the Corporation needs to examine more alternatives for site use; any building plans predicated on occupation by existing church agencies are unrealistic in the light of the Structure Study Commission and the possibilities for restructuring. One comment was, "We can't expect any agency to make a commitment on location when it doesn't know if it will exist after General Conference."

Originally bought for $1,500,000 by the former Methodist Board of Temperance, the property has been paid for principally from World Service and annual conference contributions. Cleared of debt in 1967, the tract has been reduced in size from the original 19 acres by the sale of parcels to the National Presbyterian Center, Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. American University uses several acres for parking.

United Methodist news in brief

The Rev. Donald E. Barnes, minister of education at Spring Valley United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, has been elected chairman of the Christian Educators Fellowship, an international association of persons who have responsibility for local church educational ministries.

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An annual Fellowship in Preaching grant will be given by the United Methodist Board of Education's Department of the Ministry in honor of the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer who had been chairman of the department from 1964 until his death earlier this year. The fellowship will go to a theological student committed to a parish ministry career.

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The Rev. M. Eugene Mullikin, pastor of Highland Park United Methodist Church in Florence, S.C., since 1966, has been elected the new editor of the **South Carolina Methodist Advocate** succeeding the Rev. A. McKay Brabham, Jr., whose resignation will take effect in June.

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About 300 persons attended the dedication of a rural health center on Johns Island, S.C., January 19 with Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of the Columbia (S.C.) Area giving the principal address. The United Methodist Church is closely related to the project through the Board of Missions' National Division.

New general classroom building in the College of Business Administration Complex at the University of Denver, where the Twelfth World Methodist Conference will be held August 18-26, shown with foothill backdrop.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

13. The Settlement of Ministers

For United Methodists the plan for the settlement of placement of ministers will be quite different from the current method of having appointments made for all churches at annual conference time.

The plan calls for a parish committee on ministerial relations that will approach the bishop of the district when there is a vacancy or when a replacement is desired. The procedure outlined says: "When the bishop, the district committee on ministerial relations, and the parish committee concur upon a minister and the nominee himself agrees that his name may be submitted, the parish committee shall propose the name of the nominee to a special meeting of the parish called to receive the nomination."

If the parish does not call the minister nominated, the committee is to seek another name and the procedure will be repeated. If the vacancy is not filled within six months, the bishop may, with the concurrence of the district committee on ministerial relations, appoint a minister to fill the position for not more than twelve months or until a successor is elected.

Even though no vacancy occurs by death, illness, retirement, resignation, or other cause, the question of a change may be raised by the minister himself, the parish committee, the district committee, or the bishop of the district. The ministerial relation may be dissolved only after careful consultation with all parties with the concurrence of the bishop, the district committee, and either the minister himself or the parish committee.

When a minister has been elected by the parish, an invitation shall be extended in writing by the bishop indicating his concurrence and that of the district committee. If he lives in another district the invitation shall go through the bishop of that district. The nominee may accept by endorsing the invitation and return it with a statement from his bishop certifying that he is an ordained minister of the united church in good standing.

There is an interesting statement in the final paragraph of the section on "The Settlement of Ministers," stating that all ministers in good standing at the time of union who participate in the Service of Inauguration shall be recognized as ministers in the united church. It also states that the union shall not deny or abridge any contractual right or privilege to which a minister was entitled by reason of his ministerial standing in the former church. It will be interesting to speculate on how this plan of appointment would affect the current rights of a United Methodist minister to have an appointment at all times.

The section states that a minimum salary is to be assured to every ordained minister who elects to become a full-time minister of the united church. However, it is not perfectly clear to this writer how such a minister could have any assurance of full-time employment. Nothing is said here about pension rights in the united church.

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Terrebonne Drug Abuse Rally

Reverend Jim Dickson

"Drugs are not a problem in this school and never have been. Sure, the narcotics are here and a lot of kids use 'em, but I wouldn't say it's a problem."

That's what he told me. He was a teenager, a student at one of the local high schools. The mannerisms he displayed were polite and casual, but indicative of a quietly defiant attitude. With hair just more than moderately long and the carefully guarded unkempt look—with scuffed up shoes, wrinkled blue jeans, and a neatly pressed shirt—with a face too young to shave and a quarter-inch beard too long not to—he was typical of countless teenagers. Not only so, but in every respect, he was also a potential drug abuser.

Recently there was an effort to redeem him—to redeem hundreds of teenagers from a fate sometimes worse than death. Maybe some didn't care; perhaps others didn't appreciate the effort—but they still talk about it in the halls of Terrebonne Parish high schools. By the thousands, they listened and learned. They heard and evaluated.

It was the Terrebonne Drug Abuse Rally sponsored in Houma, Louisiana, by a local committee of law enforcement, political, civic, educational and religious leaders throughout the community. The rally was also backed by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation with the outstanding leadership of Bob Anderson and Mark Tullos.

These men arranged such program personalities as: Carol Lynn Almand, Miss Louisiana 1971; Buddy Lee, Orange Bowl Quaterback for 1971; Bob and Jan Carr, hosts of "Midday" on WDSU TV, New Orleans; Dr. Mack Thomas and Dr. Margaret Wheat, local physicians; Klen Courtney, Baton Rouge Police Department of Narcoties; the New Mind Singers from the Horseshoe Drive Baptist Church in Alexandria; and a local barber shop quartet, the "Tune Aces."

The day of the rally, I went with Dr. Mack Thomas, Bob Anderson, Mark Tullos and the New Mind Singers to four local school assemblies. They entertained and spoke to over 5,000 teenagers. The rally that night provided separate but simultaneous sessions for both youth and adults. The youth auditorium overflowed. The adult auditorium was nearly full.

To the law enforcement agency, the drug rally was an effort to curb the use of an illegal narcotic. To the politician, it was an effort to stop the spread of a dangerous substance. To the civic group, it was an effort to make the community a better place to turn on to Jesus Christ instead of drugs.

It all began with Mrs. Claude Gray, Chairman of the Committee on Social Concern at the First Methodist Church here in Houma. Mrs. Gray, impeccable in personality, mannerisms, and dress, is the mother of three children and has eight small grandchildren. Her friends affectionately call her "Tootsie." She organized and Chairmaned the local committee sponsoring the Terrebonne Drug Abuse Rally.

With the rally conception idea barely in her mind, Tootsie Gray had said, "We all know a drug epidemic has hit our nation and not one community or city is excluded. The time has come to declare an all out war —not on the victims, our youth —but on the victimizers and on drug abuse. As interested parents and citizens, if we really love and care, we will become involved in this program."

Did the Community become involved? Yes, it did.

The Houma Daily Courier in recognizing Mrs. Gray as the Personality of the Week said, "An unexpected challenge, gently given by a friend coupled with the knowledge that drug use is spreading in an ever-widening circle, so touched Mrs. Claude "Tootsie" Gray that the community followed her lead to a drug rally at Terrebonne High School last Thursday night and the formation of the Terrebonne Parish Drug Program."

Throngs Pack Auditorium for Rally

A capacity crowd of teens and young adults jammed the Terrebonne High School Auditorium Thursday night (January 28, 1971) for a first-of-its kind drug abuse rally designed to give the facts and not the hocus-pocus about drug use.

In another auditorium about a block away, some 500-600 parents sat through essentially the same program sponsored by concerned local citizens in cooperation with the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

Special guest speakers included personalities Bob and Jan Carr; Carol Lynn Almond, Miss Louisiana; Buddy Lee, LSU quarterback; and Bob Daniels of the Education Division of the Louisiana State Police Narcotics Department. Dr. Mack Thomas of the Houma Medical and Surgical Clinic and District Attorney Wilmore Broussard both gave short talks on the medical and legal ramifications of the use of certain illegal drugs and later threw the floor open for questions.

Dr. Thomas stressed that one of the real dangers of so-called "black-market" drugs is the fact that many have not undergone thorough testing to determine their immediate and long range side effects on the human body.

He said it was senseless for youths or adults to take a drug as powerful as LSD, for instance, without medical authorization or supervision.

Many "black market" drugs, Dr. Thomas said, do have beneficial medical uses when administered in proper dosage and under a doctor's supervision, but these same drugs become extremely dangerous in the hands of pleasure seekers or escapists unqualified to administer them.

Strict law enforcement, he said, is not the complete answer to the problem, and he urged self-education by youths to the drug problem.

Carol Lynn Almond and Buddy Lee

Mrs. Claude "Tootsie" Gray backstage.

District Attorney Broussard briefly explained the penalties for the sale, possession and use of narcotic drugs, and told of the large rise in drug abuse arrests in Terrebonne over the last three years.

He said that although the state legislature last year reduced the penalties for marijuana use and made possession a misdemeanor, ". . . it's still against the law and the penalties are still serious."

Broussard said being caught with a single stick of marijuana could mean up to a year in jail or a $500 fine or both, plus the embarrassment to the person and his family which the arrest causes. He urged young people to educate themselves to the drug problem, and said this alone would do much to stem the growing drug abuse tide.

Although many in the Houma area are responsible for the success of the Drug Rally, especially notable in the planning of the Rally was Mrs. Claude (Tootsie) Gray. She gave excellent leadership to the entire program and personalities involved in the presentation. Mrs. Gray is Chairman of the Christian Social Concerns Committee and on the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church and that is where she first took her ideas for a drug program in the parish.

Mrs. Gray had heard the Reverend Bob Anderson of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Baton Rouge, speak. The Foundation is engaged in promoting area Drug Rallies throughout the state. In addition to Mr. Anderson, the staff includes Executive Director Mark A. Lower and Assistant Director and Talent Coordinator Mark A. Tullos of Alexandria.

Overall direction to the programs was given by Associate Executive Director Bob Anderson and Talent Coordinator Mark Tullos.

Some of the contestonts in recent UMYF Kite Flying Contest at St. Luke's Church in Shreveport. Prizes for the event which attracted a lorge number of spectotors were owarded for "Most Original," "Highest Flying," ond "Toughest." The Rev. James M. Poole is pastor at St. Luke's.

This group of porticipants wos photographed at recent Senior High UMYF Sweetheart Bonquet held at Grace United Methodist Church, Ruston. FROM LEFT: Charles Killgore, counselor; Morgon Peoples, guest speaker; Deborah McGehee, president, and the Rev. W. O. Lynch, pastor.

Dennis White, fourth grader and 10 years of age, recently received special recognition at the Zachary UM Church for two years of perfect attendance in church school. Church School Superintendent Robin F. Pope awarded Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. White, a two-year pin. The Rev. Douglas T. Willioms is minister.

New Junior High UMYF officers at Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church in Bogalusa during o recent spaghetti dinner sponsored by their group. FROM LEFT: Kerry Knight, secretary-treosurer; Terry Tullos, president; Donno Mixon, vice president; Bud George, activity chairman, ond Stephanie Corkern, sergeant-at-orms. The Rev. Roy E. Mouser is pastor.

"God Squad," a singing group from the Blonchard UMYF, presented o program ot Houghton UM Church on February 14. Mrs. Lindo Shepherd is counselor for the group. The Rev. Frank Stage is postor of the Blanchard Church ond the Rev. Lewis Ovenshire is pastor of the Haughton Church—both are in the Shreveport District.

Maxwell T. Crowe (left) receives certificate of appreciation from the Rev. James C. Skinner, Winnfield First Church pastor, in recognition for 35 years of teaching the Irene Wood Church School Class. A bronze plaque honoring Crowe will be mounted in the classroom.

Queen Jan Shell and King Jimmy Skinner (front) reigned over the Sweetheart Banquet held at Winnfield UM Church. Reigning with them were Prince Rondy Turner and Princess Tammy Turner (bock row).

This group of men from Winnfield UM Church were guests ot o Jonesboro Church Men's Club meeting recently to ottest to the beneficiol results of their Lay Witness Mission lost year. The Jonesboro church is plonning a similar event for April 1-3. The Rev. Jomes L. Adoms is minister.

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Third Call for 1000 Club designated for District projects

The original plan for the 1000 Club when it was organized some years ago in Louisiana Conference A was that 1000 laymen would give $10 to each new church started in the conference and for it to be used specifically for building purposes. It was understood that no one would be asked to give more than three calls a year, for a total "pledge" of $30 annually.

There are still just 3 calls a year. But the concept of the 1000 Club has grown over the years, and so have the number of members.

Changing situations in the Conference prompted the 1000 Club Policy Committee some time ago to allow for population growth and mobility by adding two additional purposes: (1) for some calls to go to churches in a transitional situation (older churches moving to new location, etc.) and (2) special projects such as the chapel at the new Methodist Hospital in New Orleans.

The third call for this conference year (1971-1972) has been designated by the 1000 Club Appropriations Committee to be used in each of the nine districts for their own selected projects. One district, New Orleans, will use their funds for the Wesley Foundation in their area; the Lake Charles District will use their funds to apply on their new district camp. The major portion of the remaining districts will use their money for district missions and church extension, to pay on projects already in operation and to pay for new land sites for new churches to come.

This last is made possible by the additional members of the 1000 Club over the original goal of 1,000. In the past all money collected above the various quotas set for each district in each call has gone into district funds, so this is regular procedure.

Being a part of the 1000 Club in Louisiana is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wishes to donate to a specific item in our Conference program.

To join the 1000 Club in your district, simply contact your pastor or your District 1000 Club Director. These are listed below:

Alexandria District—Wayne Fallin,
1425 Donnahue Ferry Road
Pineville, Louisiana 71360

Baton Rouge District—T. W. Day
122 Budley Drive
Denham Springs, Louisiana
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Kentwood, Louisiana 70444

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Lake Charles District—Claudius Mayo
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Monroe District—Ed Stinson, Jr.
314 Maria Drive
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

New Orleans District—Walter P. Harris, Sr.
2317 Haring Road
Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Ruston District—Jimmie Love
Route 3, Box 356 B
Ruston, Louisiana 71270

Shreveport District—J. Albert Trickett
504 Linden
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Committee on Associate Members and Lay Pastors will hold its annual meetings to interview the ministers enrolled in the courses of study. Every person who has not reached a terminal relationship with the conference must attend these meetings.

The meetings will be held at Ingleside United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, on April 20, 1971 beginning at 10:00 a.m., and at Trinity United Methodist Church at Ruston on April 22 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

If a candidate finds it necessary to arrive at a later hour this may be arranged by writing the chairman.

—George H. Sherman, Jr.
Chairman
Box 700
Hodge, La. 71247

Dates for District training of lay delegates announced

One of the annual projects of the Conference Board of the Laity is the training and informing of laymen elected as delegates to Annual Conference.

This year, the Annual Conference Meeting at Centenary College will be a momentous one, with the final meeting of both Conference A and Conference B, followed by the colorful ceremony of merger to form the new Louisiana Annual Conference.

This event will take place under the new geodetic dome now being completed on the Centenary campus.

In order to prepare lay delegates to properly represent their churches at these meetings, brief District training sessions are held in May each year. This year the meetings are as follows:

Monday, May 3, Monroe District, at St. Paul's UMC, Monroe;

Tuesday, May 4, Alexandria District, First Church, Alexandria;

Wednesday, May 5, Lafayette District, First Church, Franklin;

Thursday, May 6, Lake Charles District, First Church, Lake Charles;

Friday, May 7, Ruston District, First Church, Arcadia;

Monday, May 10, Baton Rouge District, Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge;

Tuesday, May 11, Hammond District, First Church, Hammond;

Wednesday, May 12, New Orleans District, Lake Vista Church, New Orleans;

Thursday, May 13, Shreveport District, Morningside Church, Shreveport.

All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. All lay delegates are urged to attend with their pastor. Pre-Conference Reports will be mailed to each pastor by April 1, with one copy for each pastor and one copy for each lay delegate. Delegates are urged to study these and bring them to the meetings for reference.

Lay delegates along with their pastors from the Conference B churches located within each District of Conference A are invited to attend.

Tom Matheny, Conference lay leader, with others from various boards, and committees, and Cecil Bland of the Conference Program Office will present the various emphases in the upcoming Annual Confrence.

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Mrs. Alpha del Toro, Technical Principal of the Laurens Methodist School in Monterrey, Mexico, shown with Dr. Jack Cooke (l.), Shreveport District superintendent, and the Rev. Garland Dean of the Program Council Office at a District Workshop on the Council on Ministries.

Louisiana/Arkansas share "Mission to North America"

Mrs. Alpha del Toro, who itinerated in Louisiana last week and is speaking in Arkansas churches this week, is one of nine Christian leaders from six countries who are participating in the 1971 United Methodist "Mission to North America."

Mrs. del Toro is technical principal of the Laurens Methodist School in Monterrey and supervisor of instruction in six public Junior High schools in that city. She has studied under grants from the United States government at the University of Connecticut and Georgetown University. She was the lay delegate from the Mexican General Conference to the 1968 Uniting General Conference in Dallas.

The seven men and two women, who will be in this country until March 20, came "to provide in American churches an interpretation of work of the community of faith in the context in which they live," said Dr. Robert F. Lundy, New York, staff member of the World Division of the Board of Missions who is serving as coordinator for the mission visit.

The "Mission to North America," a reversal of the usual practice of sending missionaries from the United States overseas and interpreted as part of the "Mission to Six Continents" concept, was authorized by the 1968 General Conference. This is the second such project, the first being in 1966 when 30 British ministers and 16 men and women from other countries came to the United States to make a Christian witness.

The 1971 Mission is sponsored by the World Division and the Boards of Evangelism and Laity. The nine missionaries met Feb. 6 to 13 for orientation at the Board of Missions in New York City. Following their period of itineration, they will visit offices of general boards and agencies of the church from March 13 to 20.

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Pickering to attend Paris Conference

The Rev. Delton Pickering, Unitcd Methodist campus minister at the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana State University and chairman of that school's University Christian Staff, has been selected as a delegate to the Citizen's Conference on Ending the War in Indochina.

To be held in Paris on March 4-10, the conference will be attended by 165 participants from as many different communities across the United States. Mr. Pickering is the only Louisianian who has been invited to attend.

The chief purposes of the conference are:

(1) To enable the participants to meet directly with the representatives of all the parties to the Paris Talks and with others concerned about peace in Indochina and to learn firsthand what the requirements are to end the war;

(2) To prepare concerned people from every part of the United States to participate more effectively in creating support in their own communities for steps whch must be taken to make peace a reality.

The conference is under the auspices of several national organizations, including Clergy and Laymen Concerned, the American Friends Service Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Participants in the conference have been selected mainly from medium-sized communities in the U.S., rather than from large urban areas. They will meet directly with the principals to the Paris Talks, as well as with representatives of independent Vietnamese in Paris, such as the Buddhists, and with French Vietnam scholars. Upon return to their local communities, they will share their findings with civic, university, church and other groups which have a concern for ending the war.

Also included among the concerns

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The Rev. Willis Dear, Shreveport District director of youth work, leods a smoll group ot District Workshop.

Mrs. del Toro shown participating in o small group on Missions at District Workshop. The Rev. Bill McCutcheon disploys a survey ond plon book colled "The Shreveport Story: 1969."

Approximately 150 persons representing vorious work oreos in local churches, os well as age level coordinators, participoted in the Shreveport District Workshop. Here some of them are shown moking selections from progrom moterials on disploy.

Louisiana Youth Team urges support of YSF

Last year our conference Youth Service Fund met less than one-fifth its goal of one dollar per youth in our local churches. So, we urge every local church to be informed.

What is the Youth Service Fund? It is a service of the United Methodist Church designed to minister to, for, by, and with youth, at home and abroad. More than 100 teams outside the United States are dependent on this fund for their continued service. Some have already been closed down, and others are being phased out because of reduced support or lack of funds altogether.

What can a local church do? Each congregation is asked to give $1 per youth per year, as reported on your conference report. There are several ways you may go about raising this money. Many youth groups (Sun. Morning Jr. High and Sr. High included along with Youth Evening groups) are encouraged to have a pledge service. A suggested pledge service is included in the number one Youth Service Fund pamphlet for 1971, on request from Youth Service Fund, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

You may order as many copies of this brochure as well as "Where Does YSF Money Go?" for your group.

We encourage every active youth in the church to make a pledge for this cause above your regular giving and pay it to your local Youth Service Fund. He is requested to send this fund into our conference Treasurer, Dr. Leonard Cooke, P. O. Box 4303, Shreveport, La. 71104.

Every group can think of other suggestions for local support of this work including Special Fund Raising projects by your youth group, your church including this fund in their unified budget. But, if your church did not include it, we urge you to meet this need in the most feasible way at your command. Our conference youth team's support independent on each local youth community taking the initiative to see that this responsibility is met.

The Louisiana Youth Team receives 30% of the fund sent into the national office from our state. We have vital projects that are dependent on this support coming in if they are to maintain their present ministry. Some of them are being phased out for lack of adequate support. Our own conference youth ministries are dependent on support that comes in during the next four months if we are to accomplish our goal of providing a workshop for district and local teams in August and adequately train them to equip local church for more effective youth ministry.

We believe there are people in almost every local church who will support us in fulfilling this ministry in our congregations.

(James O. Evans, Conference A Youth Coordinator)

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Lady Preachers and the Methodist Church

by Cecil Bland

With all the talk lately about lady preachers being ordained in various denominations, the question has come up as to where do the Methodists stand today in this time of women's lib, et al? Well, historically, the Methodists were one of the first, if not the first, group of any size that did ordain women as preachers.

It all began back in 1830 when a large group of ministers and laymen broke away from the main stream of Methodism to form the Methodist Protestant church. There were two main reasons: the separatists questioned the whole idea of the episcopacy, and they demanded more lay representation in the decision-making machinery of the church.

This group grew to some size, and when the three main streams of Methodism came together in 1939 to form the Methodist church, they numbered close to 2 million members. (Methodist Episcopal; Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Methodist Protestant).

This was the only branch of the church which allowed women preachers, and as far as we have been able to learn, it allowed them from the first, back in 1830.

In Louisiana today, there are four active lady preachers: Miss Lea Joyner, Southside United Methodist Church, Monroe; Miss Bonnie Ruth Holley, Colliston and Bonne Idee churches; Miss Dorothy Mae McGowan, Grayson and Kelly churches; and Miss Carole Cotton, associate pastor at Aurora church, New Orleans. Of these four, only one, Miss Joyner represents the former Methodist Protestant church; the others are from the merged church.

All of these ladies have appointments to churches located in the northeastern section of Louisiana, with the exception of Miss Cotton, and Miss Joyner has served her church as pastor for 19 years.

Back in 1939, the official Journal of the then newly formed Methodist church in Louisiana listed the following lady ministers (from the former Methodist Protestant church): Mary E. Bartlett; Mary E. Perdue; Lula Wardlow; Ola Ramsey; Fern Cook; Lea Joyner; Mrs. Nettie Mae Cook; Mrs. Ada Johnson and Miss Elaine Willett, a total of nine.

Although the number of lady preachers in the Methodist Protestant church never reached a large percentage, their numbers were significant, and they rendered outstanding service.

In the other branches of the Methodist church, the Methodist Episcopal church first permitted women delegates to the General and Jurisdictional conferences (the main legislative bodies of the church) to be seated in 1904, after a long, hard-fought battle.

It is interesting to note that in the various reference books checked, direct information about the ladies is hard to come by, and most do not make any mention at all. The Methodist church, even after taking in all the women ministers which came from the Methodist Protestant denomination, did not allow women to be ordained until 1960.

A unique sidelight on the history of the Methodist church, or the United Methodist church as it has been known since 1968, is that all the various reforms advocated by the separatists, which they practiced for their 109 year history, have since come to be part of standard policy in the new church, and lady preachers are definitely part of the Methodist picture, now and in the future.

Editorial

CRUCIAL DAYS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

For some time it has appeared that progress might be made in the direction of peace in the Middle East. Even though the initial exchanges between Egypt and Israel were apparently saying different things, there was encouragement in the fact that the lines of communication seemed to be opening in a constructive way. This writer had prepared an editorial in which he felt that the explosiveness of the situation was being reduced. This position has changed over the past few days, and now it appears that the long-awaited peaceful settlement is not as near as we thought.

It has been more than three and a half years since the end of the six-day war of 1967 in which Israel won a decisive military victory over her Arab neighbors. No serious discussions concerning a permanent settlement of that conflict have been held and the situation continued to deteriorate. The United States and Russia stayed out of the 1967 war by common consent, but the position of both these governments is now such that many people believe a resumption of these hostilities would have worldwide implications. In fact, President Nixon, in his recent "State of the World" message called the Middle East crisis the most dangerous problem before us.

Students of the Middle East have been aware for a long time that there are certain elementary conditions that must be met before the difficult peace can be a reality. It seemed for a few days that these might be within reach as we interpreted the initial exchanges in the current series of conversations. One of these involves the recognition of her existence which Israel has sought since she came into being in 1948. It seemed that such recognition was about to be given, and it was our opinion that other problems would be more easily solved following that.

From the viewpoint of the Arab nations, there was the reasonable expectation that some positive progress might be made concerning the stubborn Palestinian refugee problem. No lasting peace can ignore the plight of these thousands of displaced persons who have lived so long in hopelessness within sight of their former homes.

For a long time the term "non-negotiable" has been widely used concerning certain positions held by Israel since 1967. Many have taken for granted that the leaders of that government were not willing to discuss certain changes in boundaries which the Arabs felt were the "sine quo non" of any peace discussions. Included in the areas covered by this terminology were: the Golan Heights just east of the Sea of Galilee—the hills from which Syrian army units so frequently harassed Israeli villages in the fertile valley; the section of the Sinai Peninsula which guards Israel's access to the Red Sea through the Gulf of Aqaba; and a large section of the city of Jerusalem, captured from Jordan.

These territorial matters are further complicated by the fact that they involve the claims of Syria and Jordan, while most of the recent overtures have only concerned Egypt and Israel. The discouraging developments of the recent week-end indicate that Egypt has made a pledge to her allies which threaten confrontation concerning all these territorial claims.

All during these conversations prior to last week-end, it seemed that constructive channels of communication were being opened. Now we are fearful that doors are being closed that will lead us to another conflict. Our prayers should be offered that ways may be found out of this dilemma.

There were some misgivings all along concerning the words which were being exchanged between Egypt and Israel. In offering to reopen the Suez Canal if Israel would pull her troops out of Sinai there was no indication that the restoration of "international shipping" there would grant Israel the use of the canal —a right she has never had.

Another disturbing development which was raising a real barrier was the announced plan for the development of an Israeli urban renewal program in the former Arab section of Jerusalem. Within recent days Israeli Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharef had released plans for the construction of apartment units to house 100,000 people. It seemed that such plans should not have been projected and implemented until some agreement had been reached concerning the permanent status of Jerusalem.

As a current newsmagazine has affirmed, the announcement of such plans at this time can only be called bad timing. Coming just when some momentum was developing in the peace talks, this placed Israel in a bad light with the other nations of the world and raised some question concerning the "good faith" so necessary in the development of a plan of peace.

We only hope that the sharp words spoken over the last week-end are steps in maneuvering for a diplomatic position, and that they do not represent the building of insurmountable barriers which will wreck the Middle East peace talks. This situation does merit our deep concern and our earnest prayers.

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the Editor's Corner

Concern Over Postal Rates

Some of you may have noted casually that the postal system of the United States is soon to undergo drastic reform as the new Postal Service takes over the operation of the mails from the Post Office Department. Probably you will have noted that First Class mail will be increased from 6 cents to 8 cents for letters, while cards will go up from 5 cents to 7 cents. Air mail postage is scheduled to increase from 10 cents to 11 cents per ounce.

Editors of newspapers, especially those whose circulation is handled mostly by mail, are gravely concerned over the drastic increases that are proposed for Second Class mail. This will also be a big item with churches that are now mailing bulletins or parish newspapers under Second Class permits.

Traditionally newspapers have enjoyed a favored position because of the contribution they make to the total educational and cultural tone of the country. This will no longer be the case under the new Postal Service, and religious and secular press associations are planning to be represented in the public hearings which will be conducted soon concerning the proposed new rates.

This editor and his colleagues are waiting anxiously for the final word on just how much and how fast the increases in postage will affect our budgets and our subscription prices.

While this issue is before us, we will probably devote several of these columns to a discussion of it because we want all of our readers to understand the real impact of the proposed increases.

Of one thing we can be sure, the editor of every religious periodical in the United States is taking a careful look at every aspect of his operation. We have talked to several editors in recent days and we all see stormy days ahead. We want you all to be sharing a part of this burden with us, and so we will be seeking to enlighten you so that we may count on your understanding.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

An indication of a developing spirit of religious toleration in Spain was evidenced in Madrid's press coverage of a Jehovah's Witnesses two-part congress which opened there Feb. 6 and resumed in Barcelona two days later. Following passage of the 1967 Religious Liberty Law, press reports of non-Catholic Christian bodies were, for the most part, scarce and brief. The coverage of the Witnesses' meeting in Madrid, however, was noted as being "detailed and generous."

Anglicans and Methodists moved another step closer together when they met, in Liverpool on Feb. 27 in joint synod, for the first time in Britain. The synod, attended by 400 delegates from both bodies, was called on the agreement of Methodist superintendents and the Anglican Bishops' Council that the two should draw together their governing bodies as far as the law permits. In preparation for the synod, representatives received a brief which outlined four aspects of mutual concern: the mass media, its influence and relations with the Churches; social responsibility; youth, and the role of ordained and lay ministry in modern society.

Older people are being pushed aside by American churches in their zeal to win young people, a consultant for two retirement groups contended in Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Ester Stamates, a consultant to churches and religious organizations, charged that churches are doing little to utilize the time and talents of older members. She recommended that the church reassess and redetermine its role on the needs of older people. Mrs. Stamates held that seminarians receive no training on counseling or on working with the aged, and suggested pre-retirement counseling as a ministry that must be undertaken. She urged a reestablishing of the motivation for working with older people in the church by becoming involved in community projects and special ministries across denominational lines.

The executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State has lauded a recent address by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller which indicated his opposition to state aid for non-public schools. New York's governor announced he would veto any bill which would provide "tuition grants" for students in parochial and private schools. "It is the most courageous stand taken on this subject by any political leader in the last decade," according to Glenn L. Archer. The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) added its commendation in a statement referring to the announcement as "a statesmanlike recognition that public support must not be given to non-public schools."

Trans World Radio, the largest religious broadcasting network in the world has launched its first direct network broadcast from Chatham, N.J. via satellite. Featured in the inaugural broadcast on Jan. 23 was Dr. Paul E. Freed, president and founder of TWR. The satellitc used, Intelstat III, is orbiting 22,300 miles out in space over the Atlantic Ocean. The program was broadcast from the international headquarters and relayed simultaneously via satellite to transmitting facilities in Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. Dr. Freed, a Southern Baptist clergyman, founded the agency as a nonprofit inter-denominational ministry.

The Rev. C. George Fry, an American Lutheran Church (ALC) pastor, and professor in one of that denomination's universities, has emphasized that church colleges definitely have a vital role in our society, but feels that this function is not now being fulfilled. "To affirm the absolute sovereignty of God is the most relevant thing a church college can do! This is its greatest service to society," Fry said. Pointing to the mental confusion attending restlessness in the nation's colleges today, the educator suggested that "the vocation of the Christian scholar is to be a bridge-builder between a confused and atrophying culture and its origins in the Living God."

The First Baptist Church of Dallas has rented "The Mount Jupiter," 471-passenger steamship, at a cost of $150,000 to transport 400 persons during portions of a month-long tour of the Holy Land. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is leading the tour. "For years Dr. Criswell has been wanting to take the church staff on a tour of the Holy Land," said the Rev. Melvin Carter, associate pastor, so the tour was built around this wish and Dr. Criswell's appearance at the World Conference on Prophecy in Jerusalem (June 13-18)." Twenty-three members of the First Baptist staff of 56 will make the trip.

Some 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic participants met recently in Daytona Beach, Fla. for a three day Southern Baptist-Roman Catholic dialogue. Spokesmen expressed hope that the two largest Christian bodies in the U.S. "will begin to act more together in facing the many issues challenging the Christian conscience in the U.S. today."

Clergymen are being singled out for government persecution in Capetown, Africa, according to the Rev. Theo Kotze, regional director of the Christian Institute of Southern Africa. Mr. Kotze commented on the number of priests and church workers who have had passports seized or restricted or temporary residence permits withdrawn. The list, published in the Institute's official publication, contains names of Lutheran, Anglican, Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian clergymen.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has its first full-blooded Apache Indian studying for the ministry, some 80 years after the Synod launched mission work on Apache reservations in Arizona. He is 26-year-old Quincy Wiley, scheduled to graduate in 1973. Apaches have served as teachers, lay evangelists and interpreters, but never as pastors. Wiley would like to return to his reservation to serve his own people.

Some 4,011 persons made professions of faith in Christ during a four-phase "Spireno" (spiritual revolution now) campaign conducted by First Baptist church in Houston. About 95 per cent of the professions are said to have been made by teenagers. A two-month preparation period preceded the campaign, led by 24-year-old Evangelist Richard Hogue. The second week of the campaign featured such celebrities as "Miss America" Phyllis George; football stars Terry Bradshaw and Roger Staubach, and Singers Pat Boone and Cynthia Clawson. During the follow-up phase, which will run indefinitely, "Spireno" clubs have been formed in schools and other activities have been planned for Spireno converts. According to Harvey Kneisel, director of ministries, the youth program at the church has doubled and is expected to quadruple.

Charities of all kinds, religious journals and other organizations have been seriously hit by Britain's nationwide post office strike, which began on Jan. 19. Spokesmen say that some organizations will take a long time to recover, if they don't die altogether. Charities that rely on small contributions by mail are the hardest hit. The Rev. Ronald C. Gibson, superintendent of London East End Mission, explained that because of the mail strike that Methodist agency has had to dip into reserves to maintain its services. "The mission is in the red now and its work is in jeopardy," he said. Religious journals are being hit in various ways. Advertising sent by mail has not reached them; subscribers who get copies by mail have not received them, and there has been a noticeable drying-up of local and national news. Much of the news, especially in scattered areas, can not economically or conveniently be telephoned to newspaper offices.

The U.S. military in Vietnam may be doing more to combat drug abuse and to rehabilitate addicts than civilian forces back at home, two top Lutheran leaders agreed in New York. Dr. Robert C. Marshall, president of the Lutheran Church in America, and Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker on the "Lutheran Hour," said the problem is very real among American troops in Vietnam. Both spent a week in mid-January visiting chaplains in the war zonc—at the invitation of Gen. Creighton Abrams. The realistic attitudes the military is taking toward drugs was a main reason the churchmen saw positive signs in rehabilitation in Vietnam.

An increase in the demand for short passages of Scripture has enabled the American Bible Society to set distribution records in 1970. Distribution of the Bible to members of the armed forces totaled 4,323,599. Dr. James Nettinga, executive secretary of the national distribution department, praised chaplains in the armed services for "pushing the 'Good News.' "

"Only God can make a tree," but men can save 17 trees by collecting a ton of old newspapers for recycling. Those are facts that were presented to the science classes of George Muller Christian School of First Baptist church of Greater Miami (Fla.). Warned that seven million trees are killed in a year for paper products and that trees are one of the major producers of oxygen, the 210 students of the elementary school collected more than a ton of old papers for recycling. Here, the discarded newspapers are loaded into a truck donated by the Miami Rescue Mission.

Spanish work in New Orleans

–a Fund for Reconciliation project–

Spanish work in New Orleans was strengthened by the coming of Dr. Carlos Perez, former director of Candler College in Habana, Cuba. He conducts services in Spanish at Felicity United Methodist Church, visits intensively, and makes initial contacts with Cuban refugee families arriving in New Orleans on the average of 6 families each week.

The total program continues with clothing distribution, English classes, assistance in housing and job placement, and help with immigration matters. Cuban refugee children have taken part in the Vacation Church School at First United Methodist Church, and in various play camp experiences. A Chevrolet Van is used for Sunday transportation to services and for collection of clothing and furniture for needy families. A 52-passenger bus is also used for transportation of larger groups.

A church Thrift Shop "El Ropero" is open three days a week with women from the Spanish congregation in charge. Churches of the New Orleans District provide many useful articles and provide volunteer help in English classes.

A family-to-family relationship between our laymen and the newly arrived families is progressing well in terms of exciting personal experiences and satisfying results. All of these efforts are creating an ever expanding Spanish congregation and give a sense of belonging and community among these strangers in our midst.

— Rev. Robert C. Eaker

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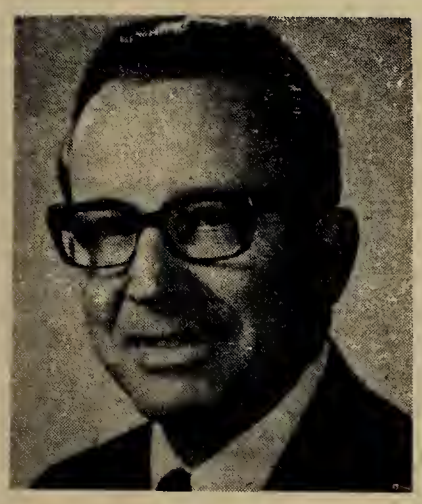
Most Cuban children learn English quickly within the first year or two.

AT LEFT: Women of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, New Orleans, assist in clothing distribution to Cuban families.

Alaska missioner



Two lay witness missions are scheduled in Alaska in March, both to be coordinated by Jack Dew of West Monroe, La. Jack is owner of Dew Music Company and a member of McGuire United Methodist Church. Churches planning missions are Seward Memorial in Seward and First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks.

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THE MERRYVILLE CHURCH'S monthly fellowship supper, held February 11, had a Valentine motif. Floyd Martin, lay leader in Wesley Church, DeRidder, spoke to the group on "The Stewardship of Life." He challenged the members to reach people for the revivals scheduled in the Merryville and Wesley Churches the week of February 14. Mrs. Carrie Blanchard, chairman of the Evangelism Commission, reports that the Rev. Danny George preached to a packed house each night of the revival. The Rev. Walter Clarke is pastor.

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RECAPITULATION

REPORT NO. 5
1971 LOUISIANA METHODIST CIRCULATION

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Percent
Ruston	388	1535	15	1938	1600	121
Alexandria	190	715	8	913	1371	67
Hammond	134	576	7	717	1145	63
Lafayette	306	677	2	985	1649	60
Lake Charles	185	767	8	960	1730	55
Monroe	260	797	9	1066	2122	50
Shreveport	342	880	52	1274	3080	41
New Orleans	181	397	4	582	2059	28
Baton Rouge	136	522	6	664	2516	26
	2122	6866	111	9099		

Dr. Charles Payne, formerly a medical missionary to India and now a practising physician in Springhill, assisted by Mrs. Payne, made a presentation at First Church, Homer, on the second Sunday evening session of that church's Mission study. Pictured with them (at left) is Miss Sue Hefley, chairman of the Commission on Missions. The third Mission Night, planned for Sunday, March 14, will feature the Rev. W. B. McCutcheon, assistant pastor at First Church, Shreveport, as speaker. The Rev. William Odell Simmons is pastor at Homer.

Dr. John B. Holt (left), former missionary to the Philippines, spoke concerning Latin America at a recent Missions program at Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport. He is pictured here with the pastor, Dr. Sam Nader. Dr. Holt is presently associate professor of Missions and associate dean in Church and College Relations at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas.

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NEWS and NOTES

THE TRINITY SUB-DISTRICT UMYF held the annual Sweetheart Banquet in First Church, Lafayette, on Saturday, February 13. Davidson Memorial Church was in charge of the decorations, with First Church responsible for the meal.

MISS LOUISE SHARP, executive director of St. Marks Community Center in New Orleans, told Pineville Methodists "How the Word Gets Around in the Poor Section of New Orleans" at the Sunday evening study session, February 14. The Rev. Richard Walton is the Pineville pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN of the First U.M. Church, Franklin, extended an invitation to other men of the community to attend their February dinner meeting. Nearly fifty men heard the guest speaker, Judge Kaliste Saloom of Lafayette, speak on "The Decline of Morality as Viewed by the Judiciary." The Harris Circle of the WSCS, Miss Mary Simonton, chairman, served the dinner. Merle Lichtenfels is president of the Men's Club. The Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor of the church.

FIVE-SUNDAY STUDY AT MUNHOLLAND CHURCH

Munholland United Methodist Church of Metairie has announced a series of mission studies for five Sunday afternoons, beginning Feb. 28. The studies will be under the direction of Mrs. Mal Fyfe and the Commission on Missions. These sessions, beginning at 5 p.m. each Sunday, are planned for the entire family. The general theme of the studies is titled "Mission Possible."

BROTHERHOOD WEEK observance in First United Methodist, Shreveport, had Catholic, Jewish and Protestant speakers. Dr. Joe Holoubek was a delegate to the international Congress of Catholic Physicians Guild in Munich, Germany in 1967. Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr. has been with Congregation B'nai Zion since 1940, excepting the years he served as chaplain. Earhart S. Wagner is a charter member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and has furnished a home for over 200 foreign students attending Centenary College during past 23 years.

THE FRANK MESSENGERS, missionaries to Rhodesia, were guests in the North Highlands United Methodist Church at Shreveport, February 7. They were visiting Mrs. Messenger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Duncan. Mr. Messenger brought the morning sermon in place of the Rev. Don Risinger.

The Commission will present two areas of study as a choice to all those attending: "The Americas-How Many Worlds," which will focus on countries of Latin America; and "How The Word Gets Around," which will be dedicated to the idea of a people-to-people spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Both of the studies are designed to show the need of a further communication of the Gospel of Christ among the controversial groups which are shaping the world today.

During the five Sunday programs, the Commission will bring an array of outstanding personalities to the class sessions for the purpose of sharing a variety of experiences. Among those scheduled to appear are several missionaries who have served in the foreign fields; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Graham, Miss Lucille Thompson, and the Rev. James H. Douglas.

Other notables on the program will include William S. Hart, manager of WYES-TV, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, the Rev. James L. Stovall, Jett Arthur, and the Rev. James T. Harris. There will also be Dr. Paul Brand, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine of London, who is presently at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital at Carville. The Rev. Robert Eaker and the Rev. Carlos Perez are scheduled to speak, along with several members of the Latin American Consular Corps of New Orleans.

The public is invited to attend these two-hour sessions each Sunday. Special classes will be held for the children and the teenagers. Dr. Kenneth McDowell is pastor of the Munholland Church, on Metairie Road.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

March 7—Sunday	Prov. 14:27-32
March 8	Lam. 3:22-26
March 9	Rom. 12:6-18
March 10	Eph. 1:15-20
March 11	Eph. 4:1-8
March 12	Col. 1:1-6
March 13	Heb. 3:1-6
March 14—Sun.	Psalms 130:1-8

WISNER METHODISTS, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brewer attended a Lay Witness Mission in Littleton, Colorado, on February 19-21.

LIVE OAK UNITED Methodist Church, Watson, is having a Lay Witness Mission this weekend, March 5-7. Joe Solomon of Monroe is the coordinator and John Hickerson, Centenary student, is youth coordinator. Victor Hancock is in charge of local arrangements. The organization of the mission was set up by the Council of Ministries, whose chairman is A. C. Meinke. The Rev. A. A. Collins is pastor.

SHREVEPORT METHODIST Women were invited to participate in the Seminar in Estate Planning for Women held in the Broadmoor Baptist Church, February 16 and 17.

STUDY COMPLETED AT LAFAYETTE FIRST CHURCH

Members of First United Methodist Church, Lafayette, have just completed their church-wide study "How the Word Gets Around," held on four consecutive Sunday evenings.

An introduction and outline of the scope of the study was given in the first session. Three prominent Lafayette citizens were guest speakers at the second session. They represented television, magazine and newspaper publications and showed how these media could help the Church communicate the Word.

The church-related agencies and mission work supported by the United Methodist Church were explained in the third session. The last session was youth oriented. The program dealt with contemporary ways of communicating the Gospel. Portions of the rock opera "Jesus – Superstar" were played. Dramatic scripture readings were set effectively to rock accompaniment.

The children's group was led each evening by young adults. A field trip to a radio station was included in their sessions.

Ministers of the church are the Rev. Edward R. Haug and the Rev. Robert G. Rowland, associate.

Some of the leaders in the mission study held in First Church, Lafayette, are shown above. From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brown, Mrs. W. F. Atkinson, Mrs. Cyr Boudreaux, Miss Debbie Oliver and Mrs. Raymond Jenkins. Not shown are Mrs. Joe Pritchett and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sutton.

"ROLL CALL" SERVICE HELD AT VINTON CHURCH

The names of 263 members were read aloud at Vinton First United Methodist Church on "Roll Call" Sunday, January 31, with 104 persons standing when their names were called. Some 25 visitors and children were also present.

"Roll Call" Sunday was planned by the church's council on ministries and its chairman, Nora Lee Parish, as the beginning of an effort this year to reactivate the membership and increase interest in church attendance and participation. The church roll book has been revised and updated and letters were sent to all members, inviting them to the special Sunday event.

Don Futch, lay leader, was in charge of the services and a covered dish meal was served at noon in the fellowship hall.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, led by Miss Parish and Mrs. Floyd Kimball, presented a "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" program at evening worship hour.

The first Sunday evening of each month has been designated as family night and youth night will be every second Sunday. The council on ministries is considering making "Roll Call" Sunday an annual event, combining it with a church homecoming.

The Rev. W. W. Bevill is in his second year as minister.

The UMYF of Vintan First Church used a warship setting af the praying hands and an apen Bible, flanked by white candles, for a "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" program presented by the yaung people at evening services on Jan. 31. Taking part were (from left) Debbie Wilkinsan, Pam Williams, Theresa Miller, Debbie Grauke, Kathy Braussard, Gail Williams, Owen Pickett, Teena Kimball, Mallie Westbrook, Susan Futch, Dale Grauke and Kenneth Stinsan. Nora Lee Parish is UMYF caunselor and the Rev. W. W. Bevill is minister.

These ladies served at a receptian given recently in the hame af Mrs. Jahn F. Kilpatrick hanoring new members af the Wamen's Saciety of Christian Service af Braadmoar United Methadist Church in Shrevepart. They are left ta right: Mrs. H. E. Bland, Mrs. John F. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Jahn Zahm, Mrs. L. G. Thamas, Mrs. Jack LaBorde and seated is Mrs. Julius Waits.

Busy with planning far farthcaming spiritual retreat at Chamin-a-haut Park near Bastrap, are the afficers af the Monroe District Women's Saciety af Christian Service as they met recently in Lake Pravidence at the home af Mrs. F. M. Terral. Seated are Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, president, left; and Mrs. W. R. Olsen, vice-president; while standing fram left are Mrs. Danald Elliatt, naminatians chairman; Mrs. H. J. Walker, treasurer, all af Manrae, and Mrs. Terral, sacial relations chairman and hostess. ⟶

MacDONELL CENTER RECEIVES MEMORIALS

Recent contributions have been made to MacDonell Methodist Center at Houma in memory of the following:

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THE REV. DUKE BARRON
by Mrs. J. E. Carter &
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES SCHEDULED

World Day of Prayer services scheduled for Friday, March 5, include these places:

SHREVEPORT: 10 a.m. service will be at the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church. Dr. Thomas J. Legett, former missionary of the Disciples of Christ Church, will be the speaker.

MINDEN: Interdenominational service at First United Methodist at 10 a.m. The Rev. W. Ralph Cain, Ruston district superintendent, will be speaker.

ALEXANDRIA: Four services scheduled. Bethel AME Church at 10 a.m.; Youth Service at Jackson Street Presbyterian, 5 p.m.; Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 7 p.m.; First Christian Church, 7:30 p.m.

PONCHATOULA: Services in the Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

VILLE PLATTE United Methodist Church service will include Eunice.

NEW ORLEANS: Corpus Christi Catholic Church; The Church House; Napoleon Avenue United Methodist; First United Methodist; St. Charles Avenue Baptist; Mount Zion United Methodist; St. Augustine Episcopal; Westside Christian; Delachaise Home; Covenant Home; Children's Service to be March 14 at the Jefferson Christian Church.

LAFAYETTE: Good Hope Baptist Church, 10 a.m. and Davidson Memorial United Methodist at 7:30 p.m. Speakers will be the Rev. Richard Spellman, pastor of First Christian Church, and Mrs. George W. Dameron of Pineville, state president of Church Women United.

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Noonday Lenten Services Scheduled

at The Church House, 330 St. Charles, New Orleans
12:05 – 12:35 p.m.

March 1 - 5

THE GENERATION GAP
The Rev. Hugh C. McKee, Chairman

Is there a generation gap? Is 30 a mystical number? Are the problems of youth different from the adult? How can the gap be bridged?

March 8 - 12

THE RELIGIOUS GAP
The Rev. Malcolm E. Hoffman, Chairman

What are the differences which set one group apart from another? Is "conservative" or "liberal" a proper designation of a Christian? What do all Christians have in common? Is there room for innovation?

March 15 - 19

THE RACIAL GAP
The Rev. W. D. Poole, Chairman

What are ideal race relations? The realistic? Is there a different religious expression for different races? Can separatism be the answer? Integration?

March 22 - 26

UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER
The Rev. Dr. R. H. Pantermuehl, Chairman

Is there a problem of communication? Must understanding go deeper than words? How can the Church help bridge the gaps between peoples and persons?

March 29 - April 2

WAR AND PEACE
The Rev. Dayton Castleman, Chairman

What is the teaching of the Church? The teaching of Christ? Is there a real and an ideal solution? Conflict between the pacifist and the militarist. What is the solution of the conscientious objector problem?

April 5 - 9 HOLY WEEK

THE ACT OF RECONCILIATION
The Rev. Harold L. Abraham, Chairman

The supreme sacrifice of Jesus as reconciliation between God and man. Is there any other solution? Was there any other? What do Christ's death and resurrection say to our modern world?

Members of the Women's Society af Gueydan's First United Methodist Church met on February 10 ta pack "goodies" far boys in the service and for students away fram hame.

The Wisner WSCS held a special meeting an Monday, January 25, at which time the president of the Monrae District, Mrs. Lucille Gaodwin and the district treasurer, Mrs. Miriam Walker, both of Monroe, presented infarmation about the work af the WSCS to members af the Sicily Island, Winnsboro, and Wisner societies.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MARCH 14: Forgiven and Forgiving

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:9-15; Matthew 18:21-35

MEMORY SELECTION: Forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors. (Matthew 6:12)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover the true meaning of forgiveness; to see that we are in no position to receive forgiveness unless we have demonstrated forgiveness to others.

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Have we ever fully understood the great affirmation of our Lord that Divine forgiveness and human willingness to forgive are joined together? This is one of the central themes of his teachings: "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14-15)

There is no denying that Jesus set high standards of forgiveness for his followers. This is what our lesson today is all about. Has anyone more right to speak about forgiveness than Jesus? As we think about the things that he said on this subject we should keep in mind his example. He showed an unusually sensitive spirit of forgiveness to the end of his days.

It has been said, "Sometimes it seems that the standards of forgiveness which he asks of his followers are high. But could anything be higher than his own level of love which caused him to pray for his enemies?"

All of us have repeated many times that part of the Lord's Prayer which says, "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Surely we have wondered whether or not we have really ever forgiven anyone. True forgiveness is one of the hardest Christian virtues to come by because it costs us so much. It means accepting the loss or the hurt without any recompense or revenge. Most of us are in the company of those who are willing to forgive but not to forget.

Before his death Frederick the Great was told that he should forgive his enemies. "Dorothy," he said to his queen, "write to your brother that I forgive him all the evil he has done me; but wait till I am dead first."

There is another story about forgiving our enemies that speaks to the central theme of this lesson. During the Revolutionary War a man walked fifty miles to ask General Washington to spare the life of a man who had been convicted and condemned to death for neglect of duty. Washington refused, saying he could not pardon the man's friend. "He's not my friend," said the man, "I suppose I do not have a worse enemy living." Washington's attitude changed, "Surely you are not pleading for your enemy?" "Yes," was the reply, and Washington granted the pardon. The enemy was so transformed by this experience that the two men became fast friends for life. Perhaps more people would be won for Christ if they saw forgiveness in action among Christians.

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"HOW MANY TIMES SHALL I FORGIVE?"

As you have followed this series of lessons based on the parables, you have noticed how most of these stories were told against a background of some dramatic event which Jesus used as an introduction to his stories. Just before the printed material on which this lesson is based Jesus had been talking about the question of disciplining members in the church using as an example a case where one member was guilty of an aggravated offense against another, and so against the fellowship.

Peter's quick mind began to make personal applications of what was being said, and so he asked Jesus, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?" There was a tradition among the Jews that one should forgive three times and then he was free from any further obligation. But Jesus turned his back on such a traditional interpretation of forgiveness and replied, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." (Matt. 18:22) And he did not mean to tell Peter to forgive 490 times—he was saying that forgiveness must be extended as many times as necessary "ad infinitum." Dr. George Buttrick says, "This is a kind of celestial arithmetic: we must do it in our hearts." Peter's problem was one of conduct and not of arithmetic.

Peter thought he was really being magnanimous when he spoke of forgiving seven times, but Jesus insisted there must be no limits—no measurements—to forgiveness. The dictionary says that forgiveness means "to give up resentment or claim to requital." But is this true pardon? To forgive but not forget usually means not to forgive.

Jesus on his cross prayed that his enemies might be forgiven, and he forgave them while they were still intent on his death. There are those who accuse him of being weak, when it is the opposite of his way that is weakness.

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THE KINGDOM MAY BE COMPARED TO A KING

In the story which Jesus then told to illustrate his command to Peter, the leading character is a man who being left in charge of a responsibility for his king had proven so unfaithful that at the time of reckoning he owed his ruler ten thousand talents. Jesus is again employing dramatic license to make his point. It is unlikely that any steward in the employ of any king could amass a debt of ten thousand talents—roughly ten million dollars. But Jesus wanted this amount to be seen as so much greater than the hundred denarii (about twenty dollars) which the servant was unwilling to forgive.

All the gold used in the ark of the covenant was worth less than thirty talents. In II Chronicles we read that Amaziah hired a hundred thousand mighty men of valor for a hundred talents of silver. By any reckoning this was a fabulous debt. Jesus might have been using such a large amount as a symbol of the human indebtedness to God. Dr. Buttrick says: " 'Ten thousand talents' justly describes not only our bankruptcy of soul. but also the measure of Divine compassion."

The debt is of such magnitude that the debtor knows his only hope is that the royal master will be moved by compassion and forgive him. This is exactly what happened in the story. The king's clemency saved the man and his family from slavery into which, under law, they might have been sold.

The king was moved by the servant's pleading, and he did two things: he made it possible for him and his family to be spared from slavery, and he forgave him his enormous debt. Notice the contrast between what the servant asked for and what he received. He begged for more time to repay his debt; the Lord forgave him that debt. Many people have the idea that once caught in the hopeless web of their sins they can extricate themselves if given enough time and the right circumstances. When what is needed is forgiveness. Only when we recognize the degree of our offense can we appreciate the greatness of God's forgiveness.

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GUILTY OF UNFORGIVENESS

In the second act of our drama joy over great forgiveness quickly turns to the tragedy of unforgiveness. Just as we are rejoicing over the good news of the servant's release and forgiveness we are plunged into despair because of his treatment of a fellow servant. As he was leaving his lord's presence he saw a man that owned him a hundred denarii (about twenty dollars). Although he had been forgiven a debt of millions of dollars, he cannot find it in his heart to forgive his brother twenty dollars—or even grant him more time to pay. The debtor begged for mercy, but the forgiven servant was unwilling to forgive and had him sent to jail.

Jesus has made the contrast so very sharp in this story. It is the difference between daylight and midnight. We may think it is overdrawn, but is it? Dr. Buttrick suggests: "We pray 'Forgive us our debts,' but how many debts have we incurred? How many in a single day? . . . The injuries we receive, the debt that others owe us, is one six-hundred-thousandth part of what we owe to God. Signally we fail to realize our own failure. Could we be so unforgiving if we tried to calculate our own indebtedness?"

The alarming thing about this parable is that it could happen to a man who had seen such grace in action. However, he was left unmoved. He was so callous that his own forgiveness turned out to be his curse and his downfall. There is a warning here for everyone who would presume upon Christ's love and grace.

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THE LORD'S WRATH

The third act of the story tells of the reaction of the king when he heard what had happened. Every detail of this picture is of angry reaction—the king's wrath on finding that the man who had been forgiven such a large debt played the hard-hearted creditor, his unsparing condemnation, and the stern fate he finally pronounced: "And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers" (18:24).

Jesus emphasized, by the severity of the king's reproof and judgment, the heinousness of the offense committed. The man had demonstrated that he was completely unworthy of the mercy that had been shown him. What Jesus was saying in this parable is that it is we ourselves, who by our unforgiving spirits, bar the door against Him who is always ready to forgive. God always wants to forgive, but he cannot enter an unforgiving heart. This is a limitation resulting from his nature. Many of those people who complain that they do not know God's mercy are saying they do not themselves forgive.

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WHAT DO WE KNOW OF FORGIVENESS?

The Norwegian writer Johan Bojer in **The Great Hunger** tells of a man whose little child was killed by a neighbor's dog. Revenge would not long satisfy this man, so he found a better way to relieve the agony of his heart. When a famine had plagued the people and the neighbor's fields lay bare and he had no corn to plant for next year's harvest, the troubled father went out one night and sowed the neighbor's field, explaining, "I went out and sowed seed in my enemy's field that God might exist." This is forgiveness moving beyond the superficial into the deep places of the heart.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon reminds us that "Forgiveness is not a simple statement such as 'I forgive you.' It is an experience in personal relationship. Unless one has a forgiving spirit, he can neither forgive others nor experience forgiveness himself."

The spirit of forgiveness is not automatic with Christians. It must be cultivated along with the other spiritual graces. Resentment, hostility, and unforgiveness stunt Christian growth and sear away Christian idealism. Forgiveness flows out of a heart of compassion, and compassion demands that we identify ourselves sympathetically with those who have wronged us. Such a feeling is needed to extinguish the fires of resentment and indignation kindled in our hearts.

God's forgiveness is a divine and serious matter, and so is the life of love which it imposes upon us.

FAMILY MERGERS, now, RATHER than COCU

Some articles now being published in Methodist circles, and speeches now being madc in Methodist meetings, make two assumptions:

1. The COCU Plan *should* be adopted.

2. The COCU Plan *will* be adopted, though we may tinker with the details. Therefore, these articles and speeches mainly tinker with the details.

I would like to question both assumptions, and propose an alternative. The United Methodist Church evolved by a gradual process from five denominations, each with its own distinctive history.

They are the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Evangelical Church, and the United Brethren. The first three, and the last two united through Family Mergers, beforehand. It was a slow process. If the Family Mergers had not taken place first, it is doubtful that the final merger would have been possible, or even practicable.

As it appears now, in the United Methodist Church, we will need from 10 to 20 years more to work out the ramifications of the mergers into which we have already entered. Louisiana Methodism is now engaged in a merger of two Annual Confrences, one from the former Central Jurisdiction, and the other from the South Central Jurisdiction. Everybody is leaning over backwards to try to make the merger work, but it will take time and patience. No one can tell, at this stage, whether anybody will be happy with the arrangement.

Any further mergers at present, for Louisiana Methodism, would be rash, to say the least. We have all we can say grace over, for the time being. This is not only true in Louisiana. It is also true throughout the nation.

I predict that if the COCU Plan were presented for adoption, in anything like present form, the United Methodists would vote it down, probably in the General Conference, and certainly in the Annual Conferences.

My alternate suggestion is that we propose more Family Mergers, within the nine denominations now studying the COCU Plan of Union. When this is done, we would then be in better position to study more comprchensive mergers.

As a starting point, I propose the following Family Mergers:

1. The United Presbyterian Church, where the idea of COCU started, could merge with the Presbyterian Church, U.S. This would make a strong Presbyterian Church.

2. The United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples) could merge to form a strong congregation-oriented Church. They have much in common.

3. The Episcopal Church and The United Methodist Church could consider union. Their history and polity coincide at many points.

4. The African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Zion, and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church could unite to form a strong Black Methodist Church. The would seem to be more in keeping with present desires and trends among the Blacks. This Church could win many un-churched Blacks, who might not care about being a small minority, in a predominantly white organization.

The eager beavers who are pushing the COCU Plan would object to the time table that this Family Merger Plan would call for. They want the COCU Plan adopted, in approximately its present form, as soon as possible.

This vociferous group is in the minority, in the United Methodist Church. They have been heard, but the majority of Methodists are lukewarm or cold to the proposition. The Family Merger Plan would take longer, but it would lay a solid foundation, on which further merger might be possible.

It is my conviction that United Methodists should consider some alternatives to the COCU Plan.

I present the Family Merger Plan for your consideration. If you have a better plan, now is the time to present it.

— Henry A. Rickey, D.D.
Pastor, First United Methodist Church Minden, Louisiana

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A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

14. The District

We should point out to our United Methodist readers that the district organization in the proposed new church is most like our Annual Conference, although the size suggested ("ordinarily the district will include about 75 parishes") is much smaller than the conference structure with which we are familiar.

The chief pastor and exccutive officer of the district shall be the bishop of the district, who shall be called by the district, after consultation with the regional council, for a term of four years. This time may be extended for additional terms of four years each. The candidate for bishop of a district may already be a bishop or he may be a presbyter in whom the regional council concurs. If a district is to be composed of approximately 75 parishes, this means there will be a lot of district bishops in the new church.

The district is to be the governmental unit of the church next beyond the parish. It shall be responsible to: (a) develop strategy for the mission of the church in its area, (b) facilitate the mission of the parishes and task groups within the area by (i) providing for communication among them, (ii) arranging for projects involving one or more parishes and task forces, (iii) receiving and allocating resources, and (iv) providing for communication linking the parishes and task forces with the region and the National Assembly; and (c) provide pastoral care and discipline of its parishes and of the presbyters, deacons and other members of those parishes.

Each district shall meet at least annually. Voting membership in the district shall include all the ordained ministers who are members of parishes within the district and lay representatives numbering two times the number of ordained ministers. There is a provision that if the numbers eligible for the district meeting prove unwieldly, the district shall have the power to limit the size of its meeting and to adopt provisions for representation.

There is a provision for the election of a moderator to serve as presiding officer, and the district bishop is not eligible for this position. This means that the bishop will not be the presiding officer at the annual meeting.

The plan calls for the election of a district council consisting of not fewer than five ordained ministers and ten laymen to assist in carrying out the program between district meetings. As we see it, this body would be something of a cross between our present Cabinet and Program Council, more closely resembling the latter. This group would also serve as the trustees in whom title to all church property in the district would be held for the benefit of the whole church. (This method of holding property is quite a radical departure for churches now under the congregational system.)

Apparently the district would have a great deal of freedom in determining its structural form and its program. "It shall establish, change, or eliminate structures as needs arise or conditions of life require." This section also states that "Each district shall conduct as much of its program as possible in cooperation with adjacent and contiguous districts, and through ccumenical action."

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

One of the recommendations which will come before the World Methodist Council in Denver in August is that there should be a new and determined thrust of witness and evangelism in the next few years up to 1974 or 1975.

Meeting in Frankfurt, a group of Methodists from all over the world under the chairmanship of Bishop Gerald Ensley, the chairman of the Committee on Evangelism of the WCM, this Consultative group included representatives of radicals and evangelicals and some of the world leaders of Methodism very much concerned with the evangelistic enterprise of the church.

They stated their belief that the doubt and confusion that mark our age must be countered by the gathering together of such resources as we have, and by plunging forward in faith in mission to the world. They will, therefore, recommend to the WCM that it call upon all constituent Methodist churches to join in a mission of this kind forthwith.

The purpose of the mission will be outlined in detail and has been clearly stated by this group. It will be: to affirm the relevance and adequacy of the Christian faith for this age; to initiate a world-wide mission and evangelistic offensive; to lead persons into a personal experience of Jesus Christ; to encourage within Methodism a sense of unity and global consciousness.

The statement from Frankfurt recognises the tough social, intellectual and agnostic climate in which any project of this kind will have to work, and the careful way in which the group sees that local responsibility will ask that methods may vary from region to region is indicative of its realistic assessment of the task.

In Britain the response has been immediate and practical. For Methodists, Dr. Leslie Davison, the General Secretary of the Methodist Home Mission Department, called together his Commission on Evangelism. They considered this call and came to the conclusion that participation was a must.

If, by any chance, Denver fails to implicate this call, Britain will, in any case make the attempt. In this country some thinking about this possibility has also been done by the Anglican Archbishop's Council on Evangelism, and this has been very much in the minds of the Methodist Commission.

The Archbishop of York has initiated a Call to the North. He is responsible in the Anglican church for the northern part of Britain. Some of these plans are due for a climax in 1973.

In the meantime this call has come from Frankfurt, and the Methodist and Anglican evangelistic agencies are looking at ways and means by which it will be possible to integrate the ideas into a WMC mission for the world, should this be the call from Denver.

It is important to note that the British Methodist Conference will be asked to back an effort like this, and that three conditions will be suggested. First, the regions will have to have the power and ability to slant the mission appropriately to that region's situation. Secondly, the job must be done, wherevcr possible, on an ecumenical basis. Thirdly, so far as Britain is concerned, the Home Mission Department will recommend that we go ahead whatever happens at Denver.

This is something with no ordinary call. It could be the beginning of a new recognition that the church must get off the defensive and make a real effort to fulfill its primary task. In the words of Frankfurt: "We believe that the Lord's commission to His church to preach the Gospel and to make disciples of all nations is the supreme business of the church."

Book Reviews by AAK.

Robert C. Leslie, SHARING GROUPS IN THE CHURCH, $2.95, Abingdon Paperback, 221 pp.

For the great number of our people who are reacting to the need for greater personal involvement this new book will serve as an excellent guide. The author, professor of pastoral psychology and counseling at the Pacific School of Religion, speaks concretely of many sharing groups he has known.

He shows how small groups can function successfully with nonprofessional leadership with the minister acting the supporter.

He says in his Preface: "This is a rather personal book. I do not pretend to have the answers for how small groups can be used most effectively by the church, but I do have experience in active involvement with small groups over a period of twenty years, the very period in which small groups have come into prominence."

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Gordon C. Hunter, WHEN THE WALLS COME TUMBLIN' DOWN, $3.95, Word Books, 139 pp.

The author, executive director of Faith at Work in Canada, writes in this book of the part the average man can play in being a reconciling agent in the world today. In dealing with the question, "How do we start?" he says that the first obstacle is man himself and the walls of hostility with which, for many reasons, he surrounds himself. It is these walls, he affirms, that must "come tumblin' down" if we are to begin the ministry of love that is reconciliation.

Here is a significant quote: "I hope that everyone who reads these pages will find a kind of irresistible urge to launch out in this most important ministry. I write not for the clergy, but primarily for lay people, who, in my view, are the authentic evangelists of our time."

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Phillip Keller. A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT PSALM 23, $3.95, Zondervan, 142 pp.

This is an unusual commentary on the Shepherd Psalm by one who has spent most of his life in the out-of-doors following specialized training in agriculture. A native of East Africa, he has been concerned with ecological studies in that country and is experienced also as a photographer of wildlife and a journalist.

Equipped with this experience and insight, Mr. Keller leads his readers into the discovery of new riches in the 23rd Psalm.

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News in Brief

"The Responsibility of Our Uniqueness" has been chosen as the theme for the 31st annual convention of the National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church March 15-17 in Denver, Colo. For the second year, the session is being held in conjunction with the Annual Protestant Health Assembly.

Program Council evaluates proposed structural changes

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UMI) — More effective program planning, implementation, interpretation, and evaluation were at the center of the recent semi-annual meeting of the United Methodist Program Council here.

The group gave special attention to proposals being made for sweeping structural changes in denominational boards and agencies. Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, Evanston, Ill., chairman of the Structure Study Commission, and several members of that group made a progress report of proposals during a banquet meeting of the Council.

The Council voted approval of a study of the role of women in the United Methodist Church in cooperation with the Council on World Service and Finance. They also implemented a recommendation of the Division of Coordination, Research and Planning to provide $4,000 to help Hispanic American representatives to attend a meeting with church board and agency representatives.

The Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication, with Bishop Aubrey G. Walton as chairman, spent most of its time considering possibilities for improved communications within the church.

The Division of Interpretation reported that **Interpreter** magazine, official program journal, has the highest degree of readership in its history. However, faced with increasing production costs, the Division voted to reduce from ten to seven the number of free copies mailed to local church leaders.

This Division, headed by Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of Denver also announced plans for a convocation of district superintendents and annual conference program directors to be held the second week in September, 1972.

Dr. R. Bryan Brawner, general secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, reported that total receipts of the denomination for 1970 showed a 6.25 percent increase over the previous year. Commenting on a prediction that receipts would be down, Dr. Brawner said, "The increase is more important from a psychological point of view than the amount involved. The contemplation of troubles is often worse than the realization of them."

The Section of Research announced three major projects for 1971: the establishment of a scientific sampling process for the church, development of a polling process, and a census of local United Methodist churches.

Dr. Paul V. Church, Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of the Council, said participation of all segments of the church in a new "process planning" procedure has exceeded his expectations. Individuals, local churches, conferences and general agencies are currently involved in planning the program of the denomination for the 1972-1976 quadrennium. "Only as there is united planning can there be real action," Dr. Church said.

Included in the 115 members of the Program Council are 15 bishops, chief executives of the boards and agencies, and elected representatives from the five jurisdictions. Dr. John Bayliss of Ft. Smith, Ark. is chairman of the Section on Coordination of the Division of Coordination, Research and Planning.

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Pastors call for "Move Beyond Division"

A group of United Methodist pastors has issued a statement calling for "the people called United Methodists to move beyond division toward more meaningful worship, nurture, service, and love to meet the needs of man in our day."

The preamble to the statement says:

"A group of concerned pastors met informally during the General Conference at St. Louis and discussed the state of the Church. This discussion has continued during the intervening months, at several places, with various participants. As an outgrowth of these discussions the following statement is released to the Church at large. We believe that the essence of the statement is in accordance with the Gospel and indicates a necessary stance of the United Methodist Christian for our day. We hope that it will be read and heard in the spirit in which it is written—that of reconciling love. It is in this spirit that each of us affixes his signature."

The statement says:

"The genius of United Methodism is anchored in an emphasis of the unity of personal faith and social involvement in the totality of the Christian Gospel. Contrary to this, polarity between these two dimensions has risen within our church.

"Aware of this, we urge the people called United Methodists at every level of our Church life to affirm vigorously the whole Gospel through decisions made and actions taken, in the context of Christian love. If we are to rise to new levels of enlightenment regarding the claims of the Gospel upon all, we must seek greater understanding of the necessity of balance between personal faith and social involvement. As we work to channel tension creatively toward a stronger and more effective Church, we should, where necessary, lead in the development of procedures for corrective action.

"We further affirm that all United Methodists are called to live a Gospel that is always inclusive and never exclusive. With the Christian spirit of openness to opposing views within the Church, we must commit ourselves to building a climate of trust and love within the Church of Jesus Christ.

"We see increasing evidence of dynamic interaction between these two dimensions of personal faith and social involvement and we urge the people called United Methodists to move beyond division toward more meaningful worship, nurture, service, and love to meet the needs of man in our day."

Signing the statement were: James B. Argue, Little Rock, Ark.; Emerson S. Colaw, Cincinnati, O.; Adolphus S. Dickerson, Atlanta, Ga.; Leighton Farrell, Richardson, Tex.; Ira Gallaway, Fort Worth, Tex.; Reynolds Greene, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Earl Harvey, Dallas, Tex.; E. Duane Hulse, Madison, Wis.; Bevel Jones, Decatur, Ga.; Ellsworth Kalas, Madison, Wis.; Edward B. Lewis, Washington, D.C.; Robert Main, El Paso, Tex.; Glen O'Dell, Evansville, Ind.; Jack Payne, Arlington, Tex.; Robert Pierce, Chicago, Ill.; Forrest J. Robinson, Wichita, Kans.; Irving L. Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Roy Smith, Arlington, Va.; and M. Buren Stewart, El Paso, Tex.

The Rev. Joe Hale, director of ecumenical evangelism in the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, has been elected secretary of the evangelism section of the National Council of Churches.

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Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, conducted dedication ceremonies for the Cokesbury store at its new location in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 15.

Brazilians hold General Conference

NEW YORK (UMI) — The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Brazil met in special session in Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 1-7, and authorized some sweeping changes in church life.

They abolished the election of bishops by the national church at General Conference. From now on, bishops will be elected and consecrated at annual conference, and will serve four-year terms. Three remaining bishops that were elected by General Conference will serve their present episcopal assignments until they or their successors are elected.

The Conference adopted a new Social Creed, which is considered more radical than the former one in that it deals with causes of social ills more than with their manifestations.

The Brazilian Methodists took another ecumenical step by giving new church members the option of affirming previous baptism in the Roman Catholic Church. They also called for a consultation of the Brazilian church with its "cooperating" or related non-Brazilian churches such as the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Canada.

Encouraging reports were made on the new "Methodist Institute of Higher Learning" at the former Methodist Theological Seminary in Sao Paulo, where university-level schools are being developed in education, communications, social services and theology.

The Conference approved a pilot program in community action by youth and strengthened the youth structure within the church. Reports said that, in contrast to previous church meetings where demonstrations have occurred, there was little or no radical action by youth.

Dr. L. M. McCoy, New York, Latin America executive secretary in the United Methodist Board of Missions, addressed the General Conference. He also reported and analyzed the Conference for the U.S. church.

MRS. MINNIE CARTER

Funeral services were held Monday, February 15, at the Ott and Lee Funeral Home in Morton, Mississippi, for Mrs. Minnie Carter, 86, mother of the Rev. R. E. Carter, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Cotton Valley, Louisiana. Mrs. Carter died Sunday morning February 14 at the Magnolia Manor Nursing Home in Shreveport, Louisiana after a long illness.

Burial was in Shiloh Cemetery in Rankin County, Mississippi near Pelahatchie.

A native of Fannin, Mississippi, Mrs. Carter had lived in Shreveport for three years and was a member of Wynne Memorial United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Mary Alice Bowman of Pelahatchie, Mississippi; a sister, Mrs. Harry White of Laural, Mississippi; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(List of Memorials continued)

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Pickering

of the participants will be the return of prisoners of war. These and related matters will be discussed following the Paris conference with the participants' respective Congressional delegations in Washington.

Mr. Pickering's trip to the Paris Conference is being financed by individuals and groups in the LSU and Baton Rouge communities. He was nominated for participation by a coalition of local citizens "in recogntion of his long-standing concern for peace in Southeast Asia and the continuing service he has rendered in keeping the issues of war and peace before his local community," according to Dr. Joel Selbin, LSU professor of chemistry, and Dr. Stuart I. Gilmore, associate professor of speech. Dr. Selbin and Dr. Gilmore serve as co-chairmen of this project for Baton Rouge.

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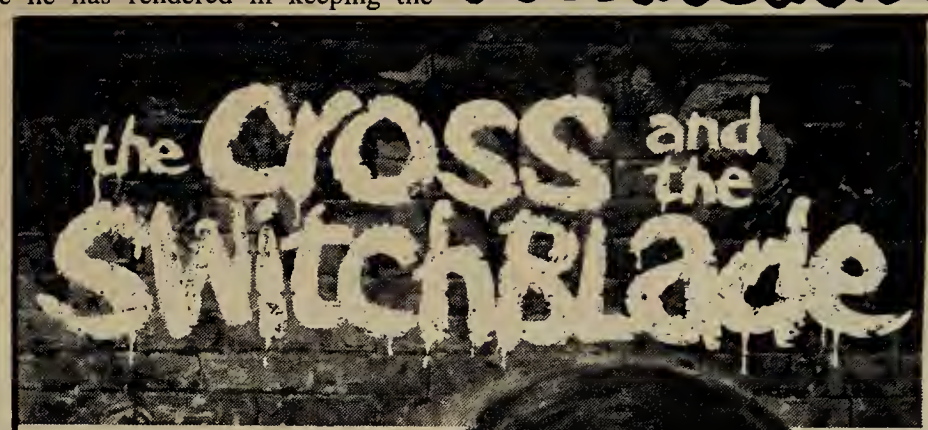

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RESPONSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT

The Iowa UMYF, in keeping with the current ecology emphasis, presented a service with a "Litter and Pollution" theme on a recent Sunday evening. The group has charge of one Sunday evening service each month. The Rev. Raymond Crofoot is minister.

Randy Goldman of First Church, Lake Charles, is shown here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goldman, after receiving the Eagle Scout Award at a recent Boy Scout Banquet. Randy is a senior at LaGrange High School and has served as manager of the basketball team. He has earned 21 merit badges. Randy raised money for the refugees of India following the recent earthquake for his community service project requirement. The Rev. George Pearce, Jr. is Randy's pastor.

Pictured here are members of the Pleasant Valley UMY who won first prize at the Lighthouse Sub-District meeting held at Shongaloo on Feb. 15. The prize—the Bible held by the young lady at center front.

The Roanoke Boy Scout Troop, shown here, took part in a recent worship service at Roanoke UM Church in celebration of Boy Scout Month. Pictured with them (back row, left to right): Cyrus W. Tietje, I. R. Richard Sockrider, scoutmaster, and the Rev. Cecil Mims, pastor.

Counselors for the junior and senior high UMYs at First Church, Coushatta; Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Heyl Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lebleu. Members of the youth group recently toured Central Louisiana State Hospital at Pineville. The Rev. Paul Carroll is pastor at Coushatta.

The Rev. Fred Campbell, pastor of Livingston UM Church, was the guest speaker at the Sweetheart Banquet provided for the youth of the Springfield Church by the Women's Society of Christian Service. The Rev. Harold Bordages is pastor at Springfield.

Honored at recent family night dinner at University Church in Lake Charles were church school teachers pictured here. FROM LEFT: Mrs. J. D. Morgan, 12 years with 4-year kindergarten; Mrs. Will Godwin, 13 years with 5-year kindergarten and 5 years as junior high UMYF counselor; and Mrs. Elodie Senac, 18 years with the nursery group. Making the presentation was Mrs. Robert Benoit (right), coordinator of pre-school classes. The Rev. William P. Fraser is pastor.

Members of the Sibley UMYF at Feb. 14 Valentine Party. New officers for the group are. President, Pam Hillidge (second from right, front); Secretary-Treasurer, Rebecca Longfellow (right, front); Vice President, Gordon Akin (left, back); Reporter, Jeff Hillidge (right, back). Akin was selected as "outstanding member of the year." The Rev. H. W. Longfellow is pastor.

By popular vote, Jeanie Gulley and Steve Spurlock were chosen Miss and Mr. Lakeview at Lakeview UM Church's (Minden) Sweetheart Banquet. The Rev. Ed Parks of Simsboro was guest speaker. The Rev. Louis M. Coppage is minister.

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Lake Charles District to fight proposed pari-mutuel racing

The Lake Charles District Board of the Laity met recently to make plans to block establishment of a pari-mutuel horse race track to be located in the Lake Charles area. Hubert Blanchard, District lay leader, and District superintendent Harvey G. Williamson led the group.

Plans underway include the sending of packets containing information about the legal means available to stop the building of the race track, including protest letters to members of the Louisiana Racing Commission, city, parish and state officials.

A report from the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation pointed out that the average amount of money bet at the New Orleans race track per day per person was $68.52; at Evangeline Downs in Lafayette it is $61.75.

The report further stated that education is listed as a beneficiary of race track wagering. LSU received $880,000 from this source in 1968-69, but citizens of Louisiana gambled $62,837,000 for this to happen.

Resolutions were passed and distributed over the district, one by the 42 ministers of the United Methodist Church in the Lake Charles district, and the Lake Charles District Board of the Laity, as well as other information.

A general meeting is to be held at the First United Methodist in Lake Charles on Tuesday, March 16.

Listed below are the two resolutions:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, we have a responsibility for the welfare of the community and especially for the welfare of young people in the community, and,

Whereas, the Louisiana Racing Commission has issued a letter of intent approving the construction of a pari-mutuel betting race track known as Delta Downs, Inc., near Vinton, Louisiana in Calcasieu Parish, and

Whereas, the establishment of the proposed pari-mutuel racing track would be detrimental to the public interest, and,

Whereas, it has been demonstrated that gambling has an adverse effect on the community, and the individuals within a community, and in many cases is connected with organized crime,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the ministers of the 42 Churches within the Lake Charles District of The United Methodist Church, Louisiana Annual Conference A, express their opposition to the proposed pari-mutuel betting at Delta Downs, Inc., and,

Be it further resolved, that we express this opposition to the city and parish officials, the Louisiana State Racing Commission, and Governor John J. McKeithen, and,

Be it further resolved, that we call on other interested citizens to express their opposition to this proposed race track, and

Be it further resolved, in a day of such tremendous human needs to be reconciled, we remind the people of our area to use their resources toward the development and promotion of activities and enterprises which will serve the best interests and welfare of the citizenry.

Adopted by the ministers of the Lake Charles District.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Louisiana Racing Commission has issued a letter of intent approving the construction of a pari-mutuel betting race track known as Delta Downs, Inc., near Vinton, Louisiana in Calcasieu Parish, and

Whereas, we are concerned for the welfare of the community and especially for the welfare of the young people in the community, and

Whereas, we feel very strongly that the establishment of the proposed pari-mutuel racing track is legalized gambling and would be detrimental to the public interest, and

Whereas, McNeese State University at Lake Charles and Lamar Tech at Beaumont are within thirty miles of this gambling site, and

Whereas, it has been demonstrated that gambling has an adverse effect on the community, and the individuals within a community, and in many cases is connected with organized crime,

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Some of the tri-district camp directors from Hammond, New Orleans and Baton Rouge Districts who met for Feb. 26-27 Camping Workshop at the Loke Charles District Camp site, near Kinder, to plon summer schedule at Camp Istrouma. The Rev. Melvin Moody, director of Camping and Christian Education Outdoors for the General Board of Educotion, spoke to a group of 52 persons representing age groups and others interested in comping in Louisiano. (Photo from desk of Garland C. Dean)

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New Orleans Metro Ministry project receives jurisdiction award

by Cecil Bland

A proposed program of the New Orleans Metropolitan Ministry, whose director is the Rev. William R. London, is one of the urban ministries projects selected by the South Central Jurisdictional Board of Social Concerns as the recipient of a special award. The name of the project is "Continuing Education for Low Income and Disadvantaged Women."

Funds for the implementation of this proposal have come from travel expense monies which would normally have been used to hold Jurisdictional meetings by the Board. Instead, the various meetings were cancelled and the funds made available for selected proposals by those Conferences having Urban Ministries.

The Louisiana Conferences, among twelve Conferences submitting proposals, were recipients of an award through the New Orleans METRO.

Two other projects to receive $1,000 each from the Jurisdictional Board include a police-community relations project in Omaha, Neb., and a centralized population control action center in Dallas, Tex.

The two areas served by METRO in New Orleans are occupied by low-income and disadvantaged families. The proposal states "the disadvantaged woman (from these poverty areas) has been and still is being ignored by a large segment of our society."

"It is hoped that this proposal will help bridge the gap between what is and what should be, that it will stimulate the participant to want a better environment in which to live, and will inspire them to choose Continuing Education as the vehicle to help them rise above their present circumstances."

Among the goals of the program are: teaching grammar, homemaking, home health-aid training, sewing, cooking, teaching mothers to teach (home counseling) and creative arts and crafts to be used in the home.

The implementation of the proposal involves four phases:

1. Recruitment of a qualified director for the total project, organizing and recruiting leadership.
2. Informing the public, and organizing for action.
3. Carrying out the program itself in groups of 10 to 15 persons each.
4. Evaluating the project.

Estimated cost of the proposal is $1,085, with most of the work being handled by volunteers. The funds are for equipment: sewing machines, health-aid supplies, arts and crafts materials.

The New Orleans Metropolitan Ministries (METRO) is one of the projects supported by the Fund for Reconciliation of the Quadrennial Emphasis program.

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BULLETIN

Word has just come at press-time of the death of Monroe Stringer, New Orleans, Conference Lay Leader of Louisiana Conference B. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 11, at 1 p.m. at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 2700 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans.

Program Councils to meet in joint session March 12-13

The Program Councils of Louisiana Conferences A and B will meet in joint session Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria.

They will be considering the program proposals that have been submitted by the boards and agencies, and from this meeting will emerge the programs which will be recommended for the new conference year for the new Louisiana Annual Conference which will come into being following the merger of the two Annual Conferences in June.

Members of the Program Councils have received outlines of the proposals and will be using these as a workbook for their meeting Friday and Saturday.

The joint session will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday and will continue through Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions. It will be preceded by a meeting of the Coordinating Committee at 2 p.m. Friday afternoon.

On Saturday at 1 p.m., there will be a meeting of the Agenda Committee for the conference session.

The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire of Ruston is chairman of the Program Council of Louisiana Conference A, and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn is the program director. The Rev. William R. London of New Orleans is chairman of the Program Council of Louisiana Conference B, and the Rev. Howard Milo is the program director.

Centenary profs visit Lafayette District

Centenary College professors await transportation to Shreveport following their visit to the churches of the Lafayette District. FROM LEFT: Charles A. Hickcox, Dr. Stanton Taylor, Dr. Lee Morgan, Dr. Walter Lowrey, Dean Thad N. Marsh, and H. E. Raney Jr.

Centenary College professors, pastors and lay leaders of Lafayette District join together for dinner in Fellowship Hall at First Church, New Iberia, during recent Faculty Visitation in the district.

Seated at head table at faculty dinner in New Iberia (l. to r.): Mrs. Merlin Merrill; District Superintendent Merlin Merrill; Centenary President Dr. John H. Allen; Asbury's pastor (Lafayette), George Ross; Mrs. Fred Flurry, and the Rev. Fred Flurry, host pastor.

Participants in recent District-wide workshop on the Council on Ministries held at Fairfield UM Church, Shreveport. FROM LEFT: The Rev. J. D. V. Hamilton Jr., host pastor; the Rev. J. C. Bibbons, Shreveport District (B) superintendent, and W. C. Patterson, Shreveport District lay leader.

Mrs. Alpha del Toro, technical principal of the Laurens Methodist School in Monterrey, Mexico, is shown with Dr. Jack Cooke (l.), Shreveport District superintendent, and the Rev. Garland Dean of the Program Council Office, as they visited the breakfast program of the Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries during Mrs. del Toro's recent participation in "Mission to North America."

FROM LEFT: The Rev. J. J. Caraway, Hammond District superintendent, L. P. Batt, receiving District Layman of the Year plaque from Thomas Matheny, Conference A lay leader; Nick Saladino, Hammond District lay leader who presided at Feb. 25 Hammond District Laymen's Rally held at Centenary Church in Franklinton. Approximately 140 laymen were present for the event which included presentations centering on Lay Speaking, Methodist Men's Clubs, One Thousand Club, Howard Daughenbaugh Scholarship Fund and the District program in general.

Counseling Center opens at NLU Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe has opened a Counseling Center which will be in operation on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of each week. The following highly qualified persons with professional degrees and experience have offered their services and time to staff the Center without charge: Charles E. Poimboeuf, Mrs. Deborah S. Poimboeuf, Tom Keller, Kendall H. Grant, Henry Hamilton, and Grace Hodge.

For problems too complex to be dealt with at the Center, referrals will be made to appropriate persons and agencies in the Monroe community. There will be no charge for services rendered at the Center. Hours will be from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on the days previously mentioned, and anyone in the campus community is welcome to take advantage of the counseling services—either on a walk-in or a phone-in basis.

The telephone number of the Counseling Center is 373-5309. Regular services in this area will also continue to be made available on a walk-in or a phone-in basis; the Wesley Foundation telephone number is 373-2944 for those who wish to arrange for appointments or secure other information.

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Hammond District laymen hold first annual banquet

Nick Saladino, Hammond District lay leader was master of ceremonics recently at the first annual layman's banquet to be held in that District. 130 persons attended the event.

L. P. Batte of Greensburg was the recipient of the Hammond District Layman of the Year award, which was presented by Tom Matheny, Conference lay leader.

The various emphases of the District Layman's program were presented by the following speakers:

Graham Fitsmaurice of Ponchatoula spoke to the need for lay speakers in the district. R. T. Vessier of Franklinton presented the 1000 Club program; Dr. C. O. Henneman spoke on the Howard Daughenbaugh Scholarship program for Centenary College Students; Charles MacCaskle spoke concerning Methodist Men, and the Rev. James J. Caraway, Hammond District superintendent presented information about the District program.

An offering was made and divided equally between the 1000 Club and the Howard Daughenbaugh Scholarship program.

Editorial

A SINCERE PLEA AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

We would like to share with you this week the essence of a very logical statement against public funds for private schools recently made to the Committee on Education and Welfare of the Louisiana Constitutional Revision Commission by Dr. Ben Oliphint, minister of University United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

The statement began with reference to the position of the 1968 General Conference which said: "We believe in the principle of universal public education and we reaffirm our support of public educational institutions. At the same time, we recognize and pledge our continued allegiance to the U.S. constitutional principle that citizens have a right to establish and maintain private schools from private resources so long as such schools meet public standards of quality. Such schools have made a genuine contribution to society. We do not support the expansion or the strengthening of private schools with public funds. Furthermore, we oppose the establishment or strengthening of private schools that jeopardize the public school system or thwart valid public policy."

Then Dr. Oliphint affirmed that the Constitution of America guarantees a free church and that the state is protected from encroachment of the church. He also pointed out that an educated citizenry is essential to the maintenance of a government whose powers are derived from the consent of the governed, and that to meet the cost of this system of education all the citizens are taxed. "They are not taxed in proportion to the benefits received, nor yet is the tax cancelled when parents elect to support private or parochial schools by choice."

He pointed out some of the major arguments that are offered in support of aid to parochial education and gave what seems to this writer to be cogent answers to each. First, it is argued that private and parochial schools perform a public service and are entitled to a public subsidy. He replied that many institutions such as churches, newspapers, and TV stations perform a public service but that this does not necessarily entitle them to public subsidy.

Another argument is that some parts of the parochial school curriculum are really secular and that these could receive a subsidy from the state. The truth is that all church schools tell their people that religion permeates all subjects—"they are not secular if they are taught from a sectarian viewpoint."

Another argument suggests that public aid to parochial education at a "reasonable" level will prove less expensive to the taxpayer than no aid at all, threatening massive closings of such schools and flooding of the public schools with these students. There is little evidence that such wholesale closings are really contemplated or valid to the argument that the continuation of a dual system of schools is saving any tax money.

A 1966 Gallup Poll authorized by Catholic Digest indicated that only 55% of Roman Catholics favored tax support of parochial education, whereas in 1952 63% of this group favored tax support. The overall results showed that 40% of the American people favored public aid to parochial schools in 1952, dropping to 38% in 1966. The latest Gallup Poll on the subject was quoted by the National Catholic Reporter in 1969 and showed that 59% opposed it and again only 38% favored it.

Recently Rep. Martin P. Mullen, a key legislator in the fight in Pennsylvania to get state aid for Catholic schools, told the Pennsylvania Catholic Education Association: "The major reason why we had such great opposition . . . is simply because the Catholic people of our state refused to try to sell the general public on the idea that aid to non-public schools was not just another gimmick to aid one particular religion against all others." (Quoted from Michigan Catholic, Oct. 16, 1969) Dr. Oliphint concluded to the committee, "All of this makes clear, it seems to me, that the financial problem of parochial schools stems from the unwillingness of Catholics to contribute rather than from their inability."

John M. Swomley, Jr. said in The Nation, Dec. 14, 1970: "The key to the future of parochial schools is the Church's attitude toward them, not the willingness of the general public to support them. If parochial schools are essential to the mission of the church, they will continue as long as the church does."

The statement says: "If state legislatures, school officials and the courts make public funds available to parochial schools, they will be intervening to favor one side in a church controversy, by forcing Roman Catholics to pay through taxation what they will not voluntarily give. They will also force non-Catholics to subsidize the program of an anti-reformation or anti-democratic group within a church to which they do not belong.

"If there ever was a time, it is now the time for all good men to come to the aid of a vital religious and political life in our country . . . a vitality sustained by a free faith in a free country."

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the Editor's Corner

A Look at Church Membership Figures

Church membership in the U.S. showed an increase of 2/100th of 1 per cent in the most recent figures released in the 1971 edition of the Yearbook of American Churches. The total is 128,505,084 as compared with 128,469,636 in the 1970 report. Thus the total has gone up only 36,348, the lowest increase reported in modern times.

Of course, this means that the percentage of the population having church membership fell from 63.1 to 62.4.

By the very nature of the deadlines involved in getting such a book out, the figures for many churches, including Southern Baptist and United Methodist are those for year before last. The Yearbook says there are 11.8 million Southern Baptists and 10.82 million United Methodists. However, more recent denominational reports put Southern Baptists at 11.6 million and United Methodists at 10.6 million.

The Roman Catholic Church reported a membership of 47,872,089, representing a loss of 1,146 from the previous year. According to the Yearbook, 188 Protestant Churches have 69,740,413 members. This includes some groups like Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, who do not like to be put in this category.

American Jews number 5.78 million; membership of 21 Eastern Orthodox jurisdictions total 3.74 million; Buddhists total 100,000, and Arminean, Polish National Catholic and Old Catholic total 817,822.

Canadian church membership figures, also included in the book, indicate that there are 8.57 million Catholics among a total church membership of 11,455,241. The Anglican Church of Canada has 1.1 million and the United Church of Canada, 1.04 million.

The Yearbook placed the number of ordained clergy in 230 churches at 387,642, compared with 361,506 reported in 226 groups in the 1970 Yearbook. Of the pastors included in the report, 217,360 serve local parishes.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Bd. and Santa Fe County in New Mexico have finalized a compromise in which Glorieta Baptist Assembly will pay taxes on three areas of property. Areas involved in the compromise include the gift and camera shop, the "washateria" and a service station. A 1969 N.M. law calls for the taxing of all church-owned property except that directly involved in religious worship, such as churches. The Assembly grounds complex includes "several motels and hotels" and a "big cafeteria" which County Assessor Tillie Gonzales says should be taxed.

Need to provide adequate pensions for retired clergymen and pastors expected to retire soon constitutes a major financial problem for the United Church of Japan (Kyodan). The 200,-000-member Protestant denomination, formed by merger 30 years ago, has 302 retired pastors or widows of ministers currently receiving an average pension of less than $30 per month or $360 per year. Average per capita income in Japan is said to be $1,170 annually.

Episcopal leaders heard an attack on alleged church aid to a "self-admitted Communist" when the executive committee of the Diocese of Philadelphia met at St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia. The attack came from those protesting a rally held in January at the Church of the Advocate to raise money for the defense of Angela Davis. The former university professor and admitted Communist, is accused of complicity in a murder in California. Episcopal Renaissance, a 24-member executive committee, has urged Episcopalians to withhold funds from the diocese until assurances are received "that the money will be used only for spreading the gospel."

A Lutheran church leader, Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, past president of the Lutheran World Federation and of the American Lutheran Church, told Pope Paul during a recent audience in Rome that Lutherans are not concerned about having the Roman Catholic Church "rehabilitate" Martin Luther, the German Reformer who was excommunicated by Rome in 1521. Dr. Schiotz said he told the Pope that "Luther is now in the hands of God." During the audience the Lutheran leader told the Pope that when it comes to population control, Lutherans "differ with your Church." He reported that the Pope responded, "This is something that must be studied more."

Roman Catholic Archbishop Jean Baptiste Maury of Reims has strongly denounced the spread of "erotic" shops throughout France, affirming that "the pollution of morals is more ominous than the pollution of nature." "Let us not allow our human energies for a better world be destroyed by this violation of consciences," the French prelate said.

A panel discussion on "the church and philanthropy" will be one of the highlights of the 14th Nat'l. Conference of the Nat'l. Council on Philanthropy, scheduled to meet in New York April 12-14. "Private Philanthropy for a Better America," will provide the theme for the three-day program. It is expected to draw about 1,000 persons, including key executives of commerce and industry and health, welfare, religious and cultural organizations.

Congregations which might decide not to enter a new denomination formed by merger of the nation's two largest Presbyterian bodies could stay out and retain their property, according to the final draft plan of union. The document was completed and announced at St. Petersburg, Fla., by a joint committee of the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern). The connectional system of Presbyterian tradition does not sanction the withdrawal of congregations with their property. Not only will congregations opposed to union be allowed to retain local real estate, they will be permitted to petition synods and presbyteries (regional units) to divide with them properties on those levels.

A special 30 pfenning stamp commemorating the 450th anniversary of the Diet at Worms will be issued this month, according to West German postal authorities. It was at the Diet (Conference) in the city of Worms, near Mannheim, that the Reformer Martin Luther refused to retract his criticisms of the Roman Church, uttering his famous slogan "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise." The stamp will show Luther standing before the Emperor Charles V and church dignitaries, surrounded by copies of his writings.

The organist and entire choir of St. Thomas's Anglican parish church in Golborne, England resigned because the rector, the Rev. Harold Cunliffe, wanted "brighter and more lively hymns." Mr. Cunliffe, who is 42, introduced modern hymns to the choir from his own book, "Twentieth Century Hymns," seven months ago. Since then the reaction of the choir has been to stand silent while the organist clasped his hands on his lap every time one of the "modern numbers" was announced. A spokesman said their resignations en bloc stemmed from an aversion to "cheap gimmicks aimed at getting people into church."

Del Hafer, affiliated with the Denver, Colo. Youth for Christ staff, told YFC aides meeting in Minneapolis, "we'd better be sure we have a cause greater than drugs. Drugs are a fantastic reminder of what life can be, but a poor substitute for Jesus Christ." He warned that "we shouldn't present Jesus as another 'trip.' All this current talk about 'taking a trip with Jesus,' 'getting stoned on God,' getting 'ripped on the Holy Spirit' is garbage. Jesus Christ didn't come to give the same kind of experience of physical exhilaration. He wants to provide empowerment in all areas of our lives."

A Committee on Inter-church Relations is proposing that the 1971 General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church express "willingness now" to enter into inter-communion with the Episcopal Church. The term "inter-communion" in this specific context, is said to refer particularly to the receiving and transferral of members. Officials of the Episcopal Church are reported to have expressed keen interest in the Presbyterian proposal.

Sister Mary Catherine Vukmanic, an Ursuline Nun who is in her last year of doctoral studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., has been named one of 38 "Garrett Fellows" at the school. The seminary —the second largest in the nation—charges no tuition and is supported by the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program. Garrett Fellows receive $75 monthly from the fellowship endowment provided by the late L. F. Garrett of Memphis, a Baptist layman.

Full identification of East German Churches with the Communist regime and its political platform was demanded by a prominent official of the ruling Socialist Unity Party (SED). Paul Verner, a member of the Politburo and secretary of the SED Central Committee, is reported to have hinted strongly that such identification would certainly be in the best interests of the Churches.

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine in Houston, Tex., has voted to resume financial support of the national denomination and pay "in principle" its entire $70,000 missionary quota for the current year. In 1970, the congregation voted to discontinue giving its full quota to the annual diocesan budget, in protest of the Church's decision to fund certain Mexican-American and black groups. St. John's considered the groups "militant." Rector Thomas Sumners said the decision to resume financial support is a "good faith response" to what he termed "safeguards against future denominational funding" of allegedly violence-oriented groups.

Father Eugene J. Schallert, who directs the Institute for Socio-Religious Research at the University of San Francisco, has been assigned the task of gathering all available data on the Roman Catholic priesthood in the U.S. for scrutiny by the international Synod of Bishops in Rome next Fall. The priest said that the data will be sent to a Rome center called Pro Mundi Vita (For the Life of the World). It will be translated into several languages and made available to bishops around the world.

The president of the Nat'l. Women's Christian Temperance Union has scored a bill introduced in the Illinois legislature which called for legalization of marijuana. "Obviously you are unaware that an International Treaty on Narcotic Drugs was signed by the U.S. and 63 other countries regarding the expansion of a control system on opium, cannabis and coca leaves, in 1961," wrote Mrs. Fred J. Tooze in a letter to the co-sponsors of House Bill 395. She noted that "the bill which you are sponsoring becomes only a repeat performance of earlier legislation concerning beverage alcohol. In 1933 it was said that if beverage alcohol were legalized, the public would lose interest in the narcotic and by some strange legislative power, it would dissipate itself."

BRUSSELS – A young Belgian takes a look at the latest product to be sold in public vending machines – the Bible. For the modest sum of ten Belgian francs (20 U.S. cents) one can buy a miniature Bible from one of the many vending machines being installed on Brussels' streets. The distributor reports a great deal of success among the young. (RNS Photo)

Ninety-five Centenary students make Dean's List

Centenary College Dean Thad N. Marsh has named ninety-five students to the Dean's List for the fall semester: twenty-five of these poster a perfect 4.0 average for the first term's work.

All students who earn a combined average of 3.5 or better are included on the Centenary honor roll.

Those students with a perfect 4.0 record are: Norma J. Anderson, Shreveport; Carol R. Barnes, Shreveport; Steve M. Brown, Shreveport; Nadine A. Bryson, New Orleans; Minnie Lou Bullard, Bossier City; Donna M. Dyer, Bossier City; James E. Field, Jr., Shreveport; Margaret J. Furrh, Lubbock, Texas; Neta Joy Geisenberger, Shreveport; Jess C. Gilbert, Sicily Island, La.; Shirley J. Giles, Keithville, La.

Eleanor C. Greve, Shreveport; Jane B. Hancock, Shreveport; Coralee C. Hanson, Chalmette, La; Meredith A. Haynes, Shreveport; Edna L. Hanvey, Dallas, Texas; John Hardt, Beaumont, Texas; Stephen M. Lazarus, Shreveport; Betty Jo (Sky) Lenard, Shreveport; Glenda W. Lollar, Shreveport; Elaine S. Menge, New Orleans, La.; Barbara A. Miller, Shreveport; Linda M. Miller, New Orleans, La.; Mary E. Pate, West Monroe, La.; and Janis K. Wheatley, North Highlands, California.

Other students with a 3.5 or better average are: Janice G. Bane, Logansport, La.; Katherine M. Berry, Shreveport; Carol A. Bickers, Richardson, Texas; Don A. Birkelbach, Shreveport; Deborah S. Brigance, Dallas, Texas; Cynthia L. Brown, Shreveport; Kerry G. Bruce, Monroe, La.; Lexie J. Cantrell, Shreveport; Sandra Kay Carlisle, Shreveport; Kathryn D. Carson, Shreveport; Thomas R. Casey, Waco, Texas; Claudia Jo Clark, Pasadena, Texas; Martha R. Cooke, Shreveport; Debra D. Cox, Alexandria, La.; Janice R. Donahoue, Shreveport; Rex C. Engle, Lincoln, Nebraska; James H. Flynn, Jr., Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Walter B. Fulton, Laurel, Mississippi; Craig L. Gardner, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Byron O. Gardner, Shreveport; Jay G. Gould, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mark A. Greve, Shreveport; Junie S. Havard, Zwolle, La; Sandra A. Hilburn, Monroe, La.; Melissa K. Howard, Alexandria, La.; Julia R. Hutchinson, Metairie, La.

Iris Marie Irving, Alexandria, La.; Alan Jenkins, Shreveport; Gayle A. Johnson, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mary A. Jordan, Shreveport; Peter A. Kastl, Alexandria, La.; James W. Keating, Shreveport; Tracy H. Knauss, Terrell, Texas; Emily A. Lafitte, Shreveport; Nancy D. Lenz, Memphis, Tennessee; Barbara Lowe, Bossier City, La.; Charlotte L. McKinnon, Shreveport; Carol A. Murphy, Seabrook, Texas; Helanie M. Nierman, Shreveport; Nancy J. Norris, Shreveport; Hester P. Overstreet, Jackson, Mississippi; Robert D. Pendarvis, Bossier City, La.; Jeffery S. Pender, Shreveport; Melinda Phares, Shreveport; Charles W. Price, Shreveport.

Billy R. Randolph, Waskom, Texas; Thomas K. Reinowski, Shreveport; John H. Roberts, Alexandria, Virginia; Ramon H. Rosenkrans, Shreveport; Barbara D. Rowe, Rome, Georgia.

James A. Salisbury, Monroe, La.; Zack G. Sanders, Bossier City, La.; Helmuth Scholl, Shreveport; Charles B. Simmons, Franklinton, La.; Meredith E. Smith, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Teresa L. Springer, Shreveport; Kathy M. Stephenson, Shreveport; Raymond E. Tangney, Shreveport; Patricia A. Thomas, Shreveport; Nelda S. Thompson, Shreveport; William L. Tillman, Bossier City, La.; Joel E. Tohline, Vivian, La.; Robert R. Townsend, Slaughter, La.; Kay Trevathan, Germantown, Tennessee; Elizabeth L. Van Hook, Shreveport; Howard C. Welborn, Jr., Shreveport; Jerome L. Wells, Beaumont, Texas; Ann M. Whittington, Benton, La.; Marilyn K. Williamson, Lake Charles, La.; and Patricia M. Yack, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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RECAPITULATION

REPORT NO. 6

1971 LOUISIANA METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Percent
Ruston	394	1543	15	1952	1600	122%
Alexandria	193	773	8	974	1371	71
Hammond	134	578	7	719	1145	63
Lafayette	314	714	2	1030	1649	62
Lake Charles	193	811	8	1012	1730	58
Monroe	260	802	9	1071	2122	50
Shreveport	343	882	52	1277	3080	41
New Orleans	184	408	4	596	2059	29
Baton Rouge	136	595	6	737	2516	27
Totals	2151	7106	111	9368		

Shreveport District Youth Rally—Conference B

Some of the youth from Conference B representing churches in Lake Charles, Natchitoches, Shreveport and Mansfield who attended the Shreveport District United Methodist Youth Fellowship Conference held at Asbury Church in Natchitoches recently. James Stewart is District UMYF president. More than 100 youth and counselors were present for the Conference. BELOW: Hosts for the youth meeting at Asbury church—the pastor, the Rev. Edgar D. Smith and the W.S.C.S. which served a fried chicken dinner, and others (not identified).

Alexandria District Youth Rally—Conference A

The Rev. J. C. Skinner, Alexandria District Youth coordinator is welcomed at registration desk, First Church, Alexandria, by Misses Deborah Deane, president, and Rose Pisciotti, registrar. Eighty persons registered for the Saturday, Feb. 27 rally. The Rev. Clyde Clark, Alexandria District superintendent was present and met with ministers who accompanied youth to Alexandria.

The Rev. James Jones (r.) was the worship leader and led the opening assembly, assisted by Chris Stames (l.), a student from Northwestern State College at Natchitoches. Other features of the Rally included a COCU discussion, films, a "RAP" session, discussions on the Youth Service Fund and on Merger of A and B Conferences.

NEWS and NOTES

STATE SENATOR Claude B. Duval, Houma attorney, spoke on "The Mafia Probe Committee," of which he is vice-chairman, at the adult fellowship in First United Methodist, Baton Rouge, Sunday evening, February 28. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is pastor.

MAXWELL T. CROWE was honored recently by the Irene Wood Church School Class of Winnfield Church, for having given 25 years of service as teacher of the class.

LAY WITNESS MISSION in First United Methodist of Pineville, scheduled for the weekend of March 19, will have Louis and Helen Long of Ada, Oklahoma, as coordinators. Bob Goff is general chairman of local arrangements. Wayne Wilkerson and Bob Nash will be in charge of the youth mission. The Rev. Richard Walton is pastor.

THE JEFFERSON Church Men's Club of New Orleans had scheduled Henry Turner to give a musical program on Wednesday, March 10. He demonstrated with the organ, bells and water glasses. He was introduced by Keith Nash. The Rev. Donald Hall is pastor.

THREE CENTENARY STUDENTS from Rayville will be singing with the college choir when the group presents a concert in the Rayville High School Auditorium on Sunday, March 14, at 4 p.m. They are Becky Wroten, Doug Cook and Mike Pilgreen.

AT FRANKLINTON, the Fisher and the Centenary United Methodist Churches, have designated a special Lenten offering for home mission projects. Recipients will be Spanish speaking people of the Southwest, through the Rev. Antonio Sandoval, and the Oklahoma Indian Mission, through the Rev. Lee Chupco. Both men have been recent guest speakers in these churches. The pastor of both churches is the Rev. Jerry Means.

INGLESIDE CHURCH of Baton Rouge will observe the 25th anniversary of its organization on Sunday, March 14. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and will conclude with lunch in the Youth Center. Two former pastors, the Rev. William R. Irving of Covington, and the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson of Lake Charles, will speak during the celebration. The Rev. Donice W. Alverson is the current pastor.

MISSIONARY TO LIBERIA, Doretha Brown, was guest speaker in Memorial United Methodist Church of Monroe on Sunday evening, February 21. Miss Brown is a native of Ivanhoe, Louisiana, was graduated from Dillard University, New Orleans, and Scarritt Christian College, Nashville, Tennessee. She has been a teacher in Liberia, under the Methodist Board of Missions, since 1960. She is currently teaching at Sager-Brown School in Baldwin. The Memorial minister is the Rev. Stone Caraway.

IN HOLLYWOOD FLORIDA, the Rev. and Mrs. John Redmon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 28. Mr. Redmon is a retired member of the Louisiana Annual Conference. The Redmon address is 1617 North 25th Ave., Hollywood, Fla. 33020

TWO LSU STUDENTS, Eddie Cole and John Stewart, were the speakers at the Men's Club prayer breakfast held in Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, February 14.

MISS MELBA JUNE PIPER, president of the Mer Rouge-Oak Ridge UMYF, recently was named 1971 Farm Bureau Queen for Morehouse Parish. Miss Donna Margaret White, vice president of the group, was named Senior Talent Winner. Earl West Barham, Amy Barham and Ben Edwards Barham, Oak Ridge young people were named junior talent winner and over-all talent winners. Their pastor is the Rev. Larry D. Robertson.

THE BROADMOOR SENIOR High UMY of Baton Rouge visited Methodist mission projects in New Orleans, Houma, Dulac, and Baldwin the weekend of February 26. The Rev. Larry Maxwell, associate pastor, was sponsor of the tour. Dr. Barry Bailey is senior pastor at Broadmoor.

JACK DEW, manager of a music company in Monroe and an active Lay Witness coordinator, was the speaker at the February 23 meeting of United Methodist Men in Jonesboro.

SUMMER CHURCH JOB
WANTED BY COLLEGE YOUTH

"I am applying for a summer youth director's job. I will graduate from Southeastern University, Hammond, in May. I have served my local church, Montpelier, La., as lay leader and president of the UMYF. I have also been active in the Wesley Foundation at Southeastern, serving as president for three semesters. Please contact: John Williams, Box 2465, SLU, Hammond, 70401."

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

March 14—Sun.	Psalms 130:1-8
March 15	Col. 1:19-29
March 16	Titus 2:11-14
March 17	Heb. 6:1-12
March 18	I Peter 1:1-9
March 19	Zech. 9:9-17
March 20	Rom. 8:14-25
March 21—Sunday	I Cor. 13:1-13

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH and Men of Centenary Church, Franklinton, were hosts to the Hammond District Rally of United Methodist Men on Thursday, February 25. The young people will apply the money realized from the meal to finance a work camp to the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference this summer. Nick Salidino of Kentwood is the district lay leader.

DR. JAMES T. HARRIS spent the last week of February engaged in evangelistic work at Portland, Oregon, working with the Rev. Luis Bove. In his absence, the Carrollton Church pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Jack Midyett and Mrs. Norma Levy.

CADDO HEIGHTS United Methodist Church of Shreveport recently had a barbecue for their youth, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cole at Cross Lake. Mrs. Cole, chairman of the church's Commission on Education, said that the youth chose this year to hold a barbecue rather than a sweetheart banquet. The Rev. William Finnin is their pastor.

HAUGHTON-LOVE CHAPEL youth will conduct the morning worship services at the Haughton and Love Chapel Churches on Sunday, March 14 the Rev. Lewis Ovenshire, pastor has announced. Joe Pat Keeton will assist in planning and conducting the services. Mr. Keeton is the UMYF counselor of these churches and also of the Bossier Parish Sub-District UMYF. Mr. Keeton also serves as organist and Sunday school superintendent of the Love Chapel Church. Miss Elizbeth Evans is the UMYF president.

The 6th grade of St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Thibodaux stand in front of the First United Methodist Church of Thibodaux, after observing a period of prayer during the week of prayer for Christian Unity recently. The service was a "first." Mrs. Earl Larose (a Catholic teacher) led the prayer service, and the Rev. Lael S. Jones, Methodist pastor, spoke to the group on Christian Unity.

Malcolm Simmons, John Simmons, and Gerald Kehoe, Jr., are installing the last stained glass window in sanctuary of Wesley Church, DeRidder. A total of 54 new window panes were replaced with "Multi-colored plexiglass" windows, under the direction of Mr. Simmons, a Wesley trustee. A special Advent Offering financed the project. Anyone seeking information regarding the project for prospective renovation may contact the Rev. Walter Clarke, DeRidder.

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W. W. Buller (right) was Master of Ceremonies on the third Sunday evening at First Church, Monroe. "How the Word Gets Around" was illustrated by collages made by the Friendship Class. The subjects: "Family Planning," "Peace," "Pollution" and "Affluence and Poverty" were interpreted by Dr. and Mrs. Hubert Tolman, Mr. Charles Walker and Mrs. Charles Allen. →

A group of Bonito WSCS members recently went to Monroe to the St. Joseph Home for the elderly ond presented o Special Membership pin to o resident of the home, Mrs. Sollie Buott who resided in Bonito until her husbond possed owoy. Mrs. Buatt is shown seoted center as she holds her pin.

(Town Talk photo by Ethel Holloman)

Alexandrio First Church is holding o series of neighborhood porties. Mrs. Richord L. Crowell, second from right, wos hostess to o recent gothering. Mrs. Jomes L. Reeves, ot left, newcomer to the church ond community wos welcomed by Dr. Bentley Sloone, postor, ond Mrs. Sloone, right.

COMMENT

Please note schedule of WSCS and WSG officer election

The answers to several questions concerning elections are being sought. The following statement was channeled to us in June, 1970 and was sent to all local societies immediately: "In response to a volume of requests and noting the General Conference actions, the Women's Division has voted that the local officer, fiscal year, and program year all be the same, January 1, to December 31, beginning January, 1971 or as soon as possible."

LOCAL SOCIETY — When is the local society election held to elect officers for 1972? Local officers are elected early in September, 1971. When do these newly elected officers take office? Those elected shall assume their duties on January 1, 1972. Who sends in the list of new officers? It is the responsibility of the local secretary to send in the names of the newly elected officers with the accurate mailing addresses, including the zip codes, to her District Secretary immediately following the election.

LOCAL ELECTIONS are held annually in early September. No officer shall hold the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years.

DISTRICT SOCIETY—There seems to be some confusion as to the time for district officers to be elected. Elections shall take place in the annual meeting biennially. When do the newly elected district officers take office? Those elected shall assume their duties immediately. District officers shall be elected for a two-year term with the privilege of election to the same office for one additional term.

As soon as the district election has been held the district secretary sends three copies of the list of new district officers with the correct mailing address including the street, route, box and zip code, to the conference secretary. She also compiles a list of local presidents to be used in the directory of the Annual Report.

Let us make plans to attend the Spring District meetings and take advantage of every opportunity to become better informed about the work and program of the Women's Society and Guild in these changing times.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary,
Louisiana Conference A, Women's Society of Christian Service

Nine foreign students attending Centenory College were guests of the UMYF of St. Luke U. M. Church in Shreveport ot a poncoke supper recently. They were from Lebanon, Hong Kong, Syrio, South Americo, Viet Nom, and Persio, ond ore shown obove with some of the St. Luke Youth.

DISTRICT MEETINGS – LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

DATE	DISTRICT	CHURCH
March 17	Baton Rouge	Broadmoor, Baton Rouge
March 25	Shreveport	Cedar Grove, Shreveport
March 30	Lafayette	First, New Iberia
March 31	New Orleans	Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans
March 31	Ruston	Lakeview, Minden
April 13	Lake Charles	First, Iowa
April 14	Alexandria	Palestine, Pineville
April 15	Monroe	Memorial, Monroe

METHODIST WOMEN'S GIVING DECLINES

NEW YORK (RNS) — United Methodist women gave $710,303 less in 1970 to the denomination's Board of Missions than they contributed a year earlier.

When this drop in giving was combined with a 1969 deficit, the Women's Division was $1,037,333 in the red at the close of 1970.

Sources of the funds are 36,500 local women's groups. In 1970 they gave $13,055,936. Expenditures for the year totalled $14,093,270, according to Miss Florence Little, division treasurer.

The percentage of decline in 1970 was 5.16. Income had decreased for the first time in 1969.

The Women's Division is a major funder of the national and world mission programs of the United Methodist Church.

The deficit will be made up with income from bequests, investments and the sale of securities. An emergency appeal has also been made to local women's groups.

Miss Little said she had not yet made a detailed analysis of the reasons for the drop in giving. She did note that many of the regional conferences did not meet their pledges in full.

In a special 1970 offering, one taken every four years, United Methodist women gave $108,000 for projects in the U.S. and Africa. The sum came from 8,000 persons who attended a quadrennial conference in May 1970 and from additional gifts from local women's societies.

Among the recipients of the special offering are a practical nursing school in New Mexico, the Delta Ministry in Mississippi, a literacy training program in Nigeria and family counseling work in Sierra Leone.

INGLESIDE GUILD HOLDS ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP

The annual Fellowship Dinner of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Ingleside United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was held in the church annex February 25. Mrs. Mary Faulkner, president of the Guild, welcomed the members, husbands and guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Irving showed movies of the Holy Land which they had taken on their recent visit there.

The Rev. Donice Alverson, pastor, asked the blessing preceding the dinner and program; the Rev. Luman Douglas, district superintendent, pronounced the benediction.

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SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the family of Dr. Lon E. Foote and to Ingleside United Methodist Church members. Until his death on January 31, Dr. Foote served as vice-chairman of the Administrative Board and chairman of the Commission on Stewardship. He was president of United Methodist Men at Ingleside for 1968-69.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MARCH 21: Preparing for His Coming

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 35:1-13; Mark 13:28-37

MEMORY SELECTION: Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. (Matthew 24:42)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To point out the necessity for preparation for the coming of Christ; to remind ourselves that we each have a limited time — the days of our lives — in which to get ready for the coming of the Kingdom.

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"Be Prepared" is the motto of the Boy Scouts of America. It is also the watchword of a Christian. All of us are acquainted with the imperative nature of deadlines with which we have to learn to live. Jesus told the story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids to visualize the approach of his own second coming. It is one of a number of parables related to the coming of the Kingdom. However, it calls men to proper preparation concerning all of the great moments of decision which we must face in our lives.

It would be helpful to read Matthew 24 in getting ready for the consideration of this parable in chapter 25. You will recall that we have been placing great emphasis on the setting of each of these stories in this series. We are with Jesus and his disciples on the Mount of Olives where they have asked him for a sign of his coming and the end of the age. At other places and on other occasions Jesus has dodged questions of this type. But now near the end Matthew tells of the frankness with which he deals with the "end of the age." One thing he emphasizes is that it will come suddenly and there will be no time for last minute preparations.

The teachings about the "last things" is called "eschatology" and this is the general theme of our lesson. Jesus believed that at some future time God would bring human history to an end and establish his kingly rule over the entire created order. The early Christian community lived in constant anticipation of those last days. Although scholars do not seem to agree on what Jesus actually said on this subject, they are agreed that it was a favorite theme. Our memory selection for today is one of the key verses of Matthew 24, "Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

Surely we recognize that apathy characterizes the religious position of many people. Too many of us do not expect anything to happen in and through the Christian community. This was not true of the first century Christians who turned the world upside down, challenged the established religion of both the Jews and the Greeks, and carried their faith to the ends of the earth. This all could take place because they expected something to happen—they expected Jesus to come again. Against that background we need to ask the question, Can a true Christian afford not to be cager and zestful?

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A PARABLE OF PREPAREDNESS

A wedding was a great social event in a Palestinian village. The activities related to it were given the highest priority, and those who made up the wedding party were given special dispensations from the requirements of certain religious obligations. The story tells us that the Kingdom of God is like a wedding. Jesus came to woo and win mankind to his own joy.

Ten bridesmaids went out to meet the bridegroom and escort him to the home of his bride. Since this was a nighttime experience, each of them carried a staff on top of which was a brass bowl filled with oil and a rag wick. Something delayed the bridegroom, and those with the lamps put them down and fell asleep. At midnight there was a cry, "Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" The maidens jumped up and prepared their lamps so they might go ahead with the festivities. However, five of them realized that their fuel supply was almost gone and they tried to borrow oil from the others. Their request was turned down by "the five wise maidens" who recognized that they only had enough for their own lamps.

Dr. Buttrick points out in **Interpreter's Bible** that this story was dear to the early church. They had lived in expectation of the second coming of Jesus, and their "bridegroom" had been delayed. This parable spoke then of their need. He says, "One can readily understand why in later years it became a favorite theme in mystery plays, for it is unforgettable alike for its loveliness, its pathos, and its drama. The story needs no other moral than its own simplicity of truth."

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PREPARED AND UNPREPARED

As we read in this story of the division of followers into the wise and the foolish we seek for characteristics with which we may make comparisons so that we may determine into which of these groups we will fall in our discipleship. In another story Jesus had told of houses built on two kinds of foundations. When the time of testing came the durability of the structure was determined by the foundation—in that case Jesus spoke of doing the truth as well as hearing it. In this parable the important word is preparation. Those who are prepared will be received into the Kingdom, while unpreparedness will result in being shut out.

We are reminded of all the preparation that goes into the launching of a missile from Cape Kennedy. There are thousands of check lists which serve as guidelines for the people involved. But in spite of all the preparations, we know how the moment of truth comes at "blast off." All of the world has experienced the agonies of developments on recent flights which proved that some part of the preparation had been neglected. Fortunately in most of the cases thus far adjustments in flight have been possible—although there was the sad case of the fire which took three lives while the capsule was still on the launching pad.

Jesus used many figures of speech in these two chapters in Matthew to make clear the tragedy of unpreparedness in relation to his coming. Dr. Buttrick says: "Jesus rang the changes on similes—now terrible, now glad—to teach us the ordained alternation of experience by which periods of routine are punctuated by crises of calamity or joy." Jesus taught that we must be ready not only for the worst but for the best; not only for the thief in the night but for the wedding-joy.

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THE ENRICHING KNOWLEDGE THAT PREPARATION HAS BEEN MADE

The doctrine of the second coming of Christ has been the cause of much speculation and great controversy within the church. Some have claimed special knowledge of the day and the hour when Jesus would come again. A great deal of turmoil has been created by such emphasis. One prominent evangelist devoted his life to fixing dates for the end of the world and then refixing them again and again during all the years between World War I and World War II. Many people find a great deal of value in such an approach to religion, while others are torn apart by the tensions it creates. The important thing for each one of us is the recognition that we have built-in limitations on the amount of time we have to prepare ourselves for eternity. The primary thing is not some future date when Jesus will come again, but it is essential that we recognize that time runs out on each of us.

There is an element of finality about every decision we make, and our mental health depends on our knowledge that we have done all we can to prepare for those deadlines.

A story is told of a farmer who went seeking a hired hand. There seemed to be a shortage of such labor and the man he interviewed did not seem to communicate his abilities very well. When the prospective employer asked if he knew about taking care of cattle the man answered, "I know how to sleep well on a windy night." And as he asked him about skills related to other farm chores he received the same answer, "I know how to sleep well on a windy night." The man did hire him with some misgivings, and then one night he discovered the significance of the answers the hired hand had given. A storm came up and the farmer tried to awaken the man so that the windows and doors might be more securely fastened and the stock protected against the storm. The man slept so soundly that the farmer went on out to take care of the chores. Then he discovered that each emergency had been anticipated and there was nothing remaining to be done. This is truly the secret of preparation. Have you learned how to sleep well on a windy night?

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THE NATURE OF OUR PREPAREDNESS

We can all become dramatically involved in the experience of the young ladies at the wedding feast. We can identify the ones who were prepared and those who were not. However, we must make some applications that are personal or the parable will have little meaning for us. Preparedness is the crux of the story. But what preparedness? What is represented by the oil which some maidens had bought and some were lacking?

What we are talking about is Christian nurture. The decisions and continued undergirdings which are essential for the maturation of our faith. This is an ongoing process, and we would do well to keep that in mind. We are all individuals and our preparation will vary because of it. Many people are misled by the belief that this preparation to meet Christ can be oversimplified and taken care of with little effort on our part. The act of surrender and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is the beginning, but unless we continue to nurture our spiritual lives we will find ourselves among the foolish at the time of his coming.

The important point of our parable is that no one can take care of the preparation of another. Those disciplines which make an individual ready to face Christ cannot be transplanted from one person to another. These are materials that cannot be bought or borrowed from another. Perhaps there are too many of us who have only a second-hand form of faith. We repeat creeds that were written by others and sing hymns that tell of the religious experiences of others, but do not know first-hand those important realities that can keep us strong in the face of every adversity.

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"AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT"

How cruel those words sound, "And the door was shut." We have to face the reality that there is an end to opportunity. The "tide in the affairs of men" does not remain always at the flood; it also ebbs. As Dr. Buttrick says in commenting on the finality communicated in this parable, "There may be another tide, but that tide has gone. We plead with time to pause in her flight, but time is adamant to every plea and hurries on.

How important it is to plan for the spiritual development of our souls when the time is right! Every minister has filed in his memory a number of sad stories of individuals who came close to finalizing the important decisions that would place them among those who are prepared for the "bridegroom's coming" and then for one reason or another did not complete those preparations. We are saved by the grace of God, but we must humbly and thankfully cooperate with God. We must have a reserve supply of oil on hand. It will be too late if we wait until we hear the cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh," and then frantically try to make our preparations. There will come a time when the door is shut—a forbidding reality to confront.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon has put it this way: "The teachings of Jesus clearly emphasize that God is gracious beyond what we deserve. Yet there does come a time for adding up the sum. If this were not true, the structure of the universe would crumble and morality would be without any meaning whatsoever."

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

15. **The Organization of the Region**

An intermediate unit of the church between the district and the national organization is to be known as the region. It has some of the characteristics of the current Jurisdiction in the United Methodist Church, but also has some features that are unique.

It is to be a programming and coordinating unit, and is to have as its executive officer a bishop who has previously served as a bishop of a district. This bishop may not serve at the same time as bishop of a district. This, then, would be a new type of executive position. United Methodists now have an executive secretary of two of the jurisdictions, but this regional bishop is quite different.

The region is to meet annually. It shall include all the district bishops within the region and other ministers and laymen elected from the districts. All the way through this plan the proportion of two laymen to every minister is to be followed, so that district representatives to the region will be chosen with this in mind. Although the region is to have a bishop as executive officer, he will not preside over the annual meeting of the region. This is to be done by a moderator elected from the group — he could be one of the district bishops.

The region shall have power to develop programs which will serve the districts, and to create boards and agencies for this purpose. They will elect the executives of these agencies and adopt a budget for the support of the regional work. Delegates to the National Assembly will be elected by the annual meeting of the region.

There is to be a regional council to conduct the business of the region and to hold property of institutions of health, education, and welfare which might be initiated and operated by the region. Although they are authorized to hold such property, it would be with a trust clause for the benefit of the whole church.

The bishop who serves as chief executive of the region must be called for that specific purpose for a term of four years and shall be eligible for additional terms of four years. However, there is a provision that the responsibility as chief executive officer of the region is to be rotated among the ethnic groups in the region. Missing in the plan is any reference to what happens to a regional bishop once he has been rotated out of that responsibility.

The bishop is to be nominated by a committee elected by a special regional meeting whenever a vacancy exists. The committee may propose only one candidate, who must already be a bishop, to the regional meeting, and he must be one in whom the National Assembly concurs. An interesting aspect of this procedure is that the regional bishop must be elected by a majority vote of the ordained ministers and of the lay delegates voting separately.

The region is challenged to keep itself always open to restructuring, and to carry on as much of its program as it can in cooperation with other regions and through ecumenical action.

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That COCU Plan

by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon

I appreciate the editor's statement in the Louisiana Methodist of February 11th that we all ought to study the proposed plan of church union, commonly called COCU. In fact the last General Conference asked Methodist people to study it—which was an easy way for the GC to keep from having to debate its merits then on the conference floor. But I frankly see no sense in taking time to study this plan when two things in it stand out like chain lightning on a midnight sky. One is that it does away completely with the Methodist itinerant system; the other that it proposes a Church that will have no Articles of Religion, no statement of faith, no forthright Christian affirmations at all, as a Christian Church must have if it be a Christian Church.

As to the Methodist itinerant system, that cannot and will not be adopted by the other old-line churches in COCU, or for that matter in any sort of organic union. You cannot imagine Presbyterian, Episcopal and Church of Christ ministers — many of them in middle life—letting any newly organized church tell them where they are to live, what church they are to serve, and where they may have to move, come next year. You cannot imagine their laymen turning over their local church property by a trust clause to such newly created church and so giving up their right to say who will be their preacher. And I cannot imagine any Methodist ministers (who are used to the appointive system) being willing to be frozen in their appointment when COCU comes, and be content to wait around for some "open" church to "call" them—with no bishop and no district superintendent to help them along, as is the case now. Itineracy is gone if COCU is adopted.

As to doctrine, the plan seems frightened to death—as many modern ministers are—of any specific requirements that may test belief. The COCU plan says of the Apostle's Creed that "it is to be regarded as a significant note of praise just as are the hymns", but it adds that belief in the Creeds "will not be required for (church) membership." In God's name, what will be! COCU does not even make the broadly based affirmation of the fly-by-nights sects who like to say that they believe "only in the Bible." Will the United Methodist Church by a three-fourths vote of all the conferences voting affirmatively do away with our Articles of Religion (held also by the Church of England and the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country) in favor of a let's-be-pals to everyone who wants to join us and no questions asked? I trow not — meaning I certainly hope not. Even ecumenicity has got to have some convictions.

Again I say why spend time studying all the details of COCU if right off the bat we can't accept these fundamental facts about it? It there are those who do not think that our itineracy matters — and there are; if there are some who don't think doctrine matters — and some play it down all the time — then let them take their time to study all the other intracacies of COCU. Those of us who do think that these things matter, have got more important things for our people to do than to ask them to take a lot of time to study a plan that will wipe out Methodism completely if it is adopted.

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SIERRA LEONE CONFERENCE REQUESTING AUTONOMY

NEW YORK (UMI) — The Sierre Leone Provisional Central Conference, one of the strongest units of the United Methodist Church in Africa, is seeking autonomous church status.

A report that made headlines in the February issue of the **Daily Mail,** newspaper published in Sierre Leone's capital of Freetown, said the Conference has voted for autonomy in 1973.

The Conference has about 27,000 members, and operates 147 primary schools and 10 secondary schools with an enrollment of 25,000.

The request from the Sierra Leone church will be forwarded to the Commission on the Structure of the United Methodist Church Outside the USA (popularly known as COSMOS) and eventually to the 1972 United Methodist General Conference at Atlanta, Ga., which must give official approval for autonomy.

The Sierra Leone Provisional Central Conference is the first African unit of the United Methodist Church to seek autonomy, though United Methodists in some 12 countries of Asia, Europe and Latin America have either become autonomous or gone into church union since 1968.

United Methodist properties damaged in recent tornadoes

NEW YORK (UMI) — Five United Methodist churches and one parsonage are reported destroyed or damaged by the tornadoes that struck Mississippi and to a lesser degree, parts of Louisiana, North Carolina and other states February 21.

The tornadoes, estimated at as many as 70 individual twisters, took 91 lives, 85 in Mississippi alone. However, United Methodist pastors and their families apparently were spared death or injury in the widespread destruction.

Damage to United Methodist property apparently was confined to Mississippi's hard hit Delta region. Reports from Louisiana indicated no damage to a church in the town of Delhi, and there were no reports of damage from places other than Mississippi.

Reports on destruction and damage in Mississippi were provided by Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass of the Jackson Area and Dr. George Roy Lawrence, Jackson, editor of the **Mississippi Methodist Advocate,** who visited the devastated areas after the tornadoes struck. In telephone reports to United Methodist Information and the Section of Church Extension, National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, they indicated no monetary estimate has yet been made as to damage, and more damage may yet be discovered.

No decision has yet been made on what response may be needed within and by the denominations as to relief and rehabilitation. Bishop Pendergrass and Dr. Lawrence, who conferred with district superintendents and pastors in the affected area, gave this general picture of United Methodist loss:

In the town of Iverness, whose approximately 1,000 people were among the hardest hit, with many buildings flattened, two churches were destroyed and a parsonage damaged. Hale Chapel United Methodist Church, which is in the Upper Mississippi Conference (a black conference), was demolished, including a substantial church school plant that housed a Head Start program. Inverness United Methodist Church in the North Mississippi Conference (white) likewise was destroyed, except the church school plant which was heavily damaged and possibly repairable, and its parsonage was damaged.

Three other churches, white, were destroyed — a church in the little community of Swiftown was blown off its foundations; a frame church at Delta City near Vicksburg was demolished, and a rural church near Moorhead was destroyed.

Dr. Lawrence said when Bishop Pendergrass and he were in Iverness they found 10 pastors and laymen from nearby communities helping to clear away debris from the church yard and repairing the parsonage roof. Likewise, a group of students from the Wesley Foundation at Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss., volunteered their services in rehabilitation operations at both the black and white churches.

None of the areas hit by the tornadoes were the same as those devastated by Hurricane Camille in 1969, though some of the latter are just now pulling out of that catastrophe. For instance, a new United Methodist church at Pass Christian was dedicated only a few weeks ago, replacement for one leveled by Camille.

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On March 21 the United Methodist Church joins with more than 30 other denominations in celebrating the One Great Hour of Sharing. All of the receipts this year support the work of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Natural and man made disasters leave deep and hard-to-heal scars. Along with the ravaged land are the people—hungry, hurt and homeless. In many instances the need for relief is immediate and victims do not survive unless food, temporary shelter and medicine become immediately available.

It takes more than immediate relief in most instances. Without continuing help the future looks hopeless. This is why the relief agencies of the world must have both emergency and continuing programs. The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is our emergency arm prepared to act within hours when called upon by those in need almost anywhere in the world. For instance, within hours after the cyclone and tidal wave in East Pakistan blankets, clothing and water purification tablets were airlifted to the victims.

This catastrophe, described as one of the worst in history, demanded more than just immediate emergency relief. The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief recognizes this and is helping to fund a fully equipped 200 bed hospital. The hospital has been established on the offshore island of Bhola where nearly 100,000 have died since the area was hit.

When the war in Nigeria was ended there were many harsh reminders of that tragedy. There are children with kwashiorkor because of the lack of food, adults sick in body and spirit, and the battered buildings and neglected land. There are also signs of rehabilitation. Through the Christian Council of Nigeria and other rehabilitation and relief agencies there are numerous rebuilding projects going on in Nigeria. Plantations are being restored, neglected land is being farmed again, fish ponds have been repaired and restocked and livestock is being brought into the country. Long-range medical programs are helping those still recovering from the war.

In the midst of the war in Vietnam UMCOR is at work with refugees and amputees. The work there is carried forward by the Vietnam Christian Service organization and will expand as the hostilities decrease. According to Dr. J. Harry Haines, the executive secretary of UMCOR, we can expect to be there for years to come if we are to do the long-range programs of rehabilitation that will be needed.

Through our offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing United Methodists participate in all of these efforts. For the first time the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is the sole agency receiving funds from the OGH offering. The estimate is that one-half of their work in the year ahead will be supported from this offering, suggesting the need for generous gifts. The balance of the support for UMCOR comes from Advance Specials.

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The Nigerian civil war ended a year ago, but it is estimated that more than 3 million people in that country are still seriously affected by the consequences of the war. Many, like these children, still suffer from malnutrition. It will take years for the Nigerians to rebuild their shattered lives. UMCOR, working through the Christian Council of Nigeria, will be there as long as the need exists. Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing make this kind of help possible.

Minority Empowerment Funds Allocated

TAMPA, Fla. (UMI) — Financial support totaling almost $475,000 during the next two years was given by a national agency of the United Methodist Church here February 23 to ten minority group self-determination projects.

Holding its semi-annual meeting here, the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race made the first allocation of funds set aside by the denomination a year ago when its top law-making body adjusted its financial priorities to give greater support to minority empowerment.

In making the allocations, commission officials stressed that they were funding projects and programs demonstrating the principle of self-determination by ethnic minority groups and were not supporting individuals or organizations as such. The ten projects fall basically into three categories—minority caucus empowerment, support for small business development, and service programs. Additional allocations probably will be made in April.

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Women Name Roman Catholic Staff Member

NEW YORK (UMI) — The United Methodist Board of Missions elected two new staff members and promoted four at its executive committee meeting here February 13-14, including a nun, believed to be the first professional Roman Catholic Church worker (priest or religious) to serve on the staff of a national agency of the 10.7-million-member United Methodist Church.

Dr. Helen C. Volkomener, a sister of the Providence Community, Seattle, Wash., and associate professor of philosophy and sociology at Southern Oregon College, will become executive secretary of development education and training in the Women's Division effective July 1. The second new staff member is Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., who will become a regional staff member of the Women's Division assigned to Nashville, Tenn.

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BMCR Leader Is Chosen

DALLAS, Texas (UMI) — The Rev. Gilbert Caldwell of New York has been elected national chairman of Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR).

Mr. Caldwell is director of the Inter-Faith Ministerial Alliance in Harlem. He succeeds the Rev. James M. Lawson of Memphis, Tenn.

The election came at the BMCR annual meeting here February 18-20. Some 700 persons attended the session. Speakers included Mr. Lawson, Texas State Senator Barbara Jordan, and Dr. C. Eric Lincoln of Union Theological Seminary in New York.

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Mrs. Elbert DeForest, president of the Kansas West Annual Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, died unexpectedly in Wichita Feb. 14.

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Metropolitan Ministries

Senior Citizen's Program

A group of young people representing a cross-section of New Orleans' Metropolitan Ministries' member churches embarked upon "A Project of Care" recently with Lafon Protestant Home for the Aged. The home is operated by Louisiana Conference B and is a residence for 95 senior citizens.

The project developed out of the need for youth to find opportunity for Ministries of Caring and Sharing, and at the same time to find something to which they might be committed. The project offers a reciprocal relationship. The senior citizens receive a much needed personal service and an opportunity to share "CARE". The experiences help youth discover the difference between caring for people and sharing "CARE" with them.

After several weeks of preliminary planning with the Lafon Home, Metropolitan Ministries and constituents, the project was initiated and the first orientation session was held at Napoleon Avenue United Methodist Church.

The orientation took the form of a Workshop and the following people were involved: Youth from a cross-section of churches; staff of Metropolitan Ministries; Mrs. Naomi Duvernay, director of the project, gave the Statement and Purpose; The Rev. Alfred Pollar, director of the Home, pledged his full support to the project and explained the operation of the institution and gave a general background of history; Mrs. Veora Lundy, Public Health Nurse co-ordinator for Home Service of the New Orleans Health Department, led a discussion on the Effects of Aging; Mrs. Velma Anderson, instructor of Practical Nursing, Orleans Parish, led a discussion on Ambulatory with Crutches and Wheelchair, Mr. Lewis Smith, in charge of audio-visual aids showed the films "The Rights of Age" and "The Yellow Leaf."

Following a general discussion with the groups and trainers, teams were formed with five persons in each team, in addition to the Direction leader, who is an adult. The team leader is a youth who has full responsibility for his team.

Dr. Waadraw Hearn executive director of the Canference A Pragram Cauncil Office was guest speaker at the Riceland Sub-District Sweetheart Banquet, and had the additianal privilege af crawning Miss Louise Fergusan as "Sweetheart." Pictured alsa is her escart, Gary Baudreaux. Bath yaung persans are fram Raanake. The Rev. Jahn Sayes is pastar at Eltan, the hast church; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Putnam and Mrs. Walter Tietje Jr. are UMY caunselors.

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RESOLUTION

Therefore, be it resolved, that the District Board of Laity representing 42 churches within the Lake Charles District of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Annual Conference A, express strong opposition to the proposed pari-mutuel betting at Delta Downs, Inc., and requests that final approval be denied, and

Be it further resolved, that we call on other organized groups, interested citizens and organizations to join us in opposing this proposed pari-mutuel track, and

Be it further resolved, that we express this opposition to the city and parish officials of Southwest Louisiana, the Louisiana State Racing Commission, Governor J. McKeithen, and our area representatives in the legislature.

Adopted by the Board of Laity
Lake Charles District

Valentine Banquet at Jonesbora Church, sponsared by the UMYF. The event included musical and comedy numbers in additian ta the crowning of Joey Collins and Nancy Remedies as King and Queen. The Rev. James L. Adams is pastar.

A Certificate of Appreciation was recently awarded Dennis Shell at First Church, Winnfield, far having taught the Yauth Class for six years.

King Jahn Hallingswarth and Queen Rhanda Strickland reigned aver the Sweetheart Banquet held at Wesley UM Church, Shrevepart, Feb. 12. The Rev. Jahnny Hallingswarth is pastar.

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An Appreciation Church Supper was held at First Church, Winnfield Feb. 21 to hanor the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Skinner upon campletion of their first 12 manths as parsonage family. FROM LEFT: Tracy L. Harrel Jr., chairman of Ministries, Pastor Skinner, and John Jackson, chairman of the Administrative Baard. One hundred and thirty persons attended the Sunday evening occasian.

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ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER: God at work in New Orleans

Miss Louise Sharp, Director

God is actively at work in the world, helping persons to find meaning, freedom, growth, and newness of life. St. Mark's Community Center, as a mission project of the Methodist Church, is dedicated to doing God's work in the world. Of course, this work takes many forms, and St. Mark's is continually striving to find the most effective ways to respond creatively to the needs and possibilities which can be touched by our resources.

St. Mark's enriches the lives of hundreds of children. To reach children, one must work through activities. Thus we work through an athletic program to help young people develop physical skills and learn cooperation, self-expression and the celebration of life. At St. Mark's we offer swimming, ping-pong, pool, and a variety of sports in our gymnasium including intramurals and city-wide tournaments with other agencies, all of which make a big difference in the lives of the low-income black children we serve.

We are adding a new program which will use our swimming pool on weekdays to help 32 mentally retarded children from a nearby school learn through swimming. This will be an important aspect of their mental and physical development, as the coordination in mental functioning developed while swimming has been shown to have beneficial effects for the thinking processes of the mentally retarded. This program was a result of surveys conducted by graduate students from the Tulane School of Social Work as part of their field work assignment.

Other placement students are involved in counseling, casework and writing projects for grants. We also have creative forms of recreation and art, including woodworking, sewing, ceramics, and cooking. This phase of the program also provides experience placement opportunities for students through college placement and Neighborhood Youth Corp.

In summer, St. Mark's camp provides a sound experience in cooperative group living and in appreciation of nature—which is especially important for children who might not otherwise ever leave the city.

The program is expanded through the services of volunteers in the following areas: (1) Workcamp groups at the Center and at Camp doing painting, simple repair, ditching, cutting underbrush, trail clearing, etc. (2) Staff: camp counselors, camp and general arts and crafts, playground leaders, lifeguards and other resource persons.

Recently St. Mark's Community Center has been moving into the area of innovative education. We are leasing space to two exciting schools—the Free School and the Gateway School.

The Free School is an elementary school for children in an unstructured setting. The classroom has been set up on the Leichestershire Method, used widely in England, in which a very rich environment is created by providing a wide variety of materials in different interest centers around the classroom. This approach is based on the important concept that children learn by doing.

By providing numerous educational activities for children to be involved in, the school encourages students to follow their natural curiosity and desire to learn by using the materials. For example, the Free Schools has a science corner, which contains magnets, old radios, pets, cameras, and other fascinating things for the children to explore and learn by. The music corner not only has numerous manufactured instruments, but it also has the materials with which children can make their own primitive instruments, thereby learning the principles that operate in making music.

For the 30 children there are three full-time teachers, trained in this method of education, who assist the students in progressing to new concepts. You should see how enthused the children become while learning in this way! Many of them were having troubles of one type or another with the public schools they were in formerly, but in the Free School they are blossoming out and fulfilling their potential. This educational alternative is an important model which public schools in New Orleans are already beginning to look at as a possible direction for educational institutions to move as they seek to open up the world for children.

The other school that has moved into St. Mark's is a high school called the Gateway School, or "The School Without Walls." It will make education more exciting for 100 students who were potentially high school dropouts. The Gateway School will utilize the knowledge and skills of many professionals and the resources of agencies, organizations, and businesses in the city to help students learn close-up about many aspects of life.

For these students, St. Mark's Community Center will be home base, which they will touch frequently for seminars, counseling, debates, and discussions with fellow students and teachers about what they see happening. The Gateway School is being operated under the Orleans Parish School Board with a special federal grant.

Both the Free School and the Gateway School are open to the public, and you are invited to see these innovative schools in action.

Another operation housed in St. Mark's Center is a Thrift Store, which is operated by our Women's Auxiliary. Inexpensive clothing is crucial to the people of our neighborhood. Welfare payments are figured at one-half of the minimum amount possible to live on. In New Orleans, food and health needs are at least partially met by food stamps and Charity Hospital, but families in poverty have trouble getting good clothing. So the ladies of our auxiliary are performing a much-needed service by running the Thrift Store. Though it has been in operation less than a year, many neighborhood people have already come to buy large quantities of clothing. St. Mark's Thrift Store is becoming a great asset to our neighborhood. An additional benefit to the welfare of the neighborhood is that the profit derived from it becomes a part of the camp operating budget.

Not all of St. Mark's mission occurs within the building, by any means. Many needs can best be met by our going to the people of the neighborhood rather than asking them to come to us. Also, it is better for us to work through existing leadership to reinforce it than to do everything ourselves. A good example of this is the way in which we have aided some of the people in our neighborhood who were faced with the difficulties of having to move from their homes to make way for a cultural center. Neighboring workers from St. Mark's Center worked closely with a grass-roots neighborhood organization to help these people obtain the assistance they needed.

In this case, the people being relocated were visited several times and meetings were held at St. Mark's to discuss the problem. Many difficulties were worked out and the city became much more careful to abide by federal regulations in helping people move to better locations. St. Mark's worked hard on this relocation problem, but their role was only a supporting one. In this operation as in many others, the role of St. Mark's has been to help other people do things.

We are **enablers.** We try not to do for other people or groups or agencies what they can do for themselves; rather we try to help them **do** what they **can** do and do it **better.**

The neighborhood across from our Community Center is one of the poorest in the city—some people say it is **the** poorest. Over half the families have incomes of less than $3,000. Yet it was never declared a target area by the local anti-poverty agency and it has received very few federal dollars. There are a great number of services that the neighborhood desperately needs, but it has never had an effective neighborhood council to help secure funding, organize resources, or coordinate existing services to help meet neighborhood needs. In the past few months St. Mark's Community Center has helped to create a neighborhood coordinating council, which is bringing together the leaders from organizations, agencies, and interest groups to work together to improve the neighborhood. The council's first project is a federally funded Child Development Center, which will be in operation in a couple months, contributing to the physical and mental development of around 50 children of working mothers.

We not only serve the poverty-stricken black neighborhood on one side of Rampart Street; we also minister to the people on the other side, in the French Quarter. Our efforts here have been directed primarily to the young people who make up a large part of the Quarter's population. We served as enablers in helping a free medical clinic in the Quarter locate a larger building so that it can expand its valuable services. We are also working closely with people of the Quarter who are concerned about the problems during Mardi Gras resulting from the large influx of young people who come to the city ill-prepared for the high prices and shortages of accommodations that exist here during the Carnival season.

St. Mark's staff has helped to put together a coalition of people from a wide variety of organizations who are willing to help alleviate this problem. With St. Mark's serving as the meeting place and the center of co-ordination for the organization, the Mardi Gras Coalition has been pulling together the city's resources to attempt to provide housing, medical and legal services, a communication center, and a meal a day for the thousands of persons who will need these services during Mardi Gras.

It serves as a regular meeting place for neighborhood groups such as: Alcoholics Anonymous and local union groups. It becomes a voting precinct for elections.

There are numerous other ways in which St. Mark's Community Center is responding to the many problems of people in New Orleans, but those I mentioned are major commitments at present. Of course, in a community center, dozens of small services are required each day—a man will come in and want to know where he can get a job, a city agency will call to ask if we can store furniture for a homeless family, someone will ask to use a typewriter, a student group will ask to use the camp for a retreat, a derelict will wander in to ask for help.

The human needs for St. Mark's are vast and complex. We are attempting to do as much as possible with a very tight budget and a shortage of staff.

What will St. Mark's Community Center be doing in the future? We don't know. There are many possibilities, but all we can say is that we will always be changing in response to changing needs, always looking for the best way to use our resources to serve the needs around us. As different aspects of the neighborhood and city change, so must we. A community center must be set up so that it can keep in touch with changes in the world and respond to them.

The board of directors of a community center, the governing body, is made up of one-third neighborhood people, who continually help us keep in touch with the needs of our neighborhood. The board also has one-third community-at-large people, who represent the resources we need to call on in order to do our job well. The final third is made up of Methodist leaders, who help us tie in with the principles and resources of our denomination.

Our board is made up of people who are open to change, so that St. Mark's Community Center is free to move forward in faith and hope, always seeking God's will for us in the setting He has given us.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

STATISTICS

	1967	1968	1969	1970
Total Membership	669	636	747	731
GROUPS WITH DEFINITE ENROLLMENT				
Number organized	26	35	69	56
Number of sessions	818	1,347	1,761	1,090
Total Attendance	9,849	19,361	23,366	18,703
GROUPS WITHOUT DEFINITE ENROLLMENT				
Number of Groups	24	20	82	51
Number of Sessions	639	480	715	719
Total Attendance	12,774	7,663	13,372	16,630
Number of Outside Groups	40	32	19	64
Number of Sessions	140	239	298	147
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	2,100	4,463	4,607	4,244
SUMMER CAMP				
No. of camp days	30	45	44	50
Capacity	18	30	30	30
No. of different campers	87	222	200	239
Total No. of Camper Days	530	1,110	799	1,195

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Bishop Martin 1971 Jones Lecturer

"A People Claimed of God" will be the theme of the 1971 C. I. Jones Lectures to be brought by Bishop Paul E. Martin at Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 28-30. The announcement was made by Dr. B. A. Galloway, pastor.

Bishop Martin was resident bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area for 16 of the 24 years he served as an active bishop. He served the other eight years as head of the Houston Area before retiring and moving to Dallas to make his home and serve on the Perkins faculty.

The schedule of his individual lectures are as follows: Sunday, 10:50 a.m., "God's Own People," and 7:30 p.m., "Forgotten Dreams"; Monday, 10:30 a.m., "Compelling Confidence," and 7:30 p.m., "Unsuspected Enemies"; and Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., "Exacting But Exciting," and 7:30 p.m., "Everybody is Somebody."

Special music will be furnished by the Rayne Memorial Choir on Sunday morning, by the choir of First United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, by the Youth Choir of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church on Monday evening, and the Carrollton United Methodist Church Choir on Tuesday evening.

The C. I. Jones Memorial Lectureship was established in 1948 in memory of the late Clarence Ira Jones by his widow, who is now Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader. Some of America's outstanding pulpiteers have been included among those who have been brought to New Orleans and Louisiana Methodism by the lectureship.

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Pictured at the March 3-4 meeting of The Joint Radio Committee in Biloxi, Miss. were (l. to r.): Dr. Carl T. Wethers, Baton Rouge; Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Oklahoma City; J. C. Love, Jr., Ruston; and Dr. Gene Carter of the staff of General TRAFCO.

United Methodist Series to be heard April through June

Dr. William A. Holmes, pastor of University United Methodist Church, Austin, Tex., has been chosen as the 1972 radio preacher for the United Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour. The announcement came from the Joint Radio Committee which met in Biloxi, Miss., March 3 and 4.

Louisiana members of this committee who attended the meeting and participated in the selection were: Dr. Carl T. Wethers, pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge; J. C. Love, Jr. of Ruston; and Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton is a member but was prevented from attending by a conflicting engagement.

The 1971 United Methodist Series will be heard during April, May and June with Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, general secretary of the Commission on Chaplains and Related Services. Music for that series will be furnished by choirs from all branches of the U.S. Armed Services.

Stations in Louisiana broadcasting the series include: KVOL, Lafayette; KLPL, Lake Providence; KNOE, Monroe; KVIM, New Iberia; WDSU, New Orleans; KRUS, Ruston; KWKH, Shreveport; and KIKS, Sulphur.

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"Fund for Reconciliation Week" set for April 25-May 2

Dr. George F. Pearce, Jr., and the Rev. J. C. Bibbons, chairmen of the Louisiana Conference Quadrennial Emphasis Committees of Conferences A and B, respectively, announce the setting aside of the week of April 25-May 2, 1971, as "Fund for Reconciliation Week."

In other years, a single day has been named, but it was felt that "a full week of special emphasis upon this most important program would help in getting information about the program to more people in our churches."

During this special week, each local church is urged to present the Louisiana Fund for Reconciliation program, as well as the national program. "Progress Report: 5", a comprehensive brochure outlining the present status of the various projects and programs in Louisiana which are funded by this effort, has been prepared with the cooperation of the Program Council. All twelve district superintendents have a supply of these brochures for distribution.

All local churches who have the Fund for Reconciliation in their budget, are asked to simply inform congregations as to how the money is used. If it is not in the budget, and individual pledges have been received, it is requested that the churches fol-

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Jennings property given for Retired Ministers

On March 3 a home that had been owned by the late Miss Blanche Elizabeth Coffin, a loyal member of the Jennings United Methodist Church, was presented to the Retired Ministers Homes Board, Inc. It was accepted by the Rev. James L. Adams, chairman, on behalf of the board.

A dream which Miss Coffin had for many years was realized when her sister, Mrs. George Brower and Mr. Brower, presented the house and property at 415 North Cutting Avenue, Jennings.

A further donation was made by Herschel N. Knight, attorney, who took care of the legal action involved. Mr. Knight is also an active layman in the Jennings church.

Also present for the donation of the property were the Rev. Angus Carruth, pastor of the Jennings church, and the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, Lake Charles District Superintendent.

Participating in the presentation of the home of the late Miss Blanche Elizabeth Coffin to the Retired Ministers Homes Board were (from left) standing: the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson and Herschel N. Knight; seated: the Rev. Angus Carruth, Mrs. George Brower and Mr. Brower.

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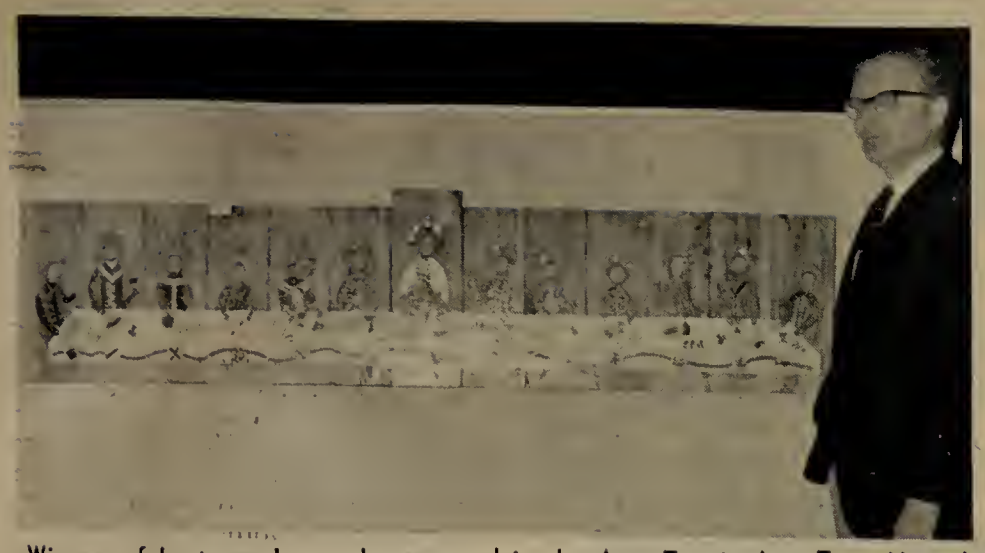

Winner of last year's purchase award in the Arts Festival at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, was Thio Steinschulte, who is shown with his award winning "Upper Room." He is an architect, a former chairman of his church's Administrative Board, who has become interested in painting as a hobby and has entered a number of other art shows including the Religious Art Exhibit of the 32nd Annual National Conference of Religious Architecture in Los Angeles, Calif.

Alexandria Church plans Art Festival

The Fifth Annual Art Festival has been announced by the First United Methodist Church of Alexandria. The Festival will open with a Preview Reception and Presentation of Awards of art works at the church on 2727 Jackson Street from 8:00-9:30 p.m. on April 16th.

Dr. and Mrs. Cedric Lowrey are general chairmen of this year's festival.

Special events will include a concert by the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in the Sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, April 18th. The Alpha and Omega Players Repertory Theater of America will present "Adam and Eve" by Mark Twain on Tuesday evening, April 20th. There is no admission charge to any of these events.

There will be a competitive senior high display from local senior high schools and also a kindergarten display. Exhibit hours will be as follows: on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; on Sunday, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; on Monday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and on Tuesday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Professional and amateur artists are invited to submit paintings in oil, watercolor, acrylic, or mixed media on any theme. There will be a purchase prize of $250, three patron merit awards of $100 and one merit award of $75. Honorable mentions will be at the discretion of Judge and Juror, Mr. Edgar J. Dayries, Jr. A non-refundable entry fee of $3 for the first painting and $1 each thereafter will be charged with a limit of three per artist.

Slide entries must be received before 5:00 o'clock p.m., Monday, March 22. Accepted work or hand-deliveries will be received at the Church on April 12 from 1:00-5:00 o'clock p.m. Dr. Bentley Sloane, First United Methodist Church, may be contacted for additional information on submission of entries and entry forms.

Serving with Dr. and Mrs. Lowrey on the festival committee are: Program—Mrs. Lee Jarrell; Reception—Mrs. P. M. Davis, Jr. and Mrs. Ward Jones; Invitations for Reception—Mrs. Thilo Steinschulte and Mrs. LeDoux Provosty, Jr.; Publicity—Mrs. William G. James; Receiving of Paintings—Mr. and Mrs. Graham Kramer; Display—Dr. and Mrs. Harry Brian; Special Exhibits—Mr. and Mrs. John Richards; Senior High Display—Mrs. R. E. Ratelle; Kindergarten Display—Mrs. Carl Rand Carstens; Notification of Artists—Mrs. Bernard Kaplan and Mrs. Sidney Easterling; and Hostesses for Show—Mrs. C. E. Ewing.

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WINNSBORO LAYMAN HEADS LOUISIANA ATTORNEY'S GROUP

E. Rudolph McIntyre, district attorney of the Fifth Judicial District and an active layman in the Winnsboro United Methodist Church, has been elected president of the Louisiana Attorney's Association.

District attorney for Franklin, Richland and West Carroll Parishes since December 15, 1960, Mr. McIntyre is a leader in church and civic endeavors as well as in his professional activities. He has been chairman of the Administrative Board of his church, and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of his church.

He is a native of Franklin Parish and is a graduate of the LSU School of Law.

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News in Brief

After seven years of preparation involving 70 Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic scholars, Abingdon Press will release in September a new 1408-page **Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary on the Bible.** It is the first such commentary published by Abingdon, book-publishing division of The Methodist Publishing House, since 1929.

Monroe District Conference planned

The Monroe District Conference will be held at First United Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday, March 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Presiding over the conference will be the Rev. W. D. Boddie, district superintendent.

Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Sr., pastor, and the Rev. James W. Putnam, associate pastor, will be hosts for the conference.

A worship experience entitled "A Celebration of the Gift of Life" which opens the conference will include as participants these district ministers: Robert L. Potter, Clark W. Bell, Ruth Holley, Larry D. Robertson, William M. Jacocks, and H. A. Harrington, Jr.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Program Director of Louisiana Conference A, will present "The Annual Conference Concerns and Agencies." The District Ministry will include an evangelistic emphasis described by Stone W. Caraway; the reports of the district treasurers, H. B. Cruthirds, J. Grayson Guthrie, J. William Smith, Jr., and J. Herbert Walker; and the report of the District Committee on the Ministry by Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.

Joe Cleveland of the host church will lead the hymns, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Wilford Smith, with Mrs. Everett Zeagler, organist, will furnish special music.

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Ministers in the Jennings area who met recently at First Church in Eunice. BACK ROW (l. to r.): Cary Martin, Angus Carruth, James Matthews Jr., and Cecil Mims; FRONT ROW: Calvin Lapuyade, Lester Nance and Bob Lawton. Ministers of the Lake Charles District have divided into three groups and are meeting twice a month for a program of study and fellowship. The three area groups include Lake Charles, Jennings and Sulphur; each is studying Paul Johnson's book entitled "Psychology of Pastoral Care."

Dr. Leonard L. Haynes

Baton Rouge pastor delivers lectures at Gammon

Dr. Leonard L. Haynes, Jr., for the past nine years minister of Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, delivered the Thirkield-Jones Lectures at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, on March 2 and 3. Gammon is one of United Methodism's fourteen schools of theology and it is affiliated with the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

Dr. Haynes is the son of the Rev. Leonard L. Haynes, Sr., pastor of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He is a graduate of Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, and received his Bachelor of Divinity degrec from Gammon. He holds a Doctorate in Theology from Boston University.

Dr. Haynes has served as president of Morristown Junior College, Morristown, Tennessee, as professor at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, and he is presently under appointment by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Presiding Bishop of the Louisiana Area, the United Methodist Church, as parttime professor of Religion and Philosophy at Southern University in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Haynes is the author of a book entitled, **The Negro Community Within American Protestantism, 1619-1844,** and is currently working on another one to be published by Lippincott and Company.

The inclusive theme of Dr. Haynes' recent lectures at Gammon was "The Religion of Struggle and Survival," which was sub-titled in three parts: (1) "Religious Faith and Depth Experiences of Struggle and Survival," (2) "The Religion of Struggle and Survival Among American Religious Minorities," and (3) "The Religion of Struggle and Survival in the Black Church."

As the 1971 Thirkield-Jones Lecturer, Dr. Haynes follows in the footsteps of a long line of outstanding churchmen and scholars who over the past thirty years have participated in this lectureship at Gammon.

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A religion that demands little probably is worth about what it costs the follower.

Editorial

INVEST IN LOVE

United Methodists will join with more than 30 other denominations in learning how to "Invest in Love" on March 21 —One Great Hour of Sharing. In other years a number of worthy projects have been supported by this Lenten appeal. However, this year the denominations have decided that the need is so urgent that all of the offerings will be directed to overseas relief.

The world was ravaged by major disasters during 1970. Nature raged, with an earthquake in Peru; a cyclone and tidal wave in East Pakistan; the worst typhoon in the history of the Philippines; along with a number of less serious floods and earthquakes in other countries. The devastation has come and gone in most instances, but the need for rebuilding is still with us. In every place where men have been struck down, our common decency urges us to respond. Our Christian conscience demands it.

There are many investments which a church can make. Obviously it can invest in capital goods such as land and buildings or in stocks and bonds for financial security. But on certain special occasions it can make what is probably the most valuable investment of all—an "investment in love." This is what we are challenged to do in response to the critical needs of the world in the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief we have an emergency arm to reach out with our response. Food, medicine, blankets, tents, clothing and other emergency supplies are shipped abroad for us. Teams of workers are quickly assembled and flown to areas of need. The One Great Hour of Sharing will provide UMCOR with more than one-half of its funds in 1971 for its work of relief and rehabilitation throughout the world.

UMCOR receives a call for help on the average of once every 10 or 11 days. No area of the world is exempt from the possibilities of disaster. People need help to recover from the initial impact of the situation, and they need help to rebuild their land and their lives when a disaster strikes.

Sometimes the disaster is not a natural one. Often it is the even more hopeless kind that results when man turns against man in acts of war. In many troubled areas of the world, such as the Middle East and Southeast Asia, fighting has been going on for many years. People live and die in dire need while governments fight on in seemingly endless wars. UMCOR cannot end these tragic conflicts, but it can be there to help ease the suffering of the innocent victims.

Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary of UMCOR, wrote recently of the challenges that come to that agency for an increasing amount of work that needs to be done in Vietnam. He said, "This was my sixth visit to Vietnam and while there are many outward changes, yet the fundamental problems still remain. Still one person in six is a refugee. There is only one doctor for every 100,000 people. There are 40,000 amputees, of whom only 11,000 have received initial care . . . The outward scene gives the impression of the war winding down. More areas are open to travel and there is a marked reduction in the size of the American presence. However, many Vietnamese are decidedly uneasy, as if the lull is only temporary.

"To date the Fund for Reconciliation has provided $400,000 for a series of creative rehabilitation projects now under way. The morale of the Vietnam Christian Service personnel is high. Our 20 United Methodist doctors, nurses, social workers and agriculturists are part of a team of 65 international staff and 125 Vietnamese staff seeking to be a Christian presence of compassion. UMCOR looks to the One Great Hour of Sharing and to the Advance Specials as the two sources of funds to make our continuing support of Vietnam Christian Service possible."

In East Pakistan U. S. Protestant churches through Church World Service are pledged to raise substantial funds toward the complete rebuilding of three villages to house 1,800 families of cyclone survivors. This World Council of Churches project, officially recognized by the Government of Pakistan, is budgeted at more than $800,000. Villagers will participate in the construction of their homes, a cyclone-tested design of cement-soil block. As an added precaution, each village will have a multipurpose building designed also as a cyclone shelter. Deep wells will provide water, and the complete restoration of agricultural and fishing facilities is planned.

UMCOR stands ready to answer a call for help anywhere in the world when people are in need. Whether that need is for immediate assistance following a natural disaster, or for a long-term rehabilitation effort, UMCOR is able to respond immediately and positively. The One Great Hour of Sharing is what makes this possible. Without the continued support of this special offering by members of the United Methodist Church, the call for help might have to go unheeded—and that would be the greatest tragedy of all.

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the Editor's Corner

Calling All Coupons

We would like to use this space this week to pass on to you a challenge which we received through Frank Warden, Jr., an Arkansas student at Perkins School of Theology. It was written by Garry Ritzky, an intern minister serving in Bozeman, Mont., and we pass his words on to you.

"A local committee in Heavener, Okla. is presently conducting a campaign to collect Betty Crocker coupons (outdated coupons accepted) to provide a young 23-year-old man in Heavener the use of a device to replace the loss of both his kidneys. Mike Mattison has had both kidneys removed and experiences the rejection of one transplant.

"Presently Mike is traveling 1,000 miles per week to receive the necessary treatment for blood purification. The local Mike Mattison Fund Committee has an agreement with the Betty Crocker Corp. to exchange 600,000 coupons for the needed medical equipment to be placed in the LeFlore County Hospital. The date for this coupon exchange is May, 1971, and the goal is somewhat less than halfway reached.

"Mike is a personal friend of mine and I am especially interested in his prospects for recovery. This project offers United Methodists, or any interested party, a simple, inexpensive, non-time-consuming response to a human need and the opportunity to be a church in service.

"I urge you to respond to this need by giving your Betty Crocker coupons to this fund and by setting up a collection center or publicizing this project in your community."

The address again is:
The Mike Mattison Fund Committee
Heavener, Okla. 74937

This office would be glad to forward your coupons on to the committee if you prefer to send them here: Box 3547, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal from a Florida case challenging a lower court ruling in favor of a Baptist church which uses some of its property to earn income that finances part of its ministry. Lower courts had sustained the church's right to enjoy tax exempt status on the income-producing property. Recently a three-judge District Court for Southern Florida ruled that Miami's Central Baptist church should not be liable to taxation on a parking lot which is adjacent to the church building, even though the church derives an income from it six days a week. The court panel ruled that operation of the parking lot by the church "is in fact as necessary (for the church's financial well-being) as is the roof over the church building itself." The case could prove to be pivotal in the whole church tax-exemption question.

The Western New York Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church went on record in Buffalo against state aid for parochial or other private schools. "Government funding of private and parochial schools—either directly or indirectly through aid to parents — tends toward the establishment of competing school systems financed by public funds and would eventually result in syphoning off better students from our public schools," said the presbytery.

Dr. Alan Walker, president of the Methodist Church in New South Wales, has called on the Australian government to cease giving "support and comfort" to South Africa. He called South Africa "a police state," and denounced its government as "the world's most unjust ruthless regime." Dr. Walker's remarks came in the wake of recent South African security police raids on the offices of religious organizations and on the private homes of church officials and others connected with church work.

Science and Scripture, a new magazine designed to "construct a Biblical framework for the interpretation of scientific facts" has begun publication in Beaumont, Texas. Editor and publisher is Michael Leon Trpasso, a senior student in biology at Lamar Tech and a substitute teacher. The bi-monthly publication intends to "place in the hands of the Christian and secular world a scripturally and scientifically sound account of past events as recorded in both biblical and non-biblical sources." The magazine holds that theories of creation other than evolution deserve equal consideration.

A literacy program operated by the Evangelical Church of Eritrea in Ethiopia will be increased fourfold when more teachers are trained. Ato Musa Aron, literature secretary of the Church, said the program currently serves 2,900 students in 85 villages of northern Ethiopia. Some 90 instructors work with the students, whose average age is 28. An estimated 85 percent of Eritreans over 20 are illiterate. The literacy campaign receives support from the Lutheran World Federation's Community Development Service.

A church for the deaf has been dedicated in Memphis, Tenn. by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Deaf-Eternal Mercy Church is the only one of its kind in Tennessee and one of the few in the U.S. All but three of the 65 members are deaf. Designed by a deaf architect, Herbert Schulenkamp Jr., of New Orleans, the $120,000 structure concentrates on the special needs of the congregation.

A missionary surgeon who helped develop a surgical technique to give lepers new use of their hands will become commander of the Salvation Army in New Zealand. Lt. Commissioner Harry Williams, spent 31 years working with lepers in India. He said there are about 15 to 20 million lepers in the world and of these, 2 million are in India. Dr. Williams' medical specialty has been the rebuilding of bodies and faces by plastic surgery. "The loss of eyebrows, noses, and paralyzed eyelids are all amenable to surgery," he said.

The eventual disappearance of the present church-state relationship in England was foreseen by Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury when he intervened unexpectedly in a debate on the subject at the Spring session of the General Synod meeting in London. The Archibishop asked, "Is it true that Christianity and the world is passing into the post-Establishment phase?" He continued, "I believe it is so passing, and we need to be thinking in terms of involvement with fellow Christians in every part of the world, and not in national terms . . . . . I believe by and large we are in this new phase, and that our present church and state relationship in England may be the last such relationship on the globe."

Approximately 100 evangelical clergymen meeting in Myerstown, Pa. heard a workshop group recommend that evangelical churches, clergy and radio preachers try to correct the impression that the U.S. Supreme Court decisions excluded God and Religion from the public schools. Dr. Bernhard E. Olson, keynote speaker and national director of interreligious affairs of the National Conference of Christians and Jews said, "Teaching about religion in public education is basically an educational question—one cannot understand American culture in any of its facets without also understanding the religious perspectives, events, personages, and forces which have helped shape it." "An education that does not provide for the objective study of religion is an incomplete education. It does not tell about events the way they really happened. It ignores the most vital force that has made us, as a people, what we are."

A government committee studying church-state relations in Finland has proposed increasing the independence of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. The present law places "the supreme administration of the Church" with the government. The Church's right of taxation should be preserved, the committee said. It also recommended the continuation of religious instruction in public schools. However, it noted that instruction in "creedal dogma" is no longer the function of the regular school, but a responsibility of the Church's own educational activity.

A plan which would have one large board of 80 to 100 members administer the program of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) has been approved by a committee studying the restructure of the Church. The majority of the board members would be nominated to the General Assembly by the Synods, according to the Rev. William J. Fogleman of Houston. He said the plan would emphasize the "responsibleness" and "accountability" of the board and its several divisions. The emphasis would be assured through the majority representation named by the synods. Restructure proposals offered to the 1970 General Assembly were set aside when conservatives threatened to withdraw from the denomination unless action on the plan was postponed.

The thrust of Christian missions in Asia must now rest with Asian initiative rather than coming from the West, 120 Asian churchmen and missionaries agreed during a Consultation on Missionary Service in Asia Today. The group issued a statement adding that the "Christian Community is now firmly established in Asia" and the "key issue" in viewing Western missionary presence is how Asian Churches can be helped to "achieve selfhood and respond to God's call." The East Asia Christian Conference, made up of 93 churches in 16 countries was asked to "initiate discussion with all interested churches and cooperating mission boards to provide national ecumenical structures for the transfer of complete responsibilities for the utilization of mission funds to requesting Churches in Asia."

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – Prof. Milton A. Huggett has succeeded in "humanizing" the computer by feeding it o steody diet of proyers. Over a five-year periad, the Texas A&M University professor fed the 611-page American Boak of Common Prayer into a pawerful IBM 360/65. The result is o 473-page concardance to the proyer baok, which provides the basis far worship services in the Episcapal Church. The concordance lists every ward in the proyer boak – except for opproximotely 100 cammon words, natably prepositians ond conjunctians – ond gives the variaus cantexts in which the word is used. Prof. Huggett, shawn inspecting the final praduct, notes that the praject wos undertaken as an experiment in using the camputer far literary ond linguistic studies, rather thon scientific ond mathematicol. While pragramming and planning took five years, the actual execution required anly 35 minutes and the text print-out taak less than two hours. (RNS Photo)

Applications for babies outnumber infants available for adoption

by the Rev. Jack H. Midyett
Superintendent of the
Methodist Home Hospital

The number of applications for babies is exceeding the number that the Home Hospital has available for adoption. At the present time we have applications needed for the babies that will probably be born at the Home during the next twelve months. This means that some of the couples who have made applications will have to wait at least a year for a baby to be born which can be placed in their home.

With well over a hundred couples wishing to adopt babies and with the current shortage of available babies we will have to discourage new applications at the present time, unless couples are willing to wait two years or more.

One woman reported that she dreamed the Home Hospital had babies in shoe boxes, all numbered according to size, age, and sex — all ready for the asking. Well, it isn't quite that simple!

We place the babies just about as fast as they are born, keeping them at the Hospital from six to eight weeks before they are placed in an adoptive home. Our pediatrician does a complete medical work-up on each baby, and tells us when it is ready for adoption. There is a real safeguard for every couple adopting a baby.

A number of things are affecting the number of babies we have for adoption. More girls are keeping their babies than ever before, with so much of the social stigma being removed from a girl who has a baby out of wedlock. Then, abortions are rapidly increasing as many states liberalize their laws. Then, there is the pill. There is also much independent placement of babies other than through a licensed adoption agency such as the Methodist Home Hospital.

Perhaps the "rights of the unborn" should be given serious consideration in all this social change. The Methodist Home Hospital continues to fill a much-needed role in relation to out-of-wedlock pregnancies. More unmarried mothers should be counseled regarding "the rights of their unborn babies."

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Pete Medak

Monroe lay preacher receives Sertoma Award

Pete Medak, lay pastor of the Crew Lake and Union Churches in Monroe District, received the "Service to Mankind Award" at the March 2 meeting of the Monroe Sertoma and Pacesetter clubs.

In 1967, Medak was voted the outstanding citizen by the Business Men of Ouachita Association for his "untiring, inspired and devoted work in the area of church and community services."

As a professional baseball player with the Monroe White Sox in 1938, and the St. Louis Browns in 1939, he often visited hospitals and childrens' homes, giving encouragement to the sick and handicapped.

However, Medak is best known for his work in the United Methodist Church. In recognition of his youth and church work "Together" Magazine published a feature story entitled "A Man Called Pete." During the 1961 session of the Louisiana Annual Methodist Conference held at Centenary College, Shreveport, Medak was selected as the Outstanding Layman of the Year.

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Fund for Reconciliation

low through with the collection of those pledges and in obtaining new pledges.

Over and above this, some churches may wish to receive a special offering. Each local church is to report to the district superintendent what has been done about the Fund for Reconciliation.

Since the Quadrennium ends next year (1972) it is further requested that a special effort be made to make this program a real success.

The week of April 25-May 2, has been designated "Fund for Reconciliation Week" in the two Louisiana Conferences. Local churches are urged to inform their members of how their money is being used in this program.

One of the continuing projects is the Shreveport Ministries deseribed below:

METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES, SHREVEPORT (allocated $3,000.00 in January)

The Rev. James Graham, Coordinator

In August, 1970, Mr. Graham became the first full time coordinator, replacing Mr. Maurice Monroe, part-time coordinator. Projects now in operation are listed below:

a. "Operation Breakfast." 80 volunteers from A and B churches in Shreveport serve breakfast to children daily at the Pierre Avenue Elementary School.

b. MM-S has cooperated with First United Methodist Church, Shreveport to establish a new community center at 962 Travis Street, which has 40 volunteer helpers under direction of Maurice Monroe.

c. Basketball League. Sponsored by St. James United Methodist Church.

d. Day Care Centers. St. James and Fairfield churches reach 50 children through this program daily.

c. Other projects include showing of "Cross and Switchblade" motion picture to provide funds for underprivileged youth and others of Conferences A and B: future plans include field trips for poverty area youths; sensitivity teams to promote better understanding between racial and cultural groups and a Festival of Talent this spring.

The Franklin H. Messenger family in the hame of Mrs. Messenger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rabert F. Duncan in Shrevepart, fallawing the Messengers' return fram three years af missionary service in Rhadesia. They were en raute ta Missouri where Messenger, wha has been an accauntant, will fill a student pastarate while pursuing thealagical studies at St. Paul School af Thealogy Methodist in Kansas City, preparatary ta entering the ministry. Members af the family include (back raw, l. ta r.). Charles, 9; Robert, 12; Mrs. Messenger; Arthur, 10; Messenger; (fareground): Richard, and Elise Nanette, 6.

GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE

Dr. Carl F. Lueg, pastor of The First United Methodist Church and tour host, announces a fine group of persons throughout Louisiana will take the European Tour this summer visiting sites of the Reformation. The group will visit in Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, and England. Among the many eities they will visit are Amsterdam, Cologne, Heidelberg, the Black Forest, Zurich, Lueerne, Innsbruk, Venice, Florence, Rome, Pisa, Milan, Geneva, Paris, and London.

The date has been ehanged. The tour group will depart on July 10th and return July 31st. They will board their plane at Jackson, Miss., instead of New York. A stop will be made in New York to clear customs and then the group will reboard their plane and fly to Holland. The total cost from Jackson and return is $949. This includes all transportation, hotel, three meals a day, guide service, etc. Only a limited number of applications can now be aceepted. If interested, get in touch with Dr. Carl F. Lueg, 1303 Speed Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana 71201, as soon as possible.

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WINNSBORO LENTEN SERVICE PUBLISHED

The Lenten Program used in 1970 at First United Methodist Church, Winnsboro, has been incorporated in a book which will soon be published by the General Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church. The Rev. Robert R. Miller is pastor.

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NEWS and NOTES

MRS. BELLE FEUILLAN, a member of Parker Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, will observe her 100th birthday on March 22. For many years she was an active member and Sunday school teacher. She now resides in the Henry Clay Home.

DR. JOLLY B. HARPER, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches, will be the preacher for revival services to be held in the Patterson U. M. Church beginning Sunday, March 28 and continuing through March 31. The Rev. John R. Johns is pastor.

MISS HERMINE TATE took members of the Adult Fellowship of Lafayette First Church, on a scenic tour of the United States via colored slides she had made. She presented them preceding the monthly covered dish luncheon the group held in the Social Room Monday, March 1. The Rev. Edward R. Haug is their pastor.

PONCHATOULA UMYFers plan a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, leaving Saturday morning, March 20 and returning Tuesday night, March 23. The Rev. Thomas M. Lancaster is their pastor.

THE NORTH HIGHLANDS church bulletin reports that Susan and Frank Messenger and their five children are at home now in Camden, Missouri. Mr. Messenger has assumed a student pastorate while continuing studies at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City. The Messengers recently returned from a three-year tour of mission service in Umtali, Rhodesia.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST Church of Ruston has added Mrs. Connie McKenzie to the staff as director of youth work. The daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Crofoot of Iowa, she has had extensive experience in summer youth work in the Methodist Churches of West Lake, Jonesboro, Springhill and Homer. She will be working with the Rev. Douglas McGuire.

A special feature of the missian study "The Americas in Transition at First Church, West Manrae, included participation by fareign students fram Columbia, Jardan, Hong Kang and Venezuela. Shown above, standing, fram left Lynn McDuffie, Seniar UMYF; Mrs. Abbie Leckie, chairman af Missians Cammissian; the Rev. Rabert L. Peytan, pastor. Seated, fram left Mary Lau Martin, Calumbia; Kamel Esmael, Jardan; Lilly Shu, Hang Kong; and Jesus Ramas, Venezuela.

"WORLD CAMPUS AFLOAT" was the subject, March 7, when Miss Martha Madden, Dean of Women at Northeast Louisiana University, showed slides and explained the program of college tours to members of First United Methodist Church, Monroe.

CARLOS LYNCH, chairman of ecumenical affairs in the Slidell United Methodist Church, is assisting the Rev. Kirby Vining, pastor, in presenting a study of "A Plan of Union" the four Sunday evenings of March.

BROADMOOR UNITED Methodists of Baton Rouge had a slide-lecture of John Wesley's home and other places of interest in England, presented by Dr. George H. Jones. William F. Swor, director of the LSU Tiger Band which recently won national honors, explained the planning and work behind the scenes. Special entertainment, February 24, was by the Lee High Rebeliers, Drew Shaw, director.

THE MINDEN FIRST CHURCH study of "Communicating the Gospel" was concluded on Sunday, March 7, when Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn was the speaker. On February 21, Deane R. Flett, member of First U.M. Church, Shreveport, and program director of television Channel 3, spoke on "The Influence of TV on the Public." Dr. Henry Rickey, pastor, had charge of the February 28 session.

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FORMER VIVIAN PASTORS FEATURED AT HOMECOMING

Vivian United Methodist Church held Homecoming Week, March 15-19, and featured five former pastors as speakers.

The Rev. George York of Arcadia, pastor from 1962-64, spoke on Monday evening; Dr. Kenneth McDowell, 1952-56, now of Munholland Church, Metairie, preached Tuesday night; Dr. Bentley Sloane of Alexandria, 1943-46, Wednesday; the Rev. Al Brown, 1959-61, now at Mangum Memorial, Shreveport, preached on Thursday; and the Rev. Stone Caraway of Monroe, 1965-68, was the Friday speaker.

The Rev. Dan W. Tohline is the present pastor.

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CROWVILLE UNITED Methodist Church had as its guest speaker, Caleb Martin on March 7. The scope and intensity of the Lay Witness ministry was given by Mr. Martin, who is from the Winnsboro United Methodist Church. Pastor of the Crowville Church is the Rev. Ted Howes.

HENNING MEMORIAL FAMILY Night in Sulphur, March 3, used the theme "An Irish Shenanigan Party." One of the special features was a barbershop quartet, composed of the Rev. Bob Jamieson, pastor, Dr. Jim Racca. Sam Holden, Jr. and Olaf Jacobsen.

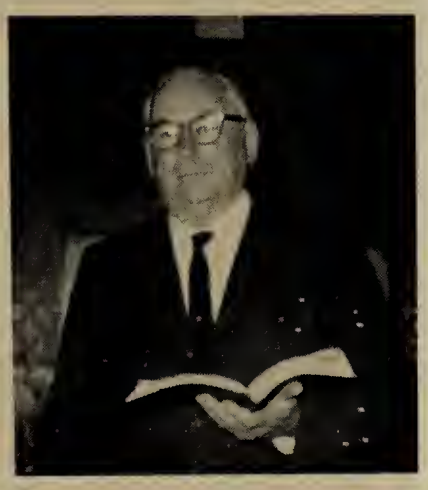
THF FATHER-DAUGHTFR banquet in Natchitoches First Church. February 24, had entertainment by the singing group from Northwestern State, "The Living Circle." Talks were by Dr. Richard Galloway and Miss Judi Southerland.

TEACHER APPRECIATION evening afforded members of St. Paul United Methodist Church, New Orleans, an opportunity to visit all classrooms, talk to teachers and examine teaching materials. The Rev. Charles S. Walker is pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

March 21—Sunday I Cor. 13:1-13
March 22 _____ I John 3:1-3
March 23 _____ II Thessa. 2:13-17
March 24 _____ Titus 1:1-3
March 25 _____ I Peter 3:14-18
March 26 _____ Psalms 39:4-7
March 27 _____ Psalms 78:1-7
March 28—Sun. Psa. 119:113-117



The Saint Stephens United Methodist Church af Bassier City, held a School af Evangelism, March 1-5, in which The Holy Bible was used as a text baak. The Rev. A. C. Lawtan, Sr., retired minister (shown abave), was the teacher. The subject was, "Winning Our Friends far Christ." Average attendance far the 10 lectures was 61 pupils. The Rev. George Cunningham is the pastar.

SPECIAL SERVICE TO SHUT-INS AT HAUGHTON

A portable tape recorder has brought a new dimension in service to the shut-ins of the Haughton and Love Chapel United Methodist Churches on the Shreveport District. The Rev. Lewis Ovenshire, pastor of the two churches, takes a tape recorded Communion Service and the Communion bread and grape juice to the churches' shut-ins the first week of each month. The third week of each month, Mr. Ovenshire takes a tape recording of the anthem, prayer and sermon from the previous Sunday morning service to each shut-in. A few weeks ago, Mr. Ovenshire brought tape recorded greetings from two of the shut-ins back to the church congregation.

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CLARENCE L. ROBBINS of Bossier City and Gary L. McFadden of Haughton conducted the morning services and brought the messages at the Haughton and Love Chapel United Methodist Churches on Sunday, March 7. The churches were celebrating Laymen's Sunday. Mr. Robbins is the lay leader and choir director of the Love Chapel Church. Mr. McFadden is the chairman of the Love Chapel Administrative Board. The Rev. Lewis Ovenshire is pastor of both churches.

DR. B. A. GALLOWAY, pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, is leading the "Four Nights for God" series in First United Methodist Church, Natchitoches. March 21-24. Dr. Jolly B. Harper is the pastor.

THE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT weekend held in Shreveport for couples, March 13 and 14, was sponsored by the Cedar Grove, St. Luke, and First United Methodist Churches.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held in First United Methodist Church of Welsh this weekend, March 19-21. The Rev. Bob L. Lawton is the pastor.

DR. VELA CLEVELAND was honored at a reception held in the Carrollton U. M. Church, New Orleans, Feb. 21, prior to her return to her mission work at Ellen T. Cowen Memorial Hospital, Kolar, Mysore S., India.

CHARLES STRATFORD is teaching the study of Psalms for the Women's Society of Southside Church, Monroe. Mrs. Frances Peterson is leading the same study for the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Betty Ardito and Mrs. Callie Crow are the presidents, respectively.

CEDAR GROVE TO HOST DISTRICT WOMEN

The Shreveport District Women's Society of Christian Service will hold the spring meeting on March 25 at the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, 6806 Southern Avenue, Shreveport.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, chairman of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, will be the missions program speaker. Recently returned from an ecumenical meeting in India, Mrs. Kilpatrick's topic will be "In Love Serve One Another", based on the motto of the Stanley High School.

Mrs. Kilpatrick

She is president of the Kilpatrick Life Insurance Company of Louisiana and the Rose-Neath Funeral Homes. In church activities she is a member of Noel United Methodist Church where she has served as WSCS president, teacher of an adult church school class, and member of the Administrative Board. She is a former president of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society, and is presently serving as treasurer of Church Women United in Louisiana, and is on several Methodist institution boards.

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PONCHATOULA GROUPS RECEIVE CHARTERS

The Men's Club of First United Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, received a charter in memory of Billie Threeton, whereupon the club voted to be called the "Billie Threeton Men's Club." The presentation was made on behalf of the church by George Harris to Mrs. Billie Threeton, who in turn presented it to A. L. Whittington, men's club president.

At the same meeting, February 28, the Rev. Harold Bordages presented a charter to the Women's Society of Christian Service. Officers were installed by the minister. A covered dish dinner followed the presentations.

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THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of the University Church, Lake Charles, held a gumbo sale on Friday, February 26 from 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, February 27 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation near the McNeese State College campus. The purpose of the sale was to raise money for the missionary program of the society. Mrs. Herman Hallmark and Mrs. I. M. Beard were in charge and were assisted by other members of the society. The Rev. William P. Fraser is pastor of the church.

MRS. M. K. ELMORE is the leader of the study of Psalms for the Wesleyan Service Guild of Carrollton United Methodist Church during March.

AUSTRALIAN METHODIST LEADER AT RAYNE MEMORIAL

Dr. Arthur M. Jackson of Hawthorn, Australia, prominent Methodist minister, was the speaker in Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, during both morning services, March 7. He was a Fondren lecturer early in February at the Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas.

Mrs. Mims Gage and Dr. Norma Kearby led a discussion of a modern parable "Don't Fence Me In" during the church school hour the same morning.

These features were part of the church-wide mission study of "How the Word Gets Around," being directed by the Missions Committee, Mrs. Philip Holland, Jr., chairman.

Earlier features included a family night dinner, Friday, March 5, with Mrs. Howard Peachey in charge of the program. The young people presented a play, "No Time for Choice," and Mrs. Rupert Coles of St. Mark's U. M. Church, led the discussion following.

Dr. B. A. Galloway is the pastor.

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HAMMOND GUILDERS heard Bobby Robinson, director of the Sheltered Workshop, Department of Education, speak at their February meeting.

PANELISTS LEADING discussion at Shreveport First Church WSCS, March 1, were Mrs. Richard Bennett, Mrs. Ed Greer, Mrs. Robert G. Davis and Mrs. Bill Nance.

Members of the Asbury Church WSCS, Natchitoches, packed boxes of linens, towels and school supplies for Sager Brown School, Baldwin, La. These members were: from left, Mrs. E. D. Smith, Miss Mary Severe, Mrs. Daisy Jones, Mrs. Winderlean Lewis, Mrs. Alfra Gary, and the pastor, the Rev. E. D. Smith.

Jack Dew of West Monroe spoke at the Jonesboro United Methodist Men's Club meeting, February 23. Dew, who has been leading and working in Lay Witness Missions for the past three years, gave testimony to their value. The Jonesboro Church is planning a Lay Witness Mission for April 2-4, with John Pitt of Pineville as coordinator and Howard Hearne of Jonesboro as general chairman. The Rev. James Adams is pastor.

The Hodge United Methodist Youth Fellowship gave a chili supper, February 20, to raise money to be used to finance a summer mission tour for the group.

Indian Bayou and Kaplan Churches heard these college students speak recently. Lori Foreman and Bill Blanchet spoke on "What the Youth of the Church Do," and Kathy Laningham led the prayers. The Rev. Robert W. Peterson is their pastor. →

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MARCH 28: Use It or Lose It

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:14-30.

MEMORY SELECTION: Moreover it is required that they be found trustworthy. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help us understand that our responsibilities to God are in direct proportion to the gifts with which he has endowed us; to remind adults that the work of God's Kingdom is done largely by persons with limited abilities because there are so many of them.

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Ministers and other leaders who have responsibilities for recruiting workers in the church or in other related programs know that the great part of their help comes from persons of limited abilities—the so-called "one talent" workers. As we study the parable of the talents we will be recognizing that people do have differences in their abilities, and that they will be held accountable according to what they might have done with the resources God has given them.

This story has influenced us in many ways. The word "talent" has come into our language from its reference to the various capacities that we have. In the parable "talent" meant only a sum of money—probably the equivalent of one thousand dollars.

This well-known parable has come to us in three versions—one in the apocryphal Gospel According to the Hebrews, one in Luke, and the more familiar story in Matthew 25. The interesting thing about the story in Luke 19 is that the servants were all given the same amount. This does not lend itself to the applications we make of those with different amounts of ability.

Unlike some of the earlier parables we have studied, this does not come directly out of a dramatic background. It is one of a series of three stories related to the Kingdom of God, placed against the setting of the 24th chapter of Matthew and its emphasis on "last things."

Although Jesus may have been using this story as one of a series to emphasize the certainty of the coming of the Kingdom with its time of accountability, we have come to appreciate the parable of the talents as a great message on stewardship. Through it we see that Jesus taught faithfulness and responsibility among his children while he was absent from them.

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THE DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The story begins with the words, "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property" (Matt. 25:14). Remember that Jesus had been telling his disciples that he would soon be going away from them. This is the setting of the story and the tone of the development. There is a sense in which we can see a kinship between the story of the wise and foolish maidens and this parable. It is to tell us that an important part of our preparation for the last days (which the previous parable stressed) is the faithful use of the gifts we have received from God.

The man called in his servants one at a time and gave them responsibility for his property while he was gone. They did not receive the same amount, because it was recognized that they differed in ability. We ought not to have to spend any time proving that people are different in endowments they have received from God. In our own complex age we know how completely we depend on those who differ widely in their native ability. As we have implied before, there are far more "one talent" persons than those who have "five talents."

Sometimes a proud parent speaks of the high I.Q. his child is reported to have in school. Those who understand this measurement know that it means simply that more will be expected from that student than from those whose I.Q. is not so high. The one endowed with much intelligence is failing in his stewardship responsibility if he does not do more than his classmate that is more limited. In the parable the master is looking for one thing—the person who can take those riches which he leaves and increase them again and again during his absence. Some might interpret this as greed on the part of the employee, while others will see that he understood human nature well enough to know that the individual does not grow unless a challenging task is before him.

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THE WAY WE MEET OUR TRUST

Jesus used the language of financial investment in this story, so he must have had an understanding of that phase of life. The man with the five talents and the one who decided to risk the money that had been entrusted to them, because they felt this was the only way they could meet their responsibility. On the other hand, the third man was so frightened that he decided only to protect that which the master had placed in his hands.

The man with five talents sought every way by which he might make a profit for his master. He followed the market, kept up with the caravans, and knew the prospects for the crops. He invested so shrewdly that he realized a profit of one hundred per cent on his transactions. The man with the two talents must have been more of a plodder, but he worked away day in and day out and reported just as high a percentage of gain as the first. The third servant was a different personality. He hid the money, as many people did in his day. Dr. Buttrick says, "The action, as judged by the standards of that day, was not lazy. To hide money in the ground was the traditional way of saving money."

Responsible and creative handling of the talents God has given us is what we call stewardship. John Wesley stressed the importance of a Christian's making all he can in his lifetime. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says, "Activity and growth belong to the Kingdom. All is in process of improvement and development. Buzzing, booming, creative change is a sign of the Kingdom's presence. Stagnation does not belong here."

Christ does not call us to safe, cozy things. The Christian life is one of daring and of risk. It may call on you to become involved in the needs of people about you. Some people have found this to be risky business.

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THE ABDICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The villain in this place is the man who abdicated his stewardship. He tried to "wash his hands" of the whole responsibility and just make sure that he did not lose his master's money. This is the way some people are about Christian responsibility. They find themselves endowed by God with a spiritual experience, and they think it is just for them. They do not want to invest it in their business life, or their friends or any other part of their being.

We can be sure that if the primary concern is to play it safe with our Christian faith, there will be neither outreach to the world nor personal growth. Faith that is not used becomes stagnant and useless.

One must come from a study of this story with the conclusion that the one-talent man is the one about whom the story was really centered. There are so many more of us in the world, and it has always been so easy for us to rationalize our inactivity on the grounds of our limitations. We are tempted to say, "With my poor equipment nobody would ever expect anything of me." This is always tempting us—this abdication of our responsibility.

Never forget that the key word concerning this man is "fear." He dared not venture, and that is what he told his master when he returned. He lacked faith in life and in God. Remember what Charlotte Bronte said, "It is better to try all things and find all empty than to try nothing and leave your life a blank."

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WHAT DID THE ONE-TALENT MAN LACK?

As we look deeper into the experience of the third servant to find just what was wrong with him. We can respond quickly that he lacked imagination and courage. But he also failed in other ways.

He did not see that his talent was needed. The master is pictured by Jesus as being overwhelmed with wrath because this man did not produce the same kind of profit from his one talent that had been the result of the ones with more at their disposal. One might reason that he already had made a profit of seven talents while he was away. The point we would miss is that the talent of every man is important. "When every man's gift is necessary to the rearing of the temple, the distinction between 'great' talents and 'small' becomes somewhat stupid."

The man lacked imagination to see that every talent is precious. He depreciated his gift. One of the great accents of Jesus was his constant insistence on the worth of what others called "obscure" service. He repeatedly said that humans are not prepared to know when a deed is great or small. The one-talent man, succumbing to the one-talent temptation, was blind to everything except the surface of life.

The man's worst fault, however, was his lack of sufficient courage to be adventurous. Again may we say that this is the crux of the teaching. He shrank from risk, though he must have known that nothing is gained without risk.

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THE TIME OF ACCOUNTING COMES

Like the parable that we studied last week, the climax in this story comes at the moment of accountability. All the servants knew that one day their master would return, and what they did was their method of preparation for that time of accountability.

There are two happy men in this story as they hear the words of commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." What gladness there is in such a greeting! God is that kind of God. He is not a policeman who almost hopes he can catch us in some wrongdoing so he can punish us.

God does expect us to use what he has given us. He has given us life, talents, and opportunities. Vast natural resources are at our disposal, and we cannot avoid the responsibility for our accountability. One thing we know, we will not be measuring up to our stewardship unless we add our ingenuity and imagination to the divine gifts he has given us.

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USE WHAT WE HAVE IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY

Christian stewardship has taken on a new dimension in these recent years as we have been challenged to hand on to the next generation more resources to work with than we found. A few years ago the main emphasis in this connection was on matters like reforestation and conservation of mineral resources. These matters are still of prime concern, but added to them are the challenges of fighting pollution.

We are dealing with the teachings of today's parable when we discuss the Christian's responsibility for doing what he can to keep the air and the water clean. Two of the great public discussions of recent months involve the questions of the construction of a pipeline across Alaska and the continued government financing of the super-sonic transport plane. In what ways are these problems related to the parable of the talents?

Sometimes we wonder why Jesus said that the one talent was taken away and given to the man who had the ten talents. We miss the point if we argue that he already has enough. Jesus is here dealing with attitudes of stewardship. This man has demonstrated that he can be trusted with the resources of God. He has shown an aptitude for being responsibile for more and more opportunities. How would you classify yourself as a steward? Are you a "five talent" person or one who struggles along not doing much with "one talent"?

MISSIONARIES EXPELLED FROM TAIWAN

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two United Methodist missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Milo Thornberry, Jr., natives of Texas, have been expelled from Taiwan where he taught church history at the interdenominational Taiwan Theological College in Taipei.

No reason was given for the action, although officials of the United Methodist Board of Missions speculated that the expulsion was a political act aimed at underlining the displeasure of the Chinese Nationalists government over President Nixon's "State of the World" message in which he indicated U.S. interest in improving relations with Communist China.

Board of Missions officials suggested that "perhaps the Thornberrys were chosen because of their long and well-known friendship with many Chinese and Tiawanese people, some of whom have not looked with favor on the role of the present government in Taiwan."

The Thornberrys went to Taipei in 1965.

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CHURCH WORKERS ASKED TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA

NEW YORK (UMI) — Three young American church workers were ordered by the South African government to leave that country by March 14, according to reports received here.

A. Gus Kious, San Leandro, Calif., United Methodist special term missionary, and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Kramer, Knoxville, Tenn., were served with deportation orders to become effective with the expiration of their temporary resident permits.

The Kramers were serving under a special overseas program sponsored by mission agencies of the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church. The three have been working in youth programs of the Methodist Church of South Africa, the Kramers in a project called "Give a year of your life" and Mr. Kious as deputy director of a ministry to drug addicts.

No official reason was given for the deportation orders, although several news accounts speculated that they may have been related to multiracial aspects of the young workers' programs.

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British Methodist-Anglican Union Backed

NOTTINGHAM, Eng. (UMI) — British Methodists will feel so frustrated that if the Church of England again turns down union with them they might turn to other Free Churches for partnership, Conference President Rupert Davies warned in a broadcast here reported in Religious News Service.

Mr. Davies, who will serve as Methodist president until the next conference this summer, spelled out what the impact would be on Methodists if the Anglican Church failed to approve union when it comes up for discussion and decision. He said such a failure would result in "almost crushing frustration" to many ministers and lay people in the Methodist Church.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

16. The National Assembly

In the proposed new church the National Assembly would be the equivalent of the General Conference in The United Methodist Church. It would meet at least every two years, and the Plan states that "It shall be composed of not less than 750 and not more than 2000 representatives."

Representatives to the National Assembly would be chosen by the region. All of the regional bishops would be members, but only a representative number of district bishops would be elected to membership. There would be other ordained ministers and lay representatives in such proportion that there would be one bishop to two other ordained ministers and six lay representatives.

Representatives would be elected by the district meetings after nomination by the region. In making these nominations, two names shall be proposed for each position and each category.

Power of National Assembly: The National Assembly would legislate regarding all matters which concern the whole church. It would oversee the regions and develop overall objectives for their program planning. It will receive and allocate resources, and provide "services for the whole church that can be performed more economically in one place."

Presiding Bishop: The chief executive officer of the National Assembly shall be the presiding biship. He shall preside at any meeting of bishops at which he is present and, with the moderator of the National Assembly, shall represent the church in all of its relations with other churches, with the federal government, and with secular organizations which are national or international in jurisdiction.

The presiding bishop shall be elected by the National Assembly on nomination of a nominating committee elected by the General Council. He shall be elected for a term of four years and may be re-elected for one four-year term. Unless the incumbent is nominated for re-election, he must be of a racial background different from that of the bishop who last held the office. He shall be elected by a majority vote of the ministers and lay delegates voting separately. Although he is the executive officer, the National Assembly shall elect a moderator to preside at the business sessions. Any member of the National Assembly, except the presiding bishop and his staff shall be eligible for election as moderator.

General Council: The National Assembly shall elect a General Council consisting of not fewer than five bishops, ten other ordained clergy, and thirty lay representatives to advise the presiding bishop and to carry out the work of the National Assembly between its meetings. This Council shall conduct the business affairs of the National Assembly and shall also be the trustees or directors of the National Assembly Corporation.

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Rocky Mountain Conference Adopts New Structure

DENVER, Colo. (UMI) — A new structure for work of the United Methodist Church in Colorado, Utah, and part of Wyoming was approved by a special session of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference here February 5.

The plan provides for decentralization of the annual conference programs so that district and regional groups have greatly-strengthened roles in planning and utilizing the resources of the church, and it calls for focusing the church's mission in the local congregation, according to a conference official.

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Role of Women in Church To Be Studied

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UMI) — More effective program planning, implementation, interpretation, and evaluation was the central focus of the United Methodist Planning Council during its semi-annual meeting here February 15-18.

Specific actions taken by the council included the approval of a study of the role of women in the denomination, providing up to $4,000 to help Hispanic-American representatives, and scheduling a convocation of district superintendents and annual conference program directors for September of 1972.

Youth Conference Studied

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — A conference of Roman Catholic and United Methodist educators to study "more effective ways of bringing the message of Jesus Christ to the young" is being proposed by leaders of the dialogue panels of the two churches.

It is hoped that such a session would aim for both statements and action and that it would utilize and foster experimentation in and demonstration of more effective methods, according to a statement released March 2 by the steering committee of the dialogue. The recommendation will be carried to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United Methodist Council of Bishops, parent bodies of the dialogue, by the chairmen—the Most Rev. James W. Malone, bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, and Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, head of the United Methodist Ohio West Area.

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News in Brief

United Methodist women gave $108,000 in 1970 in the special offering related to the quadrennial Assembly of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild in Houston, Texas. The total included contributions by 8,000 women attending the assembly and by women in local societies and guilds across the nation.

Dust and Ashes regroup to resume ministry in song

Dust and Ashes, popular folk singing duo, has regrouped and will resume its nationwide ministry this month.

The original team of Tom Page and Jim Moore terminated their association with the General Board of Evangelism in October, 1970. Moore and his wife, Vivian have since moved to the Tacoma-Seattle area in Washington state to engage in a ministry of the inner-city.

Recently Page has teamed with long-time friend and musical associate, Jim Sloan, and together they will continue the ministry of Dust and Ashes while performing in concert and leading in contemporary worship celebrations.

Page and Sloan hope to bring to churches, colleges, high schools and coffeehouses the simple message that in Christianity God has most perfectly revealed himself and his will to mankind.

Page and Sloan began performing together in 1963 while in college. Their professional relationship was interrupted in 1968 when Sloan was drafted by the army. He returns to singing after a year in Vietnam.

Page, an ordained United Methodist minister, continues his ministry with Dust and Ashes under special appointment of his annual conference.

Dust and Ashes has one album released, "From Both Sides," available through Tidings of the General Board of Evangelism. "The Dust and Ashes Songbook," containing the seven original songs from the album will be published in early May through Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dust and Ashes are currently accepting engagements. Further information may be obtained by writing to Dust and Ashes, 1808 Warfield Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, 37215, or phone: (615) 297-7403.

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The Protestant Church of Belgium, which resulted from a union of the Methodist and Evangelical Protestant churches, is one of three churches in the country that have begun negotiating church union. The other two are the Reformed and the Flemish Reformed churches.

■ Twelfth World Methodist Conference
to be held in Denver, Colorado, August 16-27

Schedule for World Methodist Conference sessions

LAKE JUNALUSKA (UMI) — A preliminary program for the Twelfth World Methodist Council/Conference has been released here by the Rev. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, general secretary of the World Methodist Council.

Sessions are scheduled for Denver, Colorado, August 16-26, with the Executive Committee and Council meetings set for the first three days and the inaugural session of the Twelfth World Methodist Conference scheduled to open on Wednesday evening, August 18.

Dr. Tuttle reported that advance registrations had been received from 1619 persons as of February 11.

Major features of the preliminary program follow:

Wednesday, August 18

7:30 p.m. — Inaugural Session — Twelfth World Methodist Conference, with Dr. Charles C. Parlin (U.S.), president, presiding and giving presidential address. Memorial Service. Welcome from Denver officials. Keynote address by Dr. Russell Hindmarsh (England).

Thursday, August 19

8:40 a.m. General Session. Presiding, Rev. Hugh B. Sherlock (Antigua). Worship — Bishop John Wesley Shungu (Democratic Republic of Congo). Address, "The Church and Race," Hon. John J. Akar (Sierra Leone). Reactor: Dean Walter G. Muelder (U.S.A.)

4:00 p.m. General Session. Presiding Bishop Carlos T. Gattinoni (Argentina). Address, "The Church and Poverty," Mr. Joseph Samuel Annan (Ghana). Reaction: Dr. Colin Morris (England).

5:15 p.m. Hour of Preaching. Preacher: Rev. Gabriel Setiloane (Zambia).

7:30 p.m. General Session. Multi-Media Celebration of Christian Worship. Dr. James Hull (U.S.A.), Director.

Friday, August 20

8:40 a.m. General Session. Presiding, Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw (U.S.A.) Worship, Bishop Yap Kim-Hao (Singapore). Address, "Moral Authority," Dr. Kenneth Greet (England). Reactor: Bishop Dwight Loder (U.S.A.)

4:00 p.m. General Session. Presiding, Dr. J. B. Webb (South Africa). Address, "New Issues in Education," Mr. Stuart Maclure (England). Reactor: Bishop James S. Thomas (U.S.A.)

5:15 p.m. — Hour of Preaching. Bishop Mortimer Arias (Bolivia).

7:30 p.m. — Presentation.

Saturday, August 21

8:40 a.m. General Session. Presiding, Dr. Eric W. Baker (England). Worship: Miss Theressa Hoover (U.S.A.). Address, "Peace and Justice," Dr. Emilio Castro (Uruguay). Reactor: Mr. Eric Rogin Mitchell (India).

7:30 p.m. Festival of Music. Junaluska Singers, directed by Mr. Glenn Draper (U.S.A.)

Sunday, August 22

11:00 a.m. Worship Services throughout the city. "Meet the Americans" Program. Also at 11 a.m., Conference Preaching Service. Presiding, Bishop Cornelio Ferrer (Philippines). Preacher: Bishop Roy C. Nichols (U.S.A.)

7:30 p.m. Conference Preaching Service. Presiding, Bishop B. Julian Smith (U.S.A.). Preacher: Dr. Colin M. Morris (England).

Monday, August 23

8:40 a.m. General Session. Presiding, Dr. Patrocinio Ocampo (Philippines). Worship, Dr. C. Edgar Wilkinson (South Africa). Address, "The Local Church in Mission," Dr. Robert E. Goodrich (U.S.A.,) Reactor: Rev. Edwin L. Taylor (Bahamas)

4:00 p.m. General Session. Presiding, Mrs. E. S. Cooper (Liberia). Address, "Evangelism," Dr. Philip Porter (Jamaica). Reactor: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley (U.S.A.)

5:15 p.m. Hour of Preaching. Sermon, Bishop H. P. Andreassen (Angola)

7:30 p.m. Address by John Cardinal Willebrands (Holland)

Tuesday, August 24

8:40 a.m. General Session. Presiding, Rev. Wilfred F. Ford (New Zealand). Worship, Dr. R. Benjamin Garrison (U.S.A.). Address, "The Role of Theology in the Church," Dr. John Deschner (U.S.A.) Reactor: Dr. Leslie Davison (England).

4:00 p.m. General Session. Presiding: Bishop C. Ernst Sommer (Federal Republic of Germany). Address, "The Ministry," Dr. Alan Walker (Australia). Reactor: Bishop William R. Cannon (U.S.A.).

5:15 p.m. Hour of Preaching. Sermon by Bishop Alejandro Ruiz (Mexico).

7:30 p.m. Presentation in Aena.

Wednesday, August 25

8:40 a.m. General Session. Presiding, Dr. Cecil F. Gribble (Australia). Worship, Rev. Brian Duckworth (England). Address, "Ecumenical Affairs," Bishop Frederick Jordan (U.S.A.). Reactor: Miss Lois Miller (U.S.A.)

10:30 a.m. Panel, "The World Methodist Council—The Way Ahead." Leader, Bishop Roy H. Short (U.S.A.)

2:00 p.m. New World Executive Meeting.

5:15 p.m. Hour of Preaching. Sermon, Rev. W. R. Laws (New Zealand).

7:30 p.m. Presentation.

8:40 a.m. General Session. Worship, Dr. James Doty (U.S.A.) Presiding, Dr. Charles C. Parlin (U.S.A.). Reading of Message Dr. Willis I. Tate (U.S.A.)

10:30 a.m. Induction of Officers for 1971-'76.

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Dr. Willis Tate will be general chairman of the workshops, which occur most days from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Rev. Peter Bolt will be secretary.

Leaders and the workshop topics follow:

The Church and Race, Miss Dorothy McConnell and Bishop Stephen G. Spottswood.

The Church and Poverty, Mr. Leonard Slutz and Rev. Maclean Kumi.

Moral Authority, Rev. A. Raymond George and Bishop Stephen Trowen Nagbe.

New Issues in Education, Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr., and Rev. Douglas Hubery.

Peace and Justice, Bishop James K. Mathews and Mr. Mark Sheldon.

Local Church and Mission, Bishop Eric Mitchell and Dr. Ernest H. Howse.

Evangelism, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon and Dr. Byron Stroh.

Role of Theology in the Church, Dr. Tracey Jones and Dean Robert E. Cushman.

The Ministry, Miss Pauline Webb and Dr. Stanley Sudbury.

Ecumenical Affairs, Rev. Cecil Gribble and Miss Lois Miller.

Director of campus ministry receives new appointment

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. Eugene A. Ransom, director of the department of campus ministry for the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, has been appointed director of the office of personnel and chairman of the personnel committee for the United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE).

Dr. Ransom's time as an officer in the ecumenical student affiliation will be contributed by the Board of Education. He will continue as director of the department of campus ministry for the United Methodist Board with offices in Nashville.

Dr. Ransom's new responsibilities will include facilitating placement of campus ministers for the 10 denominations who cooperate through UMHE. He succeeds Dr. Verlyn L. Barker, New York, who was recently named president of the UMHE national commission.

Puerto Rico Conference Meets

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (UMI)— Consideration of a changed status for the United Methodist Church in Puerto Rico, debate over whether two companies should begin controversial copper-mining operations, a vote to transfer title on Methodist properties from the mainland to the island and celebration of a "Festival of Puerto Rican United Methodism" were highlights of a recent meeting here.

Looking toward the future, clerical and lay delegates attending the annual meeting of the Puerto Rico United Methodist Conference February 3-7 authorized a seven-member special committee to study alternatives for a possible change in status for the conference. The action specified that any change should be in the direction of "more autonomy and self-determination" for the church in Puerto Rico.

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News in Brief

In 1970, $10 million in loans were processed by the (United Methodist) Department of Church Expansion for new churches and for the relocation of congregations.

UM CHOIRS INVITED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO SING AT 1972 GENERAL CONFERENCE

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — Choirs of local United Methodist churches and denominational educational and other institutions wanting to sing for the 1972 General Conference here have been invited to make application to the conference's Commission on Entertainment and Program.

It is expected that up to eight choirs will be chosen, and each will sing during a morning worship hour in Atlanta's Civic Center, seat of the conference business sessions, and before an afternoon preaching hour in First United Methodist Church.

Choirs interested in taking part should submit a recent performance tape and program by June 15 to the conference's director of music, Dr. Carlton R. Young, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

In making the announcement, the Commission on Entertainment and Program said that travel to Atlanta and housing while there would be the responsibility of the choir, or its sponsoring institution, and would not be provided by the General Conference.

Portland chosen site for 1976 General Conference

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — Portland, Ore., has been chosen as the site of the 1976 United Methodist General Conference.

The decision of the site was made here February 26 by the conference's Commission on Entertainment and Program. The dates were set as April 25-May 8. The 1972 session of the church's top law-making body will be held in Atlanta's Civic Center beginning April 16. In announcing that Portland had been chosen unanimously for 1976, A. G. Jefferson, Lynchburg, Va., chairman of the commission, said that strong invitations had been received from Indianapolis, Ind., and Milwaukee, Wisc., but that the decision had been made in keeping with the policy of holding the sessions in various jurisdictions of the church.

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Our Goals and Needs:

A Review Prior to Easter Sunday Offering

The Methodist Children's Home has a great heritage. As it has in the past, it must continue to alter its services and its methods to meet today's task. To take boys and girls whose normal home foundations have been shattered; to prepare them for life through training, experience, and example; to help them gain a sense of their own worth as children of God; and on this foundation of worth to help them build a solid set of moral and spiritual values in this most troubled time which our society is undergoing.

To meet its task the Methodist Children's Home has a broad program of services. It provides a social work staff, with access to a psychiatric consultant, and educational consultant, a chaplain and recreation director, a director of cottage life, a dietition, house parents, maintenance personnel, and a broad program of self teaching for boys and girls. This program of services includes guided recreation and, especially for older youth, participation in food and clothing management, the opportunity to get jobs and manage money, and many other services. We also operate a limited foster home program for children below school age and for others who would benefit more from family living than from group care.

To continue meeting its task the Methodist Children's Home must maintain its program of developing a fully trained staff. The house parent and special services staff must be fully trained personnel if we expect to meet the needs of the neglected and dependent child produced by our present society. Today, more and more skill is required of our personnel in coping with our children's problems.

To maintain its program of services and to add new programs as the need develops, your Children's Home must receive the full support from the Conference for its operating expenditures. We are near completion of our four-year building program which has been totally financed through our Invested Funds and from special gifts. In recent years we have had to use some of this Invested Fund income for meeting the deficit caused by the shortage of contributions received toward meeting the operating expenditure.

Dependence upon our invested funds at this time will stretch them too thin. Support had a slight increase last year and for this we are most grateful; but expenses increased also. Our problems remain the same—rising costs, more children, and the constant need to improve the quality of services to the children in our care.

We are grateful to the Louisiana Methodists who make it possible for a child to experience heretofore unknown security in a troubled world. This is a gigantic job and will take more and more support to accomplish it. We believe in and present to you the idea—"Nothing is more important than a child."

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NOTE TO PASTORS

Be looking in the mail for the Easter Offering literature from the Home. It is being mailed to you during the second week of March. You should be receiving it shortly, if it has not arrived already. If you need more, or have not received it by the first week in April, call us and we will make sure that you receive it.

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Pictured are the Senior High and Junior High Basketball teams from the Home that participated in this year's Ruston City Church League. Though our teams did not win the City Championship, the boys had a great time participating; after all this is why we organized this activity. Many of our boys have benefited greatly from the character-building process that one experiences when participating in such supervised activities.

$45,000 worth of bonds sold in 45 minutes for new Des Arc United Methodist Church

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Mr. J. E. Berry, Postmaster for thirty years and **Chairman of the Board of Trustees** of First United Methodist Church, Des Arc, said, "I certainly want to commend Security Church Finance Company and Mr. J. W. Pennell, their representative, for the efficient manner in which they prepared for and conducted the Bond Sale. Our church is **extremely happy** with the job they performed. We are looking forward to a great growth for our church. I feel that we will be blessed by a larger attendance and that we will benefit spiritually because of this endeavor."

Reverend Bennie Ruth, pastor of the church for the last 13 months and during which time there have been 65 additions to the Congregation, said, "As for Security Church Bond Finance program, I think it is tops. I have been through several building programs before, but this is my first time for a Bond program. I must say that we are all impressed with Mr. Pennell and the excellent manner in which he carried out the program. Working with us in every way in planning and preparing for "Kick Off Day." The company did an excellent job of printing, mailing and informing us of what we should do. I know we could have sold $150,000 worth just as easily as we did the $45,000, because the people were informed and Mr. Pennell was prepared to lead us.

Security Church Finance is a wonderful company. Nothing was left undone. Nothing was done haphazardly. It's just Great!!

If at anytime in the future I am involved in a building program, I will **contact Security Church Finance first.**

I must say that this has been one of the most interesting and exciting events I have ever had a part in during 23 years of work in the ministry.

I would recommend to anyone Security Church Finance and Mr. J. W. Pennell to finance any amount of Bonds. We hope to do business with them again."

Mr. C. J. Rister, member of the Church for 50 years and Secretary-Treasurer said, "I want to personally praise Mr. J. W. Pennell for the fine work that he has done on presenting the Church Bond Sale. We were **very much impressed with Security Church Finance** Bond program when first presented to us. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the company and Mr. Pennell for the business-like manner that everything has been handled."

Mr. R. L. Morton, a banker for twenty years and **President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Des Arc,** said, "As Chairman of our Stewardship and Finance Committee of the First United Methodist Church of Des Arc, Arkansas, I was **really pleased** with your company's bond program. **Mr. J. W. Pennell,** your representative, and the one who serviced this issue for us did a very outstanding job. Our Committee and our Church Congregation was so well informed that within one hour the Congregation had purchased all of the bonds. Mr. Pennell was very courteous and helpful in any way that he could assist, and **I would recommend him and this program to anyone."**

Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent: "Congratulations on the response to the sale of bonds last night. I was delighted when I discovered the sale was complete. You and your people are to be commended on the wonderful spirit of cooperation and loyalty."

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Bi-District Lay Retreat to feature "Soul Picnic"

The annual Ruston-Shreveport Bi-District Lay Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, March 26-27 at the Methodist Camp at Caney Lake near Minden. Several "firsts" will characterize the event.

For the first time, the Retreat will begin on Friday evening, rather than on Saturday, beginning with the evening meal, and followed by a program designed for adult men and youth. The earlier starting time was decided upon, according to the Lay Leaders of the two Districts involved, to allow more ministers and active laymen to be in their home churches on Sunday morning.

Next, the Saturday portion of the program will feature a "soul picnic," with musical and singing groups of youth from the churches of the two district area. Every church that has a youth singing or music group is invited to bring or send their group to take part.

H. H. "Hap" Smith of the Shreveport District and Marcus Wren of the Ruston District are the lay leaders in charge. David Stone, youth director of First United Methodist Church in Shreveport is working with the youth part of the program.

The Rev. John Rasmussen, associate pastor of First Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the featured speaker at the Friday evening and Saturday morning times.

Registration time is from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with supper Friday night at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Retreat program. The youth part of the program will start at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

All United Methodist men in the two district areas are invited to attend.

Louisiana Methodists have given half million for 1000 Club projects

The 1000 Club was founded in 1952. Since that time, Louisiana Methodists, lay and clergy, have donated to 50 "Calls", for a total giving record of half a million dollars.

The 1000 Club was founded with the purpose of helping "new congregations or transitional churches needing financial assistance" in their building programs. The original plan was that 1000 laymen in the Conference (A) would give $10 to each new church started to be used specifically for building purposes. It was understood that no one would be asked to give more than three times a year. And there are still just three calls a year.

But, more than 1000 laymen wanted to participate. And . . . changing situations in our Conference prompted the Policy Committee to make allowance for population growth and mobility by permitting churches in such transitional situations to obtain funds through these calls, including special projects, such as chapels, etc.

For the record, those 50 calls have gone to fill the following needs:

44 new churches, relocated churches, and two churches which burned, were built.

One hospital chapel (New Orleans Methodist Hospital).

Two district Calls were made (the money staying in the district for district extension work).

Two churches are not yet built, but are in the planning stages.

One church had two calls (Trinity in Buras; first one to build, second one to replace first building destroyed by Hurricane Betsy).

This is one of the major programs of the Conference Board of the Laity. Anyone may become a member by contacting the 1000 Club Director in their District (through their District Lay Leader or local pastor).

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Pre-conference report deadline is April 1

Chairmen of all Conference boards, commissions, committees and agencies are reminded that reports to be printed in the Pre-Conference Reports booklets must be in the Conference A Program Council Office not later than April 1. It is doubly important that the reports get in on time since this is the year of merger between Conferences A and B.

The following information is provided for all the persons concerned:

In order that the Boards and Agen-

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Youth make plans for merger of Conferences

by Cecil Bland

In line with the merger of Conferences A and B in June of this year during Annual Conference, the various commissions, boards and committees of the two conferences will merge.

The Conference Youth Teams will also merge. On January 15-16 in Baton Rouge, a task force made up of members of the Louisiana Conference A Youth Team and the Louisiana Conference B Youth Council met to prepare a set of recommendations to the Louisiana Conference Joint Board of Education.

Bill Carter of the A group reports that these recommendations cover the whole range of relationships of youth within the various church organizations of the Conferences, with the central goal the formation of new youth organizations for the merged Conference and Districts.

A plan was developed at the January meeting by which a transitional conference youth organization, The Conference Youth Team, will exist for one year and will work out its own plans for a more permanent structure.

It is recommended that this Youth Team consist of the following: (1) the present nine youth members of the Conference B Youth Council, plus one youth to be chosen from the New Orleans area; (2) one youth representative to be chosen from each of the present nine Conference A Districts, plus one youth from the Natchitoches area to be selected by the present Conference A Youth Team; (3) four adults (two from Conference A, two from Conference B) to be selected by the new Louisiana Conference Program Council from nominations to be made by the present Conference A youth Team and Conferenc B Youth Council; and (4) one designated cabinet representative and one designated representative from the Program Council.

All of these will be voting members; non-voting consultants can be

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"The Truth Seekers"—folk choir of First U.M. Church in Minden—will be among the singing groups appearing at the Ruston-Shreveport Bi-District Lay Retreat Friday and Saturday, March 26-27.

Leaders for the recent joint meeting of the Program Councils of Louisiana Conference A and B were (from left): Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, chairman of Conference A Program Council; the Rev. William R. London, Jr., chairman of Conference B Program Council; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Program Director, Council A, and the Rev. Howard Milo, Program Director, Conference B.

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Shreveport District Conference

Reports were heard at the recent Shreveport District Conference, held at Broadmoor Church, from these persons: FROM LEFT, Front Row: the Rev. J. Albert Trickett, 1000 Club; Mrs. J. Woodrow Hearn, Business Girls' Inn; Mrs. T. D. Wallace, District WSCS; Mrs. G. W. Charlton, leadership training; E. E. Armstrong, Lay School of Theology; Back Row: the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, student work; the Rev. George B. Cunningham, camping; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Conference Program; H. H. Smith, District Board of Laity; and Dr. Jack Cooke, District Superintendent.

Local preacher's licenses were granted by the Shreveport District Conference to James Carter, front, and Thomas H. Rowe, second from right. Shown with them are (from left): Mrs. Marian Carter, Mr. Carter's mother; Mrs. James Carter, his wife; and Mrs. Rowe.

Children's Home Board continues Ezell as superintendent

The Rev. Harry Ezell, who has been temporarily on sick leave from his responsibilities as superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, was recommended for reappointment to that position at the March 9 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Home. Terrell DeVille was named assistant superintendent and will have direct charge of personnel and of the campus program. DeVille, who joined the staff of the Home in 1968, has been serving as acting superintendent during Ezell's convalescence.

Presiding over the business meeting was Board President, W. A. J. Lewis, Ruston businessman. Nominated for Board membership for three years, June, 1971 to June, 1974 were: Dr. Marvin T. Green, Floyd B. James, Dr. L. Keith Mason, Judge Chris Barnette, and Dr. Paul M. Davis.

The fourth new cottage at the Home was named Everett Cottage in honor of Miss Eunice Everett, now retired, who served the Home faithfully and sacrificially for 37 years. The Cottage will be dedicated, Sunday, June 13, to coincide with the annual Homecoming Day for former residents. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will officiate at the Service of Dedication and it is anticipated that Miss Everett will be present.

Architectural drawings are being prepared for the remodeling of Shelley Cottage for junior high and senior high girls. These girls who now live above the offices will have their own living quarters on the ground floor which will afford more desirable facilities for social activities. Renovation of other buildings will follow as quickly as necessary funds become available, according to Superintendent Ezell.

Ezell stated that an Activities Building is urgently needed to replace the delapidated old mule barn now used for this purpose, but this need can not be met until funds accumulate or unless a donor can be found.

Special guests at the meeting of the Board were the Rev. Kenneth McDowell, chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, and Miss Lena Martin, formerly Child Care advisor to the General Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church.

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Potatoes should be plentiful at the Methodist Children's Home this summer. Shown are some of the boys planting them on St. Patrick's Day. This should supplement buying capacity – eaten away by inflation.

Draft Counseling Workshop scheduled

A Draft Counseling Workshop will be held at Holiday Inn, Alexandria, April 14-15, under the joint sponsorship of the Boards of Social Concerns of Louisiana Conferences A and B.

The training session will be led by Ron Klingenberg of the Southwest Regional Draft Counseling Association, Austin, Tex. He will lead a similar workshop, sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, at the University Center, Tulane University, New Orleans, April 16-17.

The purpose of the workshop is stated in the letter which has gone to the pastors of the two annual conferences. It says: "The Draft Counseling Workshop is designed to equip you . . to do effective counseling in this area. It is not offered to encourage draft resistance or draft dodging. Its purpose is to enable persons interested in youth to be of more effective help to them in reaching the decisions consistent with the youth's values in the light of full and accurate information and with an adequate understanding of the implications and consequences of their choices."

Persons attending the Alexandria workshop will make their own room reservation, but should send their registration for the event itself to the Rev. J. P. Woodland, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5875 Canal Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70124. For those preferring to attend the workshop in New Orleans, which has a $10 registration fee, the Board will pay the registration.

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The Rev. Charles Frost, a United Methodist pastor, has been sworn in as president of the Youngstown, Ohio, City Council.

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Pre-Conference reports

cies of Conferences A and B may complete their work for the closing out of these two Conferences and prepare recommended proposals for the new merged Conference, the following procedures should be followed in preparing the three different sets of reports which will be needed.

1—**Louisiana Conference A,** Pre-Conference Reports of Boards and Agencies:

These reports will be a reporting of what has been done by the Boards and Agencies through this Conference Year and any other matters which need to be reported to the closing out Conference. These reports should generally not contain any "new business". It is recommended that these reports be written for the Pre-conference Report Booklet so that they can be studied by the Annual Conference delegates and acted upon without extensive reading or reporting on the Conference floor.

2—**Louisiana Conference B,** Pre-Conference Reports of Boards and Agencies:

These reports will be a reporting of what has been done by the Boards and Agencies through this Conference Year and any other matters which need to be reported to the closing out Conference. These reports should generally not contain any "new business". It is recommended that these reports be written for the Pre-conference Report Booklet so that they can be studied by the Annual Conference delegates and acted upon without extensive reading or reporting on the Conference floor.

3—**Joint Pre-Conference Reports to the Merging Conference from Boards and Agencies of Louisiana Conferences A and B:**

In addition to separate reports addressed to their respective Conferences, there will need to be a report jointly written by the corresponding Boards and Agencies of the two Conferences. These joint reports will contain all the proposals for programs, actions and policies which the Boards and Agencies wish to recommend for consideration by the new merged Conference.

So that these reports can be printed and distributed by the Annual Conference delegates (in time for them to be studied), the Pre-Conference reports for the separate Conferences and the Joint-Pre-Conference reports must be sent to the Program Council Director of Conferences A or B no later than April 1, 1971.

Each Conference board, committee, commission, etc., is therefore responsible for **two** reports: **one,** for their respective Conference (A and B), and **one joint report** for the **new Conference,** both to be gotten to the Program Council Office not later **than April 1, 1971.**

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Miss Gertrude Becker, a missionary in India for more than 30 years, died February 22 in Mitchell, S. D. She was 80.

Bishops' Emergency Fund to aid disaster areas in states

NEW YORK (UMI) — About $300,000 from the Bishops' Emergency Relief Fund of the United Methodist Church is to be made available for relief, rehabilitation and rebuilding in the wake of two natural disasters, according to Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich.

The funds are to provide aid in southern California, where 15 United Methodist churches, a retirement home and one parsonage were destroyed or damaged in the February 9 earthquake, and in Mississippi, where five churches and a parsonage were demolished or damaged in tornadoes February 21.

Chairman of the United Methodist Council of Bishops' committee administering the Fund, Bishop Loder said the committee has been in touch with Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area and Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass of the Jackson Area. The committee has voted to set aside about $200,000 for earthquake relief and about $100,000 for tornado relief. The money will come from the balance remaining in the Bishops' Emergency Relief Fund (formerly called the Camille Fund), which came from a churchwide offering after the devastating Hurricane Camille in 1969. "We hope these amounts will go far toward helping to meet needs that have become apparent as of now," he said. "though, of course, additional needs could yet be discovered."

The funds will be used, Bishop Loder indicated, for aid in such broad categories as pastoral salaries, compensation for personal losses, and rebuilding/rehabilitation of property. He said the bishops' committee is working with committees in southern California and Mississippi, and that the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions will process the funds for the bishops' committee.

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United Methodist Bishops study United Nations

NEW YORK (UMI) — About 60 bishops of the United Methodist Church participated in the recent "United Nations Program for the Council of Bishops" which was held March 2-4 at the Church Center for the United Nations.

Principal architects for the program were Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area, president of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the New York Area, and Dr. Carl Soule of the staff of the United Methodist office for the UN.

The Council set three purposes for its meeting: "to learn more about the United Nations, its program, its power, its weakness and its future," "to understand the extent to which United States foreign policy during the last 25 years has strengthened or weakened the UN," and "to form convictions about how the bishops and the United Methodist Church can help all governments, especially the government of the United States, to make the UN the force for peace, justice and progress which it ought to be."

The final session of the program was a luncheon in the Delegates' Dining Room of the UN Secretariat Building, followed by an off-the-record briefing by the UN Secretary General U Thant.

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COCU Union Plan receiving serious consideration

NEW YORK (UMI) — Despite some reports of apathy toward the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), the denomination's chief ecumenical affairs executive believes there are encouraging signs that study of COCU's *A Plan of Union* is being taken seriously by many in the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Robert W. Huston, general secretary of the United Methodist Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, said recently that more church members should avail themselves of the opportunity to study *A Plan of Union*. He added that it is essential to understand that the study does not imply acceptance either of A Plan or of organic church union, but rather indicates willingness to be open to new insights and to offer constructive criticism.

Acknowledging that he hears reports of apathy, and occasionally of opposition, to COCU, Dr. Huston said there are also several encouraging reports.

These signs of hope include a recent survey taken by Dr. Ezra Earl Jones of the staff of the United Methodist Board of Missions in connection with a doctoral dissertation. This survey revealed that 19.4 per cent of United Methodist ministers surveyed approved participation in COCU. It also showed that although 60 per cent of the laymen surveyed were not acquainted with COCU, more than three-fourths of those acquainted with it approved participation.

Dr. Huston was quick to add: "These findings certainly do not mean that three-fourths of United Methodist ministers who know about COCU would necessarily be in favor of organic union, but they do indicate that knowledge and study of COCU and *A Plan of Union* can be of great importance in developing attitudes of openness."

He said he was also encouraged by a positive commitment by youth to the ecumenical dimension in the church's mission, and by reports of the large number of persons who have already started their study of *A Plan of Union*, more than 400,000 copies of which have been distributed.

Two periods of study have been set for *A Plan of Union* and its projected "Church of Christ Uniting." From now through November, 1971, cross-denominational study is encouraged; from December, 1971, through May, 1972, study within denominations will be encouraged.

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APPALACHIA PLANS MAPPED

NEW YORK (UMI) — All future social welfare, health, education, economic and community development projects supported in the Appalachia Region by the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions are to be referred to the United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee for study, review and recommendations.

That action was approved by the National Division board of managers which met in New York February 11-13. Division projects already are submitted for similar review to the Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA), an agency representing 16 Christian communions, 11 state councils of churches and related ecumenical groups. The United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee, organized about three years ago, represents annual conferences in 12 states.

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BRAZILIAN CHURCH APPROVES CHANGES

NEW YORK (UMI)—In a special February session, the quadrennial General Conference of the 58,000-member Methodist Church of Brazil, autonomous since 1930 and the largest Methodist body in Latin America, approved a number of changes in procedures, according to reports received by the United Methodist Board of Missions in New York.

Among other things, the delegates abolished election of bishops at General Conference and instead will elect and consecrate the leaders in annual conferences for four-year terms. Also adopted was a new Social Creed which deals more with causes of social ills than with their manifestations. An ecumenical step was giving church members the option of affirming previous baptism in the Roman Catholic Church.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

17. Relationships With Other Groups

Chapter IX of the Plan outlines the responsibility of the united church to continue to seek union with churches not included in the Consultation on Church Union and to conserve the ecumenical ties now held by the participating churches.

The church is challenged to "seek to initiate, maintain, and strengthen relations and common action with other Christian churches, with Christian councils, coalitions and consortia; with world confessional associations; with the Jewish communities; with other religious communities; and with other humanizing disciplines and agencies." There is expressed a desire to be especially close to uniting churches in Canada and the West Indies.

Guidelines: In relationships with other churches the Church of Christ Uniting adopts guidelines which affirm: the church shall maintain the ties and multiple patterns of interconnection with churches in the United States and other countries; it shall continue "support in prayer and concern" for churches in other parts of the world linked historically to any of the uniting churches, affirming that "personnel and funds for such churches continue on the basis of consultation among all parties"; and "the united church shall seek communion and union with other churches in the United States and elsewhere."

This chapter also states that any presbyter in full communion with any of the uniting churches may preach and administer the sacraments in any congregation of the united church and that any ordained minister who is in communion with any of the uniting churches shall, when he is accepted for service as a minister in the Church of Christ Uniting, be received in a rite comparable to the rite of unification of the ministry.

Other guidelines affirm that the united church will welcome agreements with other churches in the world that would allow reciprocal exchange and seating of delegates, with or without vote, in each other's highest legislative bodies. It is also stated that efforts shall be continued to strengthen "fraternal understanding, theological dialogue, and cooperation in mission with the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox churches, and various other Christian churches with which full communion has not yet been established."

Councils: Active membership is reaffirmed in the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, and, wherever applicable, in state and local councils. The united church will be expected to continue the participation which any individual church has had in conciliar ecumenism.

It will also be expected to maintain the present relationships with world communions and confessional associations with which the uniting churches have been related.

Other Relations: The united church will seek occasions for theological dialogue, cooperation, and common action with Jewish people.

It will also seek greater knowledge of other world religions and be open to dialogue with them and to the application of shared interests and concerns. The last paragraph of this chapter affirms that, "The united church is committed to its own constant reform and the establishment of internal structures to continue the ecumenical education, experience, and action of its members. Creative experiments in theological education, liturgy, discipline, and polity that will involve and include the wide Christian community of scholarship and experience will be pursued for the sake of a growing wholeness in the church of Jesus Christ."

Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, of Washington, D. C. will be the 1971 speaker for the United Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour. Dr. Bailey is considered one of America's most gifted preachers. He is executive secretary of the Commission on Chaplains for the United Methodist Church, writes a nationally syndicated newspaper column, and his syndicated radio programs have been broadcast on stations throughout the U.S., Canada and Japan. He was an Army chaplain in World War II.

"Survival" theme for 1971 UM Series of Protestant Hour

A national chaplains' official and choirs of servicemen and university students will be featured on the 26th annual United Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour.

Thirteen 30 minute programs will be broadcast over the 548 radio stations during the month of April, May and June. Speaker will be Dr. Purnell Bailey of Washington, D.C., Executive Secretary of the Commission on Chaplains of The United Methodist Church.

Music on the programs will be sung by the U.S. Army Chorus, the Navy Band Sea Chanters, the Fort Myer Military Chorus, the Tan Son Nhut Chapel Choir from Saigon, the Naval Training Center Bluejacket Choir, the Duke University Chapel Choir and the Candler Choraliers of Emory University.

Theme of the United Methodist Series is "Survival." Dr. Bailey will explore man's faith as an instrument for survival and peace.

The Protestan Hour is produced and distributed by the Protestant Radio and Television Center at Atlanta, Ga. The United Methodist Series is sponsored and produced by the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions of the United Methodist Church and the Television, Radio and Film Communication Commission of the denomination.

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The music on the United Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour will be provided by choirs made up of men in uniform from around the world. One of these—the Naval Band Sea Chanters—is known internationally for its performances.

New procedures proposed for endorsing chaplains

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Approval of steps aimed at further developing procedures for endorsing United Methodist ministers for possible service as chaplains in the military services and civilian institutions marked a meeting of the United Methodist Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries here March 9-10.

Also on the docket of the 21-member Commission were: a statement on the priority of continuing visits to chaplains "to let them know their church cares;" a tribute to Dr. Fred H. Heather who retired recently after 18 years of service; a request that the Commission aid clergymen in the transition from chaplaincy to parish ministry; and the announcement that the Commission had deposited $30,000 in black banks.

Presiding at the meeting was Commission Chairman Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr. of the Nashville Area.

Bishop Dwight Loder, chairman of the Commission's Endorsement Committee reported several steps designed to regularize and more fully develop procedures by which ecclesiastical endorsement is granted by the Commission on behalf of the United Methodist Church. He said, "We are developing basic qualifications for the several chaplaincy fields, and we believe our endorsement will take on increasing significance as this standard-setting process moves forward."

The importance the Commission staff attaches to personal contacts with chaplains was emphasized in the report of Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, executive secretary. He said, "We believe our foremost staff responsibility is to visit our chaplains and their families. We have more than 725 chaplains who need visitation and encouragement," adding that the 3-member staff plans to spend at least half of its time with chaplains in the field."

One of two service chief of chaplains who is a United Methodist, Rear Admiral Francis Garret, Navy Chief of Chaplains, asked that the Commission seek to aid United Methodist ministers making the sometimes difficult transition from chaplaincy to local parish ministry upon retirement.

The dinner honoring Dr. Heather was held at the National Presbyterian Church Center. Among those giving "remarks in recognition," Chaplain Gerhardt Hyatt, a Deputy Chief of Army Chaplains, presented the "Silver Medallion of the Four Chaplains" on behalf of Maj. Gen. Frank Sampson, Army Chief of Chaplains, saying, "There is no one who deserves it more."

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Possible Union in India forecast

LUCKNOW, India (UMI)—One of the four United Methodist bishops in India, Bishop Joseph Lance of the Lucknow Area, says he "would not be surprised if before 1974 we are in church union." The "we" refers to the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (MCSA) which withdrew only four months before church union was consummated by six denominations in November.

The MCSA's decision to pull out of union is being challenged on constitutional grounds and is scheduled to be before the United Methodist Church's Judicial Council in April. However, a Religious News Service dispatch from special correspondent Leon Howell quoted Bishop Lance as saying that "we have a problem because the Methodist Church in India has the disadvantage of having a lot to learn about how to work ecumenically. That's where we had a disadvantage within the negotiating committee for the United Church of North India. We never went to the table seriously enough until very late . . . I have a very strong feeling that the MCSA cannot remain out of church union for too long . . . I would like to see us go into church union. It is quite possible."

Commission on PR and UMI hears analysis of ecumenism

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UMI) — There is a new ecumenism emerging in Christianity today that stresses the unity of mankind rather than union of churches alone, the president of the United Methodist Church's Commission on Ecumenical Affairs said here March 12 at the annual meeting of the Commission on Public Relations and United Methodist Information.

Bishop Paul A. Washburn of Minneapolis said, "Society at large shows little interest in ecumenism which seeks to unify the churches, but will gladly join with Christians in an ecumenism which seeks the unity of the human family."

In business sessions during its two-day meeting, the Commission agreed to put emphasis this year on encouraging formation of communications committees in local churches of the denomination.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis, Mo. was recognized for three quadrenniums of leadership as chairman of the Commission, and Mrs. Charlotte O'Neal, New York, administrative assistant, was cited for 20 years of service

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TASK FORCE DEVELOPING NEW RESOURCE MANUALS

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — A new set of resource manuals for use in local United Methodist Church administrative boards is now being developed by an interboard task force of the denomination.

According to Dr. David Self, general secretary of the General Board of the Laity here, the resources will be similar to those released in 1970 for the Council on Ministries in the local church. Dr. Self said that the work was being done in accord with responsibility given the Board by the church for preparation and distribution of aids for the administrative board and its four administrative committees.

William B. McPherson of the Board of Laity staff is heading the project.

Bernard Wright and Miss Sharp

Fourth U.S.-2 joins St. Mark's staff

Miss Louise Sharp, director of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, has announced the addition of Bernard H. Wright, Jr., to the staff. Mr. Wright will become the fourth member of a team of U.S.-2 missionaries who are helping St. Mark's Community Center move into new areas of mission work.

The other three members of the team, Lorely Thompson and Ed and Susie Graham, have been serving since September as community workers, responding to the needs of the people of New Orleans—particularly in the nearby French Quarter and Treme neighborhoods.

With the help of "the team," St. Mark's Community Center has greatly expanded its outreach, becoming involved in several new projects in addition to its ongoing recreation and group work programs. The Center, moving into the field of innovative education, now houses two special schools, one for elementary school children and one for high school students.

In the poor black neighborhood of Treme, St. Mark's has cooperated with a neighborhood organization to help families with urban renewal relocation problems. In addition, the U.S.-2 team is doing groundwork for the formation of a Coordinating Council for the organizations and agencies of Treme. The first project of this Council is to obtain day care services for the neighborhood.

Another recent activity of the U.S.-2 missionaries at St. Mark's was the coordination of the Mardi Gras Coalition, which helped meet the needs of over 10,000 college students and other young people during Carnival, contributing greatly to the creation of the peaceful and friendly atmosphere this year.

"The addition of another member to the U.S.-2 team," Miss Sharp stated, "will enable St. Mark's to grow even more rapidly. We intend to put Mr. Wright to work right away to help further develop St. Mark's camp near Covington."

Mr. Wright was graduated from the College of Wooster in 1970 with a B.A. in religion. He has previously worked at the Methodist Conference Center at Mt. Misery, New Jersey, and the Harpst Children's Home in Cedartown, Georgia.

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It isn't bad water and bad air alone that pollutes mankind: some things also pollute his mind.

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youth merger

chosen as needed.

One black and one white youth member of the Conference Youth Team for 1971-1972 will be members of each of the District Youth Teams for 1971-1972. Where there is no merged District Youth Team in the newly formed Districts, one shall be formed before August 1, 1971.

It will be the responsibility of the District Youth Coordinator, in cooperation with the District Superintendent and with the help of the two Conference Youth Team members, to form a District Youth Team where none exists.

The District Youth Teams may choose to ask an additional adult to work with the District Youth Coordinator and the District Youth Team in carrying out the work of the District Youth Team.

At the Convocation of Boards of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conferences A and B in joint session, January 22-23, 1971, members of the Task Force brought the recommendations before the members of the Joint Board of Education (Conferences A and B). Although the matter was postponed until Annual Conference, the youth organizations were given the go-ahead to carry out the short-term plans (including the merger plans).

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UNIVERSITY UNITED Methodists, Lake Charles, have scheduled the Men's Glee Club from the University of Texas to present a concert Sunday, April 4, at 7 p.m.

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MONROE T. STRINGER JR.

Monroe Thomas Stringer, Jr., conference lay leader of Louisiana Conference B, died in New Orleans on March 8, and his funeral service was held in Mount Zion United Methodist Church, New Orleans, on March 11.

A native of Shreveport, he attended public schools there and graduated from Central Colored High School in 1929. He received his B.A. degree from New Orleans University, now Dillard, in 1934.

In addition to serving as conference lay leader, Mr. Stringer has served his church as associate charge lay leader, chairman of the Official Board, and member of the Board of Trustees. He had been a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference and served as a member of the General Board of the Laity and the General Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Construction and General Laborers' Local Union No. 689, serving as assistant business manager of the Local from 1940 through 1953, and as business manager from 1955 until his death. He completed a number of courses in labor-management at Loyola, Tulane and Dillard Universities.

In addition to active membership and leadership in a number of fraternal organizations, Mr. Stringer had served as a delegate to the Southeast Louisiana Building and Construction Trades Council, the Southeastern Louisiana Laborers' District Council, the Greater New Orleans AFL-CIO and the Louisiana AFL-CIO.

Participating in his funeral service were: Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Dr. Robert F. Harrington, superintendent

of the New Orleans District, Conference B; the Rev. J. C. Bibbons, district superintendent, Shreveport District, Conference B; Thomas H. Matheny, conference lay leader of Conference A; Dr. W. T. Handy, Sr.; W. C. Patterson, lay leader, Shreveport District, Conference B; Allen L. Brown, representing the laymen of Conference B; Wadsworth A. Davis, speaking for Mount Zion Church; Edward Miller, international representative of the Construction and General Laborers Local Union No. 689; Mrs. James A. Gayle, for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; and the Rev. John Henry Thomas, pastor of First Free Mission Baptist Church.

Surviving him are: his wife, the former Miss Oena Dupaty; a daughter, Miss Sharon Denise Stringer; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Stringer, Sr.; a brother, Allen B. Stringer; five sisters, Mrs. Gladys Neal, Mrs. Effie Nash, Mrs. Thelma Stevenson, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, and Mrs. Paralee Adams; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Fund for Reconciliation Report

METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES, NEW ORLEANS (allocated $3,000.00 in January)

Rev. William R. London, Jr., Director Projects are:

a. Well Baby Clinic, Philip Memorial United Methodist Church, operated by mobile unit, New Orleans Health Unit; new comprehensive health program underway.

b. The Drama Group: LaHarpe (B)-Elysian Fields(A) United Methodist Churches.

c. Basketball Team: Kohlmeyer Brokerage Co., personnel and First Street UM Church.

d. Dialogue Retreat: New Orleans and Gulfside.

e. Clergy and Lay Dialogue: New Orleans.

f. On Job Training: Job placement for high school mechanics dept., B. T. Washington High School.

g. Metropolitan 8: "Project 8" children: 4 schools, 200 students, 100 tutors, 75% of tutors recruited by METRO.

h. Senior Citizens Program: Lafon Protestant Home.

i. Jefferson Parish Prison Rehabilitation Program.

j. Walter L. Cohen Tutorial Program: 123 students, 44 tutors, 2 coordinators: 169 persons involved. These students obtained a grade average of 71 at end of first trimester; by end of third trimester (same as end of first semester) grade average increased 7 points.

k. Plus summer camps and many other activities.

AN ISRAELI KIBBUTZ was described by Brian Ampolsk, who lived in one in 1969-70. The communal style of living and the Near East were subjects explored by the Single Adult Fellowship of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, March 14.

AT SULPHUR, Henning Memorial's mission study featured these panelists March 7: Gary Tyler, KPLC-TV; George Milner, KFDM-TV; Craig Bougeois, KLOU-Radio; Tom Bergstedt, attorney; and Cliff Seiber, Southwest Builder. The Rev. Robert H. Jamieson was host pastor.

MRS. DON (MARY) LILLY is the new director of children's work in the Aurora U.M. Church. She has taught in New Orleans public schools, directed the Aurora Nursery-Kindergarten School, and is vice-president of the Aurora WSCS. Her husband is lay leader and chairman of the Council on Ministries at Aurora, where the Rev. Ray Branton is pastor.

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NEWS and NOTES

"HIGHLIGHTS OF NEGRO History" was presented in First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles on Monday, March 15. The performance was by students of Sacred Heart School, and made effective use of music, drama and speech to tell of the triumphs and trials of the Negro American. All Methodist churches in Lake Charles sponsored the presentation.

THE WORK AREA on Missions of the Bethel United Methodist Church of Pride presented the Bible study "Out of the Depths" at the Sunday evening worship services during the month of February. Mrs. Eleanor Jones directed the study, assisted by Mrs. Adine Devall and Mrs. Mary Dampier. The Rev. S. Burl Dampier is pastor.

"THE POWER TO BLESS" was the topic when Dr. Alton Maberry spoke in the St. Bernard United Methodist Church, Chalmette, March 7. A former district superintendent in Iowa, Dr. Maberry is now with the United Methodist General Board of Education. The Rev. James O. Evans is pastor.

DR. MAURICE ANDERSON, associate professor of Sociology at Northeast College, told about his experience with the Christian missionary movement in Hong Kong when he spoke at the adult study in St. Paul's U. M. Church, Monroe, March 14. Mrs. John Cole is directing the children's study. The Rev. Clyde Frazier is pastor.

MORNINGSIDE CHURCH, Shreveport, is holding a Lay Witness Mission this weekend, March 26-28. John Tubb of Pineville, Alexandria District lay leader, will be the coordinator. The Rev. M. David Felder is host pastor.

'WHO'S WHO' OF LOUISIANA LAITY TO BE PREPARED

In an effort to provide lines of communication between the members of the laity in leadership positions in Louisiana Conferences A and B, district superintendents, district lay leaders, district W.S.C.S. presidents, and conference W.S.C.S. leaders are being asked to submit lists of names with brief biographical sketches to the Program Council Office. These lists will be published in a booklet entitled "Who's Who in Louisiana Methodist Laity."

With merger in the very near future (Annual Conference is set for the first week in June) it is important that the lay leadership of the two Conferences become acquainted so that the various boards, agencies, and committees of the two organizations may move into the merger with the least confusion and delay following the actual merger ceremony.

Groups of the various organizations within the Conferences have held several joint meetings to work out the details. But it was felt that in many cases the laity have not had the opportunity the ministers have had in becoming acquainted with each other. Consequently, the "Who's Who" booklet idea was born in a joint meeting of the Conference A and Conference B Boards of the Laity in January of this year.

The booklets will be mailed out to the various church lay representatives when they are published.

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SPECIAL PROGRAM ON RACE AT ASBURY, LAFAYETTE

Singers from the Paul Breaux Elementary School, directed by Mrs. Lynetta Singleton, were featured at Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, recently. Members of Mallalieu United Methodist and Trinity C.M.E. Churches were guests. Ministers participating in the Service included: the Rev. R. S. Taylor, Mallalieu; the Rev. Luther Minor, C.M.E. Church; the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, Lafayette district superintendent; and the Rev. George W. Ross, host pastor.

REVIVAL AT WINNFIELD

Winnfield Methodists are planning five nights of revival services, April 4-8, with Dr. Henry A. Rickey, pastor of the First U. M. Church of Minden, as revival minister. The Rev. J. C. Skinner, pastor, will lead the singing, and Mrs. Ruth C. Dufresne will be organist with Mrs. J. C. Skinner at the piano.

Neighborhood prayer groups, complementing the three existing prayer groups will meet Wednesday night, March 31 in the interest of the revival. Mrs. Holmes Harris, worship chairman, announced that a get-acquainted hour would be held on April 4, 6 p.m.

The following work area chairmen met with the pastor last week to formulate definite plans for the services: Jesse Anders, James H. Boatman, O. H. Panzigrau, Jesse Bridges, Mrs. Holmes Harris, and a youth representative, Jan Shell.

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JEFFERSON UNITED Methodist Church of New Orleans, in preparing for a Lay Witness Mission April 3-5, invited Erwin Saye to speak to the congregation, March 21. Mr. Saye is a consulting geologist in the city of Shreveport and a member of Noel U. M. Church. The Jefferson minister is the Rev. Donald Hall.

A VACATION IN GERMANY is the privilege of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. McDowell of Metairie this month. Dr. McDowell is pastor of the Munholland United Methodist Church. The couple is visiting a daughter and family, Capt. and Mrs. Dean Adkins and Phillip. Traveling via Miami and Nassau to Luxembourg, they will conclude the ten-day tour March 28.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT Spring Youth Rally and district elections will be April 2 and 3, with a sleep-in, at First United Methodist Church in Berwick. The Rev. Tommy Bergeron will be host pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Mar. 28—Sun.	Psa. 119:113-117
Mar. 29	Psa. 146:1-10
Mar. 30	Jer. 17:5-7
Mar. 31	Hosea 2:14-18
April 1	Jer. 29:4-7
April 2	I Tim. 2:1-6
April 3	Lev. 26:3-12
April 4—Sun.	Prov. 16:1-7

CHEERFUL GIVERS RECORD THIRD ALBUM

The Cheerful Givers, youth singers of First U. M. Church, Shreveport, spent Saturday, March 6, in Dallas recording their third long-playing album. The record, "Cheerful Givers in Concert," includes such favorites as "The Man," written and sung by Keith Stegall, and a new arrangement of "Memphis Underground" called "New Memphis," with solos by George Hancock, Marvin Morrow and Keith Stegall. Proceeds from record sales will be used to help finance the "Givers" tour to England which is planned for the month of June.

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GARY HEBERT, owner and publisher of the Plaquemine Post, spoke about the printed word at Plaquemine First Church's study of Communications, March 7. Henry Joyner discussed communications in the field of radio and television. The Rev. Lonnie M. Sibley is pastor.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of Greater New Orleans are sponsoring the "Heart to Heart" program. Those wishing to donate blood for the blood bank of Charity Hospital will be taken care of by medical personnel at St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church from 9 to 4 on Saturday, April 3.

AT LEFT: "Olive Warren Week" was declared recently by the First United Methodist Church af Bastrap, in appreciatian af Mrs. Warren's 20 years of service as church secretary. Shown with her are Arthur Green, left, chairman af the Administrative Baard, the Rev. Cleburne Quaid, right, pastar, and James Beaty, seated, baard secretary.

AT RIGHT: At a recent baptismal ceremany in Indian Bayau United Methadist Church, the Rev. Merlin Merrill (standing at right), Lafayette District superintendent, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Rabert Peterson, pastar.

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Life membership pins and certificates being presented to Mrs. R. F. Lincoln and Mrs. A. E. Rogillio by Mrs. R. A. Hendrixson, president of the Sevier Memorial WSCS in Ferriday.

Some of the prominent women leaders in Louisiana Conferences A and B are: FROM LEFT, Miss Ethel Alston, president, WSCS, Conference B; Miss Alice Flint, Youth Worker with the Program Council Office; Miss Debbie Herman, UMYF representative, Conference A, and Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, president, WSCS, Conference A. ➟

The Rev. Antonio Sandoval, member of the Rio Grande Conference, is shown at Centenary Church, Franklinton, where he spoke on Feb. 28. The same day he spoke at Fisher and Amite Churches. March 1, he spoke in Bogalusa at the Missions Committee meeting. He was featured at the Kentwood Church Family Night, March 3.

Leaders of the Kentwood missions emphasis are shown above. From left are: the Rev. Vernon Fairley, pastor; F. E. Doughty, board chairman; the Rev. Antonio Sandoval, guest speaker; and Mary L. Napier, chairman of the missions commission.

Hospital Auxiliary to note Doctors' Day

The date of March 30 for the celebration of Doctors' Day was not chosen at random but to commemorate this date in 1842 when Dr. Crawford W. Long first used ether as an anesthetic agent thereby providing mankind with freedom from pain and suffering during surgery.

The red carnation symbol of Doctors' Day is closely woven in medical science. The flower means divine -- rejoicing-, and is said to have appeared on earth for the first time when Christ was born. It's spicy fragrance was used in seasoning dishes and "to preserve the body of men, both in mind and spirit." The red color denotes masculinity, love, charity, sacrifice, bravery and courage.

A physician's wife was the founder of Doctors' Day, to honor the members of the medical profession, both living and dead, with some act of kindness, gift or tribute, Mrs. Robert C. Fortenberry chairman of Doctors' Day for Methodist Hospital Women's Auxiliary, has chosen all physicians' wives for members of her committee: Mrs. Paul F Naccari, Jr., Mrs. Warren O. Coleman, Mrs. Rudoloh J. Bourgeois, Mrs. William S. Ranaudin, Mrs. William J. Pollock and Mrs. Lowell M. Hurwitz. In remembrance of these men and women of our medical staff, who by daily devotion to their duty of service to humanity, minister to the health and welfare of our entire community our doctors will be presented with red carnation boutonnieres and served refreshments throughout the day. We, at Methodist Hospital believe that medicine is one of the greatest professions on earth and our doctors, the greatest heroes of sacrifice in their daily ministry of healing humanity's ills.
---Mrs. Ray L. Sievert, publicity

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CORRECTION: In the last issue, on page 7, an item was headed "Ponchatoula groups receive charters." This should have been "Springfield groups."

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CENTENARY CHURCH HOLDS MISSION STUDY

The attention of the members of Centenary United Methodist Church, Franklinton, was centered on the theme "The Americas: How Many Worlds?" on six consecutive Sunday evenings. Local and visiting speakers familiar with various phases of mission opportunities were featured.

Francis W. Greer introduced the search for a Christian perspective, February 28. This was followed by a perceptive account of a visit to Venczucla by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reedy.

H. R. Sylvest presented a panoramic view of Latin America and the heritage of the Christian Church.

The Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Perez of New Orleans, formerly of Cuba, gave a color-slide presentation of the beauty of Cuba and of the churches and institutions of the Island. They also told of Cuban refugee work in the New Orleans area. They were accompanied by the Misses Gloria and Damarius Palez and Mr. and Mrs. Esteban F. de Castro of Felicity United Methodist Church, who sang in both Spanish and English.

Ronald Hirschale of Caracus, Venezuela, now a student of Southeastern College in Hammond, discussed the opportunities and problems of his native land. Mrs. Mary Margaret Burris spoke on the reason for revolution in the Americas and the challenge to the church.

The Rev. Antonio Sandoval of Bishop, Texas, gave a view of the work in the Rio Grande Conference. This service was preceded by a family night dinner, arranged by Mrs. Chester Green and Mrs. Robert Lynch, which featured Mexican food and decorations.

Miss Marion Derby of the General Board of Missions staff, spoke Sunday morning, March 7, giving a challenging message on "Jesus Christ, the Hope of Latin America." Miss Derby spent 18 years as a missionary in Montevideo, Uruguay, and as administrative secretary of Latin American missionary work for ten years.

The special offering was directed to the Rev. Sandoval for his work with Spanish Americans.

The Rev. Jerry A. Means is pastor of Centenary Church. Miss Emma Burris and Mrs. Tommye Adams are co-chairmen of the Committee on Missions.

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Mrs. Sue Johnson, 40-year member of Epps United Methodist Church, was honored by members and friends on her recent 85th birthday. She stands fourth from left on front row. The Rev. R. R. Stegall is her pastor.

Shreveport Parsonettes gathered at the District Parsonage to work on favors for the luncheon to be held for all Louisiana Parsonettes during Annual Conference, at which time the Shreveport Parsonettes will be hostesses. Left to right, seated: Mrs. A. G. Taylor, Mrs. Porter Caraway, Mrs. Webb Pomeroy. Standing: Mrs. Jack Cooke, Mrs. W. M. Finnin, Mrs. Sam Nader, Mrs. George Cunningham, Mrs. Woodrow Hearn, Mrs. B. C. Taylor and Mrs. John F. Kilpatrick.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR APRIL 4: Christ Acclaimed and Rejected

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-17, 33-46

MEMORY SELECTION: The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. (Matthew 21:42)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand how the Jewish teachings concerning an expected Messiah conditioned the reception Jesus received when he entered Jerusalem; to see the shallowness which caused some people to praise Jesus on Palm Sunday and cry for his crucifixion later in the week.

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We are aware that people can change their minds quickly when they are under great emotional stress. This is demonstrated by the way in which the same people who praised Jesus on Palm Sunday called for his crucifixion a few days later. We all have known people who could be so easily swayed, so we will be looking for some modern meanings in this experience of Christ acclaimed and rejected.

The triumphal entry on the first Palm Sunday was an occasion of great dramatic pageantry. Jesus had been telling his disciples what was ahead for him: condemnation, death and resurrection. Many who were nearest to him had not accepted these things, and some of them believed that they might force him to declare himself a king. He had other ideas in mind as he arranged for a quiet and humble entry into Jerusalem. However, the crowds that packed the streets of the city for the Passover observance went wild with their enthusiasm. They thought that this must surely be their long-awaited Messiah. However, it was just a few days until these who had sung "Hosanna" would be shouting "crucify him!" Between these two events Matthew records some of the Master's most significant teachings and a number of very dramatic events.

For an understanding of this lesson we must take a look at the concept of Messiahship. Only as we comprehend that great teaching can we appreciate why the people acted as they did. Someone has said that many of the characteristics which cause us to believe that Jesus was the Christ provided his own people with grounds to believe that he could not be their Messiah. This dream had motivated the Jewish people for such a long time, and we ought to try to see just how much it meant to them. Just as we sometimes fail to grasp the whole meaning of the cross, we also can misunderstand how the expectation of the Messiah sustained them.

One of the commentators has said that the triumphal entry into Jerusalem was a dramatic parable intended to emphasize the true nature of Messiahship. One lesson which our Lord had not been able to teach successfully was that "the suffering servant" was a more concise portrait than the image of a king putting all people under his power. The entry on Sunday and the complete rejection later in the week are parts of this drama. Zechariah had prophesied concerning the Messiah's coming in humble fashion (Zechariah 9:9), and the writer of Matthew was clearly influenced by that prophet.

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THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

The events of the significant day we have come to call Palm Sunday had their beginning at Bethphage, a little village on the side of the Mount of Olives, within sight of Jerusalem. Jesus stopped outside the village and told his disciples to go in and find an ass and a colt for his march into the city. He pointed out to those who might be hesitant that this is in fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy. Then he quoted from the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." (Zech. 9:9)

There are many opinions concerning Jesus' motivation in deciding to enter Jerusalem in this dramatic fashion. He seemed determined now to announce what he had been urging his disciples to keep secret—that he really was God's Messiah. He planned it so they would see that he was not a Messiah in the pattern the Jews had been anticipating since the days of Exile. He took pains to show that he led no movement of fanatical nationalism or armed revolt; he had chosen another way.

A king astride a donkey! A triumphal entry that led to a crucifixion between two thieves on a hill called, "the place of the skull"—this is the strange paradox at which we look today. We observe again the Sunday that has come to be known as Palm Sunday, because great multitudes sang "Hosanna" and made a carpet of their garments and palm branches for Jesus. The entry was truly triumphant, but not in the way they expected.

The city was full of pilgrims arriving for the Passover, and they were emotional as they approached the Temple. Their enthusiasm knew no bounds as the word got around that this was the Messiah. Most scholars agree that Jesus could have sparked an armed revolution against Rome, and there is no doubt that a great number of those who shouted and sang thought this was the movement they were joining.

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THE DREAM OF THE PROMISED ONE

As we indicated earlier, we cannot understand the emotions of Palm Sunday without recalling the background of the hope of the Messiah. Since the days of the Exile, it was the dream of a restored monarchy and a Jewish king in Jerusalem that made life tolerable. In the days of the Babylonian captivity, the exiles came close to the breaking point many times. Their leaders kept their faith alive by recalling some of the promises God had made to the patriarchs and the days of the glory of King David and King Solomon. They told them that God would again put a king on the throne who would crush all their enemies and restore them to power.

In the early days there had been the dream of such glory; then the kingdom had come and lasted for such a short time under David and Solomon. So the prophets of the Exile dreamed of a kingdom that would be greater than they had ever known. Prophets like Nahum, Habbakuk and Jeremiah began to go beyond the idea of a Messiah for Israel. The idea grew, but the large majority of the people saw the dream as one of military and political restoration. It was difficult not to think in terms of revenge against one's ancient enemies and power for one's family and friends. It had been so long since they had known anything like this.

Several times in the centuries between the Exile and the birth of Jesus outstanding personalities had appeared on the scene and for a brief time seemed to fulfill the attributes of Messiahship. Some thought the Messiah would come leading the armies of heaven; others thought he would come primarily as a judge; while with others the figure of a king seemed appropriate. These ideas all had their champions in Jesus' day. This is why he frequently warned his followers not to tell what he had done or what he had told them. There was one party known as the Zealots, who were ready to achieve national deliverance by force. There are those who believe that Judas Iscariot was a Zealot and betrayed Jesus because he thought it would trigger the expected revolution.

There can be no doubt that Jesus came to regard himself as Messiah. His period of earthly ministry was devoted to telling his disciples what kind of Messiah he was to be. The Palm Sunday came and with it the moment of declaration.

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NOT THE KIND OF MESSIAH THEY EXPECTED

When we read how Jesus' champions of the triumphal entry turned out to be "fair weather friends," we often become quite disturbed and ask, "How could they have been so blind?" We are inclined to say "How foolish they were?" And yet he was not the kind of Messiah they had expected.

The Jews of Jesus' day possessed a heritage that was more than eight centuries old which pictured a great leader coming to establish a mighty temporal kingdom. In the second century before Christ Antiochus had led the Jewish armies in campaigns which gave promise of liberation. He was regarded briefly as Messiah and several of the Psalms were inscribed to him.

Jesus did not fit their pattern. It would really have been impossible for them to have stuck with him. He rode on an animal that was the symbol of quietness, not on a war horse; palm branches not spears, were his escort; the songs of children, not the shout of soldiers, were his welcome. And yet he was kingly. Dr. George Buttrick says: "The root meaning of the word 'king' is 'the one who is able.' Christ is able to lift life above its low estate to an eternal verity. He is able to redeem its dross and make it kingly gold. He rules the world as light rules—with beauty and bounty."

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THE PARABLE OF REJECTION

Jesus, who had used parables on many dramatic occasions, told another in the midst of the rapidly-developing events of the last week in Jerusalem. He said a man planted a vineyard, and then rented it out while he traveled in a far country. When the harvest approached he sent his servants to collect the rent. We read of their fate in today's Scripture material: "The tenants took the servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another" (Matt. 21: 35) This is the story of the prophets who had come to call man to accountability for his stewardship.

Then, we read that the man sent his son, saying, "They will respect my son." However, the tenants believed that if they destroyed the son the property would be all theirs. This is the reaction of many who reject Jesus in our time. They think that they can get rid of him and then have their own way and their own will. **The Interpreter's Bible** points out that this parable is a symphony of the providence of God in the light of the freedom which he has given man. The major theme of the parable is the same as that of the events of the days about which we are studying. It points to the climactic rejection of Jesus in the crucifixion.

We should note that the conclusion of the parable promises swift judgment. Jesus said in so many of his parables that the world is of God, it is moral, and it does not tolerate immorality. Like the tenants we may defy God's spokesmen, but we do not break his law. Instead we are broken by it.

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THE REJECTED CORNERSTONE

Jesus moved on to apply the parable to the events of his day, and we should note how we can apply them to the events of our time. He quoted Psalm 118:22, 23, which talked about the builders' rejecting a stone that ultimately would become the cornerstone. One commentator has observed, "It's interesting to note that these verses come just before those from the Psalms that the crowds were shouting at his triumphal entry.

Then, Jesus said, because the cornerstone has been rejected, the nation would also be rejected. The Kingdom would be taken away and given to others. This is a theme that is echoed throughout the writings of the Apostle Paul. Almost every sermon Paul preached had this as its central message—Israel has rejected her Messiah. However, before we take any kind of false pride in piling blame on the Jews, we should take a careful look at our own treatment of Jesus. Is it not true, that most of us have rejected him again and again?

There is a possibility in every one of us for praise or for rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has given us every opportunity to respond with praise, yet we persist in rejecting him. Do not leave this lesson today pointing your finger of accusation at others. Look in the mirror, and say to the one you see there, "Thou art the man!"

news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman of the Washington Hebrew Congregation delivering a recent sermon at a White House religious service, labeled both ecumenical and international, noted that the major stumbling block or obstacle in the way of human progress is sin. He said, "Unmanageable youths are called 'maladjusted.' The cause of marital friction given as 'incompatibility,' and infidelity is attributed to 'indiscretion' or 'emotional immaturity.' " The Rabbi queried "Why all this verbal masquerade? What are we trying to hide?" "We are resisting responsibility . . . We are resisting the concept of accountability, the idea of sin, which would locate the stumbling block of evil within ourselves," Rabbi Haberman continued.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Washington, D.C. that opposition to all war is essential in qualifying a man for conscientious objector status. The 8 to 1 decision said that the basic test, despite religious convictions, is whether opposition applies to war in general. Therefore, the right of "selective objection," or opposition to "particular wars" such as Vietnam, was ruled unlawful. Written by Justice Thurgood Marshall, the majority opinion went against the expressed wish of several U.S. denominations.

Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson has announced his resignation as president of Brigham Young University which is affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). During the two decades of his administration, the university has grown to an enrollment of 25,000 day students and is now one of the largest private institutions in the U.S. About 90 per cent of the student body which represents 57 nations—is Mormon.

Pope Paul VI, speaking from his window overlooking St. Peter's Square before his customary Sunday noon blessing, March 7, urged that church construction be stepped up in Rome. Remarking that his stress on church building in a city which "tourists find already too full of churches," might come as a "surprise," the Pope said: "It is a fact, however, that Rome is in a process of continuous expansion, and there simply are not enough churches to accommodate the increasing population."

A computerized "job bank" listing nearly 7,000 missionary positions has been compiled by Intercristo, a non-profit, non-denominational group "dedicated to matching God's people with the world need." Intercristo was established in Seattle last year by a group of "concerned Christians" to spur mission activity in the Churches and among youth — and to serve as an international "placement agency" in the mission field. It is not affiliated with any denomination. More than 100 Christian agencies, mostly Protestant groups, are now filling positions through "Intermatch," the job placement facet of Intercristo.

Economics and availability finally caught up with the Catholic Church's insistence on olive oil as the only means for sacramental anointings. A new directive issued in Vatican City states that any vegetable oil may now be used in the composition of holy oil, previously blessed by a bishop and used symbolically in the sacraments of confirmation, baptism, ordination, and the anointing of the sick.

Steps to define a "tent-making ministry" for the Lutheran Church in America have been taken by the denomination's Executive Council. The Church is seeking to define the terms under which a clergyman may engage in another occupation and still be considered as having a call of service to the Church. Popularly known as "tent-making ministries" after the practice of the Apostle Paul who made tents to support himself, the practice was commended by a Commission on the study of the ministry.

The Lincolnia United Methodist Church, located just outside the Alexandria, Va. city limits, has what it thinks may be the answer for congregations worried about poor attendance on Sundays prior to the new Monday holidays. When three-day weekends occur—as on Washington's Birthday this year—Lincolnia church will have worship on Thursday evenings in addition to Sunday worship. The board said it was not going to give members an opportunity to say the church did not offer worship when they could attend.

English-speaking Christianity is currently marked by a lack of concern about the Old Testament and its authority, according to Dr. James Barr, British scholar from the University of Manchester. Speaking at an Anniversary Colloquium celebrating 25 years of "Interpretation," the quarterly journal of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, a Presbyterian school, the specialist in Semitic languages explained how important the O.T. was in "neo-orthodox" theology, a term applied to a dominant stream of Protestant confessional thought which preceded the so-called "secular theology" of the 1960s. The theological centrality of the O.T. will have to be "restated for a new generation, which itself sets out from a different starting point and with a different idea of authority," Dr. Barr said.

More pastors are needed to serve nearly 350,000 Finns who have migrated to Sweden, according to a committee for cooperation between the Churches of the two countries. Finns pay Swedish church taxes, but there are few Swedish pastors who know the Finnish language, the committee pointed out. Migration to Sweden is the result of heavy unemployment, especially in the northern part of Finland.

Churches which try to stand still in the modern world are "slowly committing suicide," Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, founding editor of Christianity Today and noted evangelical theologian said. Speaking at Eastern Mennonite College (Harrisonburg, Va.), Dr. Henry urged earnest and energetic commitment to social reform while advising churches not to identify with revolutionary causes concerned only with the overthrow of existing structures. He said the church must proclaim both "the God of justice and the God of justification and truth."

Vatican Radio has reported that Pope Paul VI has decided that a priest who has been dispensed from his priestly vows and obligations may perform only one function—"to hear the confessions of the dying." According to the papal decision, a broadcast said, former priests will not be permitted to undertake any other pastoral, liturgical, administrative or teaching duties within the Church.

The moderator of the United Presbyterian Church said during an interview in Detroit that his denomination is not prepared to accept the nine-Church merger proposed by the Consultation on Church Union (COCU). Dr. William R. Laws, minister of First Church in Columbus, Ind. for 21 years, said, "I am inclined to think that the national mood now makes church union very difficult if not impossible." He cited pressures from many areas to stay away from new bigness: The national Administration's move to share financing with the states, the spirit of "isolationism" which is fed by anti-Vietnam war protestors, coupled with the spirit of domestic isolationism among conservatives, and "regionalism," a move among Presbyterians and others to set up decentralized and stronger regional administrative units.

Reports reaching London said Gabon's President Albert Bernard Bongo has ordered all foreign Protestant pastors to leave the country by March 31. His order came after two councils of the Gabon Evangelical Protestant Church were dissolved. Gabon is the former French Equatorial Africa where the famed Albert Schweitzer conducted his medical mission for 50 years.

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Participants in ecumenical warship service at First Baptist Church in Austin during recent Texas Canference of Churches' second meeting since its argonizotion os an ecumenical body in 1969. FRONT ROW (l. ta r.): Dr. Monroe Vivion, United Methadist clergyman and a TCC boord member; Dr. Leonidos C. Cantas, president of Greek Orthadax Hellenic College, Brookline, Moss., and Dr. Carl D. Burkle, United Church of Christ clergymon and TCC boord member; BACK ROW: Father George H. Sollaway, Raman Catholic priest ond TCC ossociote directar; (partially abscured) the Rev. Reynell M. Porkins, Episcapal clergymon, and Otto J. Hoffman, Society of Friends, both members of TCC boord, and Father Robert Flares, TCC associote director. (RNS Phato)

Editorial

A CONCERN FOR ECOLOGICAL MORALITY

Voices are being lifted from all sides to remind us that Christian stewardship must concern itself with resisting the threats to the environment in our day. Institutions of the church are being asked to take a new look at the businesses in which their funds are invested, and individual Christians are being challenged to become aware of their responsibilities for clean air, clear water, and a clean earth.

A long-accepted maxim states that "Nothing is as powerful as an idea whose time has come." There can be no denying that this is the day of ecology — a time when all good men are being called to the aid of clean air, clean water and a clean earth.

Prophets have cried out before concerning industrial, public and private practices of pollution, but it has been only recently that they could see evidences of being taken seriously. Having felt for so long that they were "voices crying in the wilderness," they can now feel the rallying of supporting forces behind them. Ecology has now become one of the major concerns of Christian stewardship.

In a recent news release concerning the manner in which some church property was being disposed of in Milwaukee we saw the use of the term "ecological morality." We were reminded that such terminology might be applicable to any number of confrontations about which we have been hearing. Among these calling us to carefully re-evaluate our stewardship are:

—The struggle concerning the construction of an oil pipe line across the state of Alaska. Herc a number of very harmful effects are anticipated from the flow of hot oil across the frozen subsoil. It is also believed that a number of things could happen that would be destructive of the wild life that is native to Alaska.

—The debate in Congress over the development of the Super Sonic Transport (SST) plane. Persons on both sides of this long and bitter struggle arc carefully re-examining their positions on this issue. Some tell us that the equilibrium of our atmosphere is threatened whilc others affirm that world leadership in the aviation industry is in jeopardy.

As is often true, the debate is so loud and so long that it is difficult for the average citizen to make up his mind. However, this does not free us from an obligation to weigh these opposing positions in a spirit of Christian stewardship.

—The rapid deterioration of our bodies of water brings us to another area in which we are forced to do some prayerful thinking. Lakes and streams are moving toward a "Dead Sea" status because of wastes being dumped into them. As Christians with a sense of responsibility for all the resources God has put at our disposal we face the challenge of becoming better stewards. This problem has so many implications that none of us can hide from the challenge to discover the truth and then act with Christian conviction.

—Some months ago we read of the conflict that developed in southern Florida concerning the construction of a giant airport on the edge of the Everglades. Under construction before a large part of the population were aware of it, this project threatened the wildlife in that strategic Florida wildlife habitat. Fortunately aroused opinion was registered and the planners were told to look elsewhere for a site.

—"Strip coal mining" is another kind of environmental disturbance which is coming in for serious consideration, especially in the enforcement of regulations regarding the rehabilitation of the land. It is our understanding that most states have laws that would protect the land if they were enforced. Herc again stewardship principles are being seen in a new light.

—A great deal is being said and many groups are taking positive action about the litter across our land. The question of just what kind of containers should be used in packaging popular products is being raised. Technological advancements have released on the market a floodtide of cheap packaging materials, and we are being told that these are a threat to our environment. Some feel that the answer is in re-cycling glass, metal and paper products, and a few pioneers have already moved into this field.

—Studies have been underway for several years concerning the use of certain insecticides. A number of guidelines have already been developed because of some side-effects on beneficial insects and the polluting influence of some of the chemicals on the streams near agricultural lands.

We have mentioned but a few of the areas of activity in which men and women of real dedication have "zeroed in" on the ecological problems of our time. As we look at this list and think in terms of the guardianship of the natural resources we must surely see that this is a part of our Christian stewardship responsibility.

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the Editor's Corner

Preparation for Annual Conferences

When does Annual Conferencc begin? For some it is the moment at which the bishop raps the gavel and announces the singing of the traditional hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive." For others who havc advance responsibilities Conference begins long before that.

Over a number of years we have been impressed with thc care being taken to get delegates ready for Conference. It has been our privilcge to participate in a number of planning meetings during the past few weeks looking toward the 1971 sessions.

For a number of years we have had the assistance of the Pre-Conference Journal. The placing of the printed reports in the hands of the delegates in advance of the session has made it possible for the proposals to receive much more careful consideration when they come before the body.

As we attend the mid-year board meetings we begin to feel something of the seriousness with which these agencies approach their responsibilities. This year the meetings in Louisiana were especially significant as the agencies of Louisiana Conferenee A and Louisiana Conference B looked ahead to their merger session in June. They met together separately to write their final reports and then in joint sessions to begin their planning for the new Conference.

The boards and agencies of thc Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences held their meetings during February, and it was again our privilege to meet with a number of their groups. In every instance, this editor felt a sense of pride in the opportunity that is his to be a part of all these carefully-planned meetings whieh contribute so much to the implementation of the mission of the church.

Just ahead are planned meetings to give the lay delegates to Annual Conference an opportunity for advance discussions of what will be before them at Conference. Many of our districts will have such meetings, and we know that they will make a real contribution to the sessions and the decisions made there.

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The Rev. J. C. Skinner (left), pastor Winnfield United Methodist Church and coordinator of Drug Rally, and Bob Anderson of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Fd.

Winnfield Drug Rally

by Wanda Cornelius

WINNFIELD . . . Concern over the drug problem brought 1,300 people to the final night of a week-long seminar in Winnfield Saturday, February 6, directed by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

Reverend J. C. Skinner, community coordinator of the rally sponsored by the Federated Women's Club of Winnfield, said the parish-wide interest and cooperation among organizations and businesses which not only paid rally expenses, but boosted attendance as well, shows Winn is not oblivious to the nation-wide problem.

Bob Anderson and Mark Tullos, Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation workers appeared first January 30, at church services, at which they sang and spoke. They also talked at parish schools during the week.

On the final day of the program, Miss Louisiana, Carol Lynn Almand, of Haynesville, arrived in Winnfield at 11 a.m. Winnfield Masons served as hosts at a lunch at the Masonic Hall for workers and special guests. District Judge Harwell Allen presided at the lunch.

Separate programs were presented during the final night for youth and adults at the Winnfield Senior High School. Appearing on the programs were the Cacophony Singers of the Horseshoe Drive Baptist church in Alexandria, Butch Reviere, Danny Lambert, Larry Evans, and Greg Greene, who entertained with popular and original songs including "So Good To Be Back Home" written by Greg.

Speakers included two inmates from Angola, who described the drug problem. One addict, Stanley Fontaine, who is serving an eight and a half year sentence for the possession of heroin, said the drug problem in the United States has reached epidemic proportions and few are equipped to handle the problem on the state level, but an individual armed with knowledge, can learn to handle his own. The user exists in a spiritual vacuum and the drug is his god, the prisoner said.

Major John Hoppe, narcotics division, Shreveport City Police, told the audience that every user is a potential pusher. Just about every pusher is a former user who went to pushing to support his habit. "In all history of mankind, nobody has beaten drugs," he said. He spoke on the recent legislative changes on penalties for possession of marijuana. The new law gives no minimum sentence Hoppe said.

"Other legislatures are falling for the same bit too. The pressure came from New Orleans, home of the Mafia, organized crime, and I can prove it," Hoppe said. "There was no senate hearing," he said, speaking about activities which occurred prior to the changing of the law.

Dr. Paul Ware, prominent Shreveport doctor who works primarily with youth, said that 50 percent of his patients are young people in some way involved with drugs or problems related to drugs. He gave three reasons why young people try drugs: for the thrill or "kick", "the High", as an escape from physical or mental pain, usually the latter, and an attempt to belong to a group.

Also speaking were Louisiana Tech athlete Tommy Spinks and Miss Louisiana.

FOR PARENTS

1. Do you see any difference between marijuana and alcohol?
2. Has your child ever been high on drugs?
3. Do your children associate with any drug users?
4. Have you ever experimented with drugs to see what it's like?
5. Do you think your children under 13 have access to drugs?
6. If your children wanted drugs could they get them easily?
7. Have you ever asked your child if he or she uses drugs?
8. Is there anything in your home that your children could get high on?
9. Do you believe you take too many pills?
10. What are the reasons young people take drugs?

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WINNFIELD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSES DRUG RALLY FOLLOW-UP

A ehallenge to continue the program against drug abuse in Winn Parish was issued in a resolution adopted Monday night by the Winn Parish School Board.

The Board's resolution called on school personnel and others in the Parish to implement a program to insure the continuing effect of the recent drug rally and to offset the threat of drug abuse and other problems involving youth.

The resolution recognized the value of the drug rally, which spotlighted abuse of drugs as a real problem that so far is not serious in Winn but might become so without education and vigilance.

Appreciation was expressed to the sponsors and to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation for their part.

Major Hoppe and Dr. Ware at Winnfield Rally

Dr. Paul Ware, a Shreveport psychiatrist, told the group that drug abuse is not a new problem and that it has not increased in adults, but has increased in the youth of society. He gave the audience three main reasons for drug abuse . . . namely, for the kick or thrill, escape from mental or physical pain, and an attempt to belong to peer group pressures.

Major John Hoppe of the Shreveport City Police Narcotics Division, is a 23 year veteran of the police force and has served in the drug division eight years. He warned of the overall threat of drugs and stated that every drugs user induces from two to four others to use drugs each year. He said there is no scientific evidence that addiction starts with the use of marijuana, but 90 percent of the known addicts have admitted that they started with marijuana. He added that organized crime is behind 80 percent of the present drug traffic.

Hoppe was well received by the group. He spoke on their level, using their words and contributed much in his "rap" session.

Two Angola convicts testify at Winnfield Drug Rally

The story you are about to read is true. None of the names, facts or situations have been changed to protect anyone.

Jim Shor, 30, has done almost four years in the Louisiana State Pen at Angola. He was "sent up" for seven years. His friend, Stanley Fontaine, 32, has two years behind him at Angola. He was sentenced to eight years.

Jim and Stanley are two people from very unrelated backgrounds and environments; yet they have two things in common. They are both Angolas inmates and both are in prison on drug related charges.

Stanley is a heroine addict. Since starting on heroin and joining the upper echelon of drug users, Stanley has been in Angola on three different sentences. Stan's wife and their five children have stuck by him every time.

Unlike Jim, Stan grew up tough. He was reared in the street gangs of New Orleans' lower sector. He got his start in what some people call "the concrete jungle." Now he is caught in one of the biggest traps ever set in that jungle.

Jim was a student at LSU in New Orleans when he started on drugs. He says the drugs made him fail. They were the cause of his leaving school with only 13 hours lacking for a degree in psychology, he explains.

Both men are highly intelligent; both men are drug users and both have had their lives severely altered due to the use of drugs.

Stanley Fontaine, 68876, was sentenced to Angola for possession of narcotics. He estimates the number of heroin addicts in New Orleans as 3,000 and readily admits that he is one of them. He says that marijuana is "mild" compared to what he "shoots."

Stan says a heroin addict needs from $50 to $100 a day to support his habit. He says an addict must steal, or turn to other unlawful means, in excess of $50,000 per year to get his "kick." The black market brings only $20,000 for the $50,000 an addict steals and therefore it becomes necessary to steal more and more.

Dione Dejean (center) was chosen Trinity Sub-District Sweetheort at a Sub-District banquet held recently at First Church, Lafayette. Pictured with her are Sub-District Beau, Eddie Bruner, and the judges who based their selection of Miss Dejeon on beauty, talent and poise. She performed an acrobatic dance. Judges (from left) are: District Superintendent Merlin Merrill, Mrs. Robert Peterson, ond Rhett Mitchell.

The Blonchard United Methodist Church basketboll team shown here won the March 13 Shreveport Methodist Youth Leogue Senior High Basketball Tournament. Other teams in the league were: First Methodist, Mangham, Broadmoor, First Presbyterian, and Cedar Grove United Methodist. All are from Shreveport with the exception of Blonchord, which interestingly enough, does not have a bosketball court. The Rev. Frank M. Stage Jr. is pastor.

The youth of First Church, Baton Rouge are engoged in a "sticky situation" according to Christian Education Director, Don Berlin. They are trying to collect and save enough S & H Green Stamps ond Top Value Stomps to buy a new bus. They expect to use the bus for numerous service projects. Bethel Church members at Pride, La. heard of the effort and wanted to help out. Here Daniel W. Dearing presents o bag of stamps.

RIGHT: Youth and workers with youth at recent "Lab" conducted at New Iberia UM Church by Miss Alice Flint of the Program Council Office in Shreveport. The unit "Rebellion and the Search for Self" provided the resource material for the "Lob." Exploratory role ploying, program planning, panel discussions and skits were utilized. The Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor.

LEFT: A Barber Shop Quartet feoturing Bob Goins, Joe Rolfe White, Paul Pomeroy, and Buddy McCorthy sang for o recent "Talents Unlimited" family night program at First Church, Bastrop. BELOW: Jimmie Cogle and Carlean Mortin song a medley of popular songs, accompanied by Liso Goins. Second picture BELOW: Young music-makers, all members of the Barham family of Oak Ridge, performed for the family night at Bastrop First Church. They are Ben Edward with guitar, Amy and Erle West with tambourines. The Rev. Cleburne W. Quoid is postor.

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■ April 30 – May 1

Training weekend for summer youth workers in churches

A weekend of training for people who anticipate being hired by local churches this summer as youth directors is being offered Friday, April 30 through Saturday, May 1 at Camp Brewer near Alexandria. The Rev. Milton Guttierrez, associate pastor at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, New Orleans, and Alice Flint of the Program Council Office will serve as coordinators.

Emphasis of the training will be on those areas of responsibilities entailed as a summer youth worker: resources, relationships with the local church, and "how to's" of working with youth. Cost of the training will be under $10 per person.

Participants in the training weekend may be those already hired as summer youth workers, or those who are still looking and expect to be hired as such. Each local church which has hired a summer youth worker by April 30 is encouraged to pay expenses for his or her participation in the training weekend. Time will be set aside Saturday afternoon, May 1, for local church pastors to interview those who are still looking for jobs.

Each local church which expects to hire a summer youth worker should plan to send two youths to this training also. It is hoped that, in this way, the training can be of more lasting benefit to the local church. The two youth are encouraged to come even though a youth worker may not have been hired as yet.

Applications both for the summer youth worker and for other youth to attend, may be obtained from the Program Council Office, P.O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104.

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■ July 18-26

Conference groups to cooperate in sponsoring youth work camp

The Louisiana Conference Youth Team, in cooperation with the Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, and the Program Council Staff, is sponsoring a youth work camp the week of July 18-26, 1971, at an Indian church located near Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Senior high youth from local churches in the Louisiana Conference are eligible to apply.

A team of 30 youth and adult counselors will be chosen from those applying. The Youth Team is particularly interested in providing this experience for youth who would not ordinarily have this opportunity through their local church.

The cost per participant will be $35. The local church involved (and the local Women's Society of Christian Service in particular) is encouraged to help with expenses where possible. The Conference Women's Society is supporting the work camp with an emergency fund and is helping to promote it. Coordinator for the work camp is Alice Flint of the Program Council Staff; youth leadership will come from the Conference Youth Team.

Those whose applications are accepted on the limited work team will be required to read orientation material, to participate in an orientation session in Alexandria the weekend of June 12, to participate in an orientation session in Shreveport on July 18 just prior to leaving for Oklahoma, and to be committed to the work group and to the goals of the work experience.

Application forms may be obtained from the Program Council Office, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104.

At a climactic moment in the Monroe District Conference, Sunday, March 28, Judge W. D. Cotton, right, presented to Roy Bragg of the Reveille United Methodist Church, a deed to their church property and certificate of organization from Bishop Aubrey G. Walton. Other Reveille representatives were, from right, C. V. Fleming, W. C. Sullivan and the Rev. Karl Tooke. The conference was meeting in First Church, Monroe.

Dr. Petty

Ruston District women plan Spiritual Life Retreat

Dr. Benjamin A. Petty, associate professor of Religion at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Texas will present two lectures at a Retreat for Spiritual Growth to be held on Wednesday, April 14 at Caney Lake Camp, Minden. The one-day event, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m., has been planned especially for United Methodist women within the Ruston District.

Dr. Petty, a native of New Orleans and a member of Louisiana Conference A. holds degrees from Tulane University in New Orleans, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and Boston University, Boston, Mass. He served as associate pastor at the Carrollton Church and as director of the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation, and later as associate pastor at Rayne Memorial Church in New Orleans. His 10:00 a.m. presentation will deal with "Methodism's Doctrine of Assurance"; at 11:30 a.m. he will speak concerning "Methodism's Doctrine of Christian Perfection."

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and again at 12:15 p.m. Koinonia Groups will be led by the following ministers: the Rev. Ralph Cain, Ruston District superintendent; the Rev. W. F. Mayo, Springhill- Sarepta pastor; the Rev. D. L. McGuire, Trinity Church, Ruston pastor; Dr. Henry A. Rickey, Minden First Church pastor, and the Rev. Odell Simmons, pastor at Homer-Wesley Chapel.

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Lake Charles District Conference

(Photos by Carey A. Martin)

RIGHT: Mrs. George M. Chastain Jr. presenting afternoon devotional at Lake Charles District Conference held at Henning Memorial Church in Sulphur, Sunday afternoon, March 21.

BELOW: Part of the overflow crowd attending the Lake Charles District Conference, which included a slide-tape presentation of Conference and District programs prepared by District Superintendent Williamson. The evening program was presented by the Centenary College Choir, directed by Dr. A. C. Voran.

FROM LEFT: Hubert Blanchard, District lay leader with J. C. Morgan and Bill Jackson, Kinder laymen, and Pastor J. W. Matthew Jr., receiving the "1000 Club" check—a highlight of the afternoon.

FROM LEFT: the Rev. Calvin Lapuyade, pastor at Trinity Church in Jennings and district secretary; District Superintendent Harvey Williamson, and the Rev. Robert Jamieson, host pastor.

Ruston District Conference

FROM LEFT: The Rev. Ralph Cain, Ruston District superintendent and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Program Council director converse with a third participant during the Ruston District Conference held in the Haynesville Church, Tuesday, March 16.

BELOW: Lay delegates and visitors during period of mealtime fellowship at Ruston District Conference.

Some of the members of "Joyful Noise"—popular folk group from Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation at Ruston—who presented song and witness during opening devotion at Ruston Conference. KNEELING (l. to r.): Ray Buhls, Wesley Fd. president, William Norton, Ted Wilson, and Bob Ferguson; BACK ROW (l. to r.): Barry Savory, music co-ordinator of group, Oma Wimberly, Mike Hart, Nikki Plants, Jill Precht, Alice Collins, Ann Earle, Kim Gandy, and Lee Cochran. The Rev. William M. Stokes, Jr. is Wesley Fd. director.

Hammond District Conference

A special plaque was presented to Sam Clay Jr., who served as first District lay leader for the Hammond District, by Tom Matheny, Conference lay leader. FROM LEFT: Nick Saladino, Hammond District lay leader, Matheny, Clay and District Superintendent J. J. Caraway.

A group of laymen from the Hammond District receiving the World Parish Citation Certificate presented to 40 churches of the district for paying 100 per cent or more of the World Service and Conference Benevolences apportionment for the year 1970.

Mrs. Ester Hammond of Bogalusa was licensed to preach at the Hammond District Conference. Standing with Mrs. Hammond is her pastor, the Rev. Roy E. Mouser and looking on is District Superintendent Caraway.

The Hammond District Conference was held March 17 at First United Methodist Church, Slidell with the Rev. Kirby Vining as Host Pastor. The Rev. J. J. Caraway, district superintendent presided at the conference which elected the Rev. Vernon Fairley, secretary and the Rev. Jerry Means, assistant secretary.

The opening worship was led by the Rev. R. Larry Stafford, pastor of Loranger and Coopers Chapel and the message at the Evening worship service was given by the Rev. Joe McClain, pastor of Amite-Independence. Special music was provided by the choir of First Church, Slidell.

Highlights of the conference included a special presentation by Conference Lay Leader Tom Matheny to Sam Clay, Jr. who served as the first Hammond District Lay Leader; the issuing of a license to preach to Mrs. Ester Hammond of Bogalusa; the first announcement by Michael Calmes, president of the Wesley Foundation of Southeastern University, of his plans to enter the seminary later this year and become a Methodist minister; and the presentation of the World Parish Citation Certificate to laymen representing 40 churches of the Hammond District paying 100 per cent or more of the World Service and Conference Benevolences apportionment for the year of 1970.

The following persons were elected District Trustees: Welton Brumfield, Sr., W. A. Baker, E. A. Courtney, Haywood Green, H. T. Hill, and H. M. Olson. J. B. Stafford, and Dr. Glenn Young were elected as trustees of Camp Istrouma and Kirby A. Vinning and R. Larry Stafford were elected to the Camp Istrouma Board of Managers. Elected members of the District Board of Missions are J. J. Caraway, Jerry A. Means, Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr., Nick A. Saladino, Welton Brumfield, Sr., Joe W. McClain, Tom Matheny, and William R. Irving, Jr.

A turkey dinner was served to delegates of the conferences by the W.S.C.S. of First Church, Slidell.

Editorial

PROGRESS OF THE STRUCTURE STUDY PROGRAM

One of the hardest working groups in the United Methodist Church is the Structure Study Commission. One of three commissions which have been at work studying the church and its needs since the 1968 General Conference, they issued their "Third Open Progress Report to the Church" following their meeting in January. We would like to use our editorial space this week to interpret what is being proposed at this stage in reworking the top organizational level of the United Methodist Church.

There are two major proposals now being presented. First, is the outline of a Council on Ministries and Administration, which would serve as a kind of executive committee with power to act for the General Conference between the sessions of that top legislative body. It would have about 160 members with the following composition: one representative from each annual conference, all the active bishops and Central Conference (overseas) bishops, and certain minority representatives.

The provision for that "minority" representation states that there would be one youth member from each jurisdiction, one young adult, and five persons from minority ethnic groups from each jurisdiction, election from each of these categories to be by jurisdictional caucuses.

As to the election of the representative from each annual conference, this person would be selected from among the delegates and alternate delegates to the General Conference. A system of rotation would be followed in the election of these members so that at any one time there would be an equal distribution of one-third laymen, one-third lay women, and one-third ministers.

In addition to having the power to speak for the General Conference and "make necessary adjustments in priorities" between sessions of the General Conference, there would be a number of other duties involving evaluation and coordination of programs of the work units of the church.

This group would also have a great deal of authority in the determining of budgets to be presented to the General Conference. In this connection, they would also be given the authority to "review and make necessary adjustments in the World Service funds" for agencies of the church. These responsibilities for budget review and adjustment would give this Council great power over all the agencies of the church.

The restructure plan, as now written, provides for five Clusters or major areas or divisions under which all the Work Units of the church's organization would be grouped. These are:

1. **Disciple Formation:** Here would be grouped the ministries of the general church with responsibility for enlistment, equipment and empowerment of United Methodists for discipleship and ministry.

2. **Outreach:** Here we would find the global ministries of the general church with the responsibility for relationship to mission and to persons and systems within and beyond the bounds of the United Methodist Church.

3. **Parish and Conference Services:** This would include the ministries of the general church with responsibility to provide resources and services to annual conferences and local churches.

4. **Communications:** The report defines this category as dealing with "the ministries of the general church with responsibility for the maintenance and enrichment of internal and external relationships of the church." It is our understanding that this would include all publication and mass media services of the church.

5. **Support Services:** This would include the ministries of the general church responsible for "the management of fiscal and property resources of the church."

As we understand it, the plan does not mean that any of the present boards and agencies would disappear, but that they would be reorganized around these clusters, each of which would have an administrator and clerical staff but no other personnel. Each Cluster would also have a Commission to make plans and policy decisions.

The programmatic work of the church would be performed at the work unit level. The number and size of these would be determined by the General Conference on recommendation of the Council on Ministries and Administration. One or more members of the Policy and Guidance Committee of each Work Unit would serve on the Cluster Commission which would have a number of responsibilities for assisting the General Council in making its recommendations concerning the responsibilities and leaderships of the Work Units.

Interestingly enough the administrators of each of the groups proposed would be selected, not by the Commission or Committee related to the unit, but by the next higher echelon.

In other words, the Clusters would be guided by administrators selected by the Council on Ministries and Administration, and the Work Units would be headed by directors named by the Cluster Commission.

We grant that this is only a rough outline of the plan, but it does suggest some of the directions being proposed. No doubt this report will be one of the major items before the 1972 General Conference.

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the Editor's Corner

The Meanest Cow I Ever Knew

My decision to attend Candler School of Theology in preparation for the ministry was directly responsible for my becoming acquainted with the meanest cow I ever knew. It was this way—

Imogene and I were already married, and I was in my third year of teaching when the call to the ministry came. Several close personal friends influenced the decision to go to Candler—made in the summer, too late to get in on an appointment.

On a hurried trip to Atlanta with our friend, the late Rev. Sam. B. Wiggins, the only financial help I could locate was the offer from Dr. Hugh Henry Harris of the Emory faculty to care for his livestock in exchange for the privilege of living in a cottage on his place. This included milking his cow.

That was alright, except I didn't know how to milk — I had grown up in town and we had not had a cow. I rushed back to Arkansas and became a student of my father-in-law in the art of milking. In the few weeks before school began I became reasonably adept at the art, I thought.

I felt adequate for the beginning of this new chapter in our lives. But there was one thing no one warned me about in advance of that first milking encounter. That cow did not want to be milked. She was a kicker, and had to be restrained with a chain device somewhat like a pair of handcuffs. You had to catch her just right and slip that chain on, or you didn't have a chance of getting her milked.

Maybe my technique just didn't please the old cow, but for those months during which I tried to milk my way through seminary we had one long continuous battle. I'll never know whether she was the meanest cow in the world, or whether I drove her to it.

Nevertheless, it seemed mutually agreeable to all concerned when Imogene and I both found some other work and we moved onto the Emory campus.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Seminarians should not be deferred from military service, according to the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel. This stand was adopted at the Spring meeting in Washington, D.C. of the commission, which is the principal Protestant coordinating agency for military chaplaincy concerns and is maintained by 41 affiliated religious bodies. A section of a resolution sent to all of these denominations and to the Armed Services Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate reads: "The General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel urges that seminarians and seminary enrollees be subject equally with others to the risk of selection for military service, and that it request its member denominations to give attention to issues posed by the present 4-D exemption for said seminarians and enrollees."

Computerized data on clergymen and church workers will assist congregations of the Episcopal Church, the American Baptist Convention, and the Lutheran Church in America in finding ministers. The Church Manpower System, developed through the National Council of Churches' Department of Ministry, is also open to other denominations who may wish to use its facilities. Data on clergymen will be collected through an extensive questionnaire. When a congregation is seeking a pastor, its denominational staff will help it develop job requirements and request a data bank search. A similar process will eventually be followed by ministers seeking calls to other churches.

The Bible may soon become Communist-dominated Europe's best seller if the present rate of demand continues, according to the Rev. Sverre Smaadahl, the United Bible Societies' regional secretary-consultant for Europe. He said at a press conference in Edinburg that supply cannot keep pace with Eastern Europe's demand, which has trebled since 1967. At present there are only 750,000 Bibles available for 350 million people. Even as Smaadahl spoke, the United Bible Societies' headquarters in London was announcing that a license had just been received for the import of 10,000 Hungarian Bibles from the West to be used by the Reformed Church in Rumania.

Sunday should be preserved as "a common pause day," the Ontario Law Reform Commission said in a report to the provincial government. H. Allen Leal, commission chairman, said the report is geared to providing a common day of relief for workers, rather than to religious observance. Generally speaking Sunday observance across Canada is said to be governed by the Lord's Day Act of Canada, a federal statute which is administered by each of the 10 provinces. Passed in 1906, it permits Sunday operations only for essential activity or those of charity and mercy. The Rev. Arch McCurdy, associate secretary of the United Church of Canada's board of evangelism and social service, said his board will ask the General Council of the UCC to press the government for guarantees to give all workers a Saturday-Sunday weekend.

The Rev. Edmond Perret, Swiss pastor and general secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed churches, said during a recent three-day meeting in Memphis, Tenn. that "Churches are aware that the new situation of secularism in the world contains a demand for a new message. The new message has to be related with Christ's message about the world, society, and the church," Mr. Perret continued, "God's salvation in Christ has to remain as the focus of the message, but it has to be reinterpreted in a new pattern."

A $1 million "Open Door Project" designed to saturate all of Red China with Gospel broadcasts has been announced by the Far East Broadcasting Co. in Whittier, Calif. The Korean government has issued a franchise for construction of a powerful radio station on Cheju Island, 125 miles from Communist China. A second station of equal power is planned for the west coast of Luzon in the Philippines. Robert Bowman, president of the company, said "on the air" date for the new operations is scheduled for March, 1972, and called for Christians to pray for Red China where nearly one-third of the world's population lives.

Chairman and chief executive officer of the Phillips Petroleum Co., W. W. Keeler, in a fund-raising dinner of Religion In American Life, called for closer cooperation between businessmen and religious leaders to solve pressing social problems such as poverty. "Industry can provide the training and jobs, but religious leaders often are best prepared to locate and counsel job trainees," Keeler said. "Business can teach the necessary skills to do a job," he continued, "but spiritual guidance is the key to building morale and self-respect." RIAL is an interreligious agency that carries out a mass media advertising campaign in cooperation with religious groups and the advertising industry.

The Rabbinical Court of Justice of the Associated Synagogues of Massachusetts has declared that a marriage between a member of the Jewish faith and another faith is invalid, even if the marriage is solemnized by a rabbi. The court, which represents Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform congregations in Massachusetts, urged rabbis to exercise "their responsibility of safeguarding the entity of the Jewish people."

Stage and television star Betsy Palmer believes God has been quietly guiding her life from the beginning—and He is now preparing her to "reach out" and spread His light to others, according to an article published in the March issue of Christian Life. The story of Miss Palmer's spiritual awakening and her commitment to Christ at a Billy Graham meeting in New York last year is described by Mrs. Joan H. Robie, author of the article entitled, "Betsy Palmer; I Quit Running."

A letter to Soviet officials, written by a Russian ex-convict converted to Christianity in a prison camp, appears in the latest issue of Religion in Communist Dominated Areas (RCDA), a National Council of Churches publication. In the stirring document, Vasilii Ivonovich Koslov describes his conversion and subsequent persecution as one of the leaders of the "dissident Baptist" movement. He pleads to the Soviet leaders to "soften their hearts" towards Christians and learn the "truth" about them. While expressing no feeling of hatred against the Soviet government—instead compassion and hope—the letter is said to be an outspoken attack against Communist atheism and the harsh means employed to suppress religious freedom.

Ten per cent of Chile's Jewish population has fled the country since Salvador Allende's election as the first Marxist president, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has reported in New York. In his campaign for election, President Allende announced his intention to nationalize banks and industry, to put stringent controls on importing and exporting, and to extend government control over the economy. Seymour Graubard, national ADL chairman, said Chilean Jews fear the nation may become a totalitarian state and come under greater influence and control of the Soviet Union.

A Roman Catholic specialist on the aging warned here that so much attention focused on youth as the "nation's future," elderly Americans are being short-changed in terms of needs as well as opportunities to serve others. Sister Marie Gaffney, consultant on the aging for the Nat'l. Conference of Catholic Charities, said "every individual needs to feel needed and of value, and this is especially true of the elderly who have many more physical needs and often are socially isolated."

CHATTANOOGA – Coaches Wayne Dixon (left) of Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn., and Bruce Foster of Tennessee Temple College show what it's like to be on the losing end as their teams go down to defeat during the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) basketball tournament in Chattanooga. Bryan lost to Eastern Nazarene of Quincy, Mass., 98-67, while the host Temple team was beaten by the cagers from John Brown University of Siloam Springs, Ark. 83-70. The tournament was won again this year by Azuza (Calif.) Pacific College – the 1969 and 1970 champs – who defeated Eastern Nazarene, 98-86. The NCCAA, launched four years ago, now has more than 100 member schools, mostly small conservative Protestant colleges. (RNS Photo)

Porticipants in the Morch 14 morning worship ot Ingleside United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge (left to right): Dr. Lumon Douglas, Baton Rouge district superintendent; the Rev. William R. Irving, postor ot Covington; the Rev. Horvey G. Williomson, Loke Chorles district superintendent, and the Rev. Donice W. Alverson, Ingleside minister. Charter members were honored, ond a church history wos presented by Ston Routh.

Carrollton Church plans special Holy Week series

Carrollton United Methodist Church in New Orleans will present a series of spiritual renewal services during Holy Week, featuring revival messages and a special music program.

The church's chancel choir will present a cantata of Easter Music under the direction of Howard McAfee at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, April 4, as the initial program of the series.

Other speakers and events will include:

Monday, April 5—Sermon by the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, pastor of First United Methodist Church, New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6—Sermon by the Rev. S. William Hollingsworth, equal employment officer, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7 — Sermon by the Rev. A. W. Townsend, pastor of Algiers United Methodist Church, New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 8—Holy Communion services and sermon by Dr. James T. Harris. pastor of Carrollton United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

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Louise Eggleston speaks in Louisiana

Mrs. Louise Eggleston of Norfolk, Virginia, world traveler, lecturer and author, made several appearances in Louisiana in March.

As a guest of Gulf South Yokefellow Center, she spoke in New Orleans, March 22 and 23 at the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church. In Shreveport, she spoke Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 24, 25 and 26 in First United Methodist Church. Preceding those dates, Mrs. Eggleston spoke in Little Rock, March 19, 20 and 21, at Asbury United Methodist and First Christian Churches.

Mrs. Eggleston was president of Koinonia Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland from 1956 to 1970, and has worked closely with the Laubach World Literacy program for many years.

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—Town Talk Staff Photo

Youth officers at Alexondrio District Youth Rolly with the Rev. J. C. Skinner of First Church, Winnfield—district coordinotor of youth octivities. FROM LEFT: Gory McNeol of Horseshoe Drive church, vice president; Skinner; Dionne Grissom of Eddy Justiss Memoriol Church, Trout, Youth Service Fund secretory, ond Deboroh Deane of First Church, Alexondrio, president.

Fund for Reconciliation Report

"Operation Upgrode" ot Hughes Center, Boton Rouge.

HUGHES METHODIST CENTER, BATON ROUGE (allocated $1,500.00 in January)

William J. Miller, Director

This center provides a medium through which families in the Eden Park area may be exposed to activities, educational programs, religious educational and recreational programs not ordinarily available to them. A program to help illiterate persons is conducted three days a week with volunteers from the First Christian Church and help from the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Roman Catholic Church. The adult education program sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board holds classes at the Hughes Center, providing free child care for the mothers attending.

The food and nutrition class sponsored by the Home Extension Bureau of LSU has helped over 100 persons to learn how to get the most nutritional value from foods they can afford to buy. Sewing classes for teenagers and adults are offered every six weeks. Approximately 60 adults and teenage girls learned to sew in thesc classes during 1970.

Students from Southern University serve as recreation interns to help provide a recreational program for an average of 75 children a day. The Center has helped more than 35 persons find jobs. A licensed Day Care Center is provided for 32 children between the ages of 2 and 5, the only Methodist sponsored day care center for black children in Baton Rouge.

Bishop Chorles Greco (left) entertoined severol United Methodist postors ot o recent banquet ot the Cotholic Mory Hill Retreat, neor Alexondrio. Shown with him ore the Rev. Worren Blokeman (center), postor of Horseshoe Drive-Wesley Churches in Alexondrio, ond Dr. Clyde Clork, Alexondrio District superintendent. The Rev. Nathoniel Perry of the Newmcn Church was present also.

NEWS and NOTES

THE SENIOR UMYF of St. Paul's U. M. Church, New Orleans, entertained in the children's ward of Charity Hospital with music, skits and stories, on March 21.

MEMORIAL FLAGS were dedicated recently in First United Methodist Church of Crowley. The Christian Flag was in memory of Mrs. Flavia Lambert and was given by the Flavia Lambert Wesleyan Service Guild. The Memorial Committee gave the American Flag in memory of all departed members. Kerry Stutes and Jerry Hoffpauir were flag bearers. The Rev. B. E. Bond, pastor, dedicated the flags.

THE LEESVILLE First United Methodist Church is participating in the Vernon Parish Centennial by emphasizing the religious heritage. A float was to be entered in the parade. The Religious Heritage service will be on Sunday, April 4, at 3 o'clock. Harold S. Maple is chairman of the committee. The Rev. Eskel L. Tatum is pastor at Leesville.

"SECOND SUNDAY" at University Church, Baton Rouge, indicates a discussion of issues. It is set aside by the ecumenical affairs committee, Clayton Shill, chairman, for informing the congregation about current issues in community and society. Guest resource people are brought in and local members join in expressing opinions and questioning speakers. Dr. Ben Oliphint is pastor of University Church.

THE MAUREPAS UNITED Methodist Church, Hammond District, had a covered dish supper on Sunday evening, March 14. The service which followed featured singing led by Gary Galfontz, with John Jones at the piano. The Rev. Harold Bordages, pastor, brought the message.

DR. HENRY RICKEY, pastor of First U. M. Church in Minden, will show his slides at North Highlands United Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Friday, April 2, of the Oberammergau Passion Play.

THE NINTH ANNUAL Musicale was presented at First United Methodist Church in New Orleans, March 25. The event is sponsored by the Women's Interfaith Council of Greater New Orleans. Those appearing on this year's program were: The Contemporaries of St. Dominic's Parish, Rev. Philip Lamberti, O. P., leader; the choir of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Alex Tiliakos, director; Southern Federation of Synagogue and Temple Sinai; Dillard University Choir, Dr. Frederick Hall, director; and Bennie Ray of the New Orleans Opera House Association.

The Rev. William M. McCutcheon, center, associate pastor, First U.M. Church, Shreveport, spoke at the evening service, March 14, at First U.M. Church in Homer, where the Rev. William Odell Simmons is pastor. The occasion was the third Mission Night in a series of four arranged by the Commission on Missions. Mr. McCutcheon spoke on the church in mission at home, describing and showing slides of the projects in neighborhood centers which the Shreveport church is sponsoring. Douglas McKenzie, at right, conducted a question and answer period following the speaker's presentation. T. L. Atkins, left, is a member of the Men's Choir which provided music for the service.

COORDINATOR FOR THE LAY Witness Mission held in the Many United Methodist Church, March 19-21, was E. H. "Tank" Harrison, Memphis police captain, lay speaker and writer. Mrs. Martha Bird was general chairman of local arrangements, with Jim Lyons and Vernice Wright as co-chairmen. R. L. Clark, Jr. is follow-up chairman. The Rev. Luther W. Taylor is the pastor.

DR. FINIS CRUTCHFIELD, pastor of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the speaker in First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, March 21-25. Bill Mann, minister of music at First U. M. Church, Dallas, directed the singing. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. was host pastor.

THE SENIOR HIGH UMY of Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, held a fish fry at Bright's Camp on Toledo Bend Lake, Saturday, March 20. The following Saturday the group went to Dallas, Texas, for an ice skating party. The Rev. Alfred M. Brown is their pastor.

TRINITY TIDINGS, newsletter of Trinity Church, Ruston, congratulates three trophy-winning basketball teams. The men won first place, the high school boys, and boys of the fourth, fifth and sixth grade group won second places. They presented their trophies to the Rev. Douglas McGuire for the church at the March 14 worship service.

HORSESHOE DRIVE United Methodist Church of Alexandria had the churchwide mission study on Sunday evenings in March. Sponsored by the Women's Society, session leaders were Ruth Weego, Mary Lou Blakeman, Jim Gibson and Ivan Butterfield. The Rev. Warren Blakeman is pastor.

A DEPUTATION TEAM from the Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation in Ruston visited the Jonesboro United Methodist Church on March 21. Mary McCreary presided. Participants included Alice Collins, Anne Earle, Bob Ferguson and Johnny Peoples. The Rev. James L. Adams is the Jonesboro pastor.

The "Living Room Dialogue" group, above, of Jefferson U. M. Church, Baton Rouge, includes other groups in its conversations. Protestants and Catholics participated in discussions last summer and plan other sessions. With Broadmoor Presbyterians, a study was made of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU). Jefferson women are studying "Psalms" with women of Asbury United Methodist Church, B. R. A fourth study is beginning on "Teachings of Jesus." The Rev. Tom O. Crosby, Jr., pastor, is shown above, second from left on back row.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

April 4—Sunday	Prov. 16:1-7
April 5	Matt. 5:3-12
April 6	Rom. 12:14-21
April 7	Rom. 14:15-19
April 8	II Tim. 2:19-22
April 9	I Pet. 3:8-12
April 10	Acts 10:34-43
April 11—Sun.	I Thessa. 5:17-23

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

BASTROP'S FIRST UNITED Methodist Church will have a Holy Week Revival April 4-7, with services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. during the week. The Rev. Jordan Grooms, superintendent of the Big Spring District of the Northwest Texas Conference, is guest evangelist. Jerry Ross, Shreveport layman, will lead the singing. The Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid is pastor.

DR. CARL LUEG, pastor of First United Methodist, Monroe, will preach for the revival in First Church, Houma, April 5-8. The Rev. Jack Winegeart of Haynesville will lead the singing. The Rev. A. Jerome Cain is pastor.

SPEAKERS IN DERIDDER First United Methodist Church will be Chaplain Douglas H. Garwood on Tuesday, April 6; the Rev. George Pearce on Wednesday, April 7; and the Rev. Harvey Williamson on April 8. Host pastor will be the Rev. J. C. Wallace.

DR. BEN OLIPHINT, pastor of the University United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, will be guest speaker for Holy Week Services in First Church, Plaquemine, where the Rev. Lonnie M. Sibley serves as pastor.

RAYVILLE PRE-EASTER services will feature as speaker, the Rev. Eugene Pelt, evangelist for the North Alabama Annual Conference. The Rev. Dan Tohline of Vivian will lead the singing. The Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr. is the pastor.

GUEST PREACHER at Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, during Holy Week will be the Rev. Lloyd A. Foreman, pastor of the Luling United Methodist Church. The Rev. Edwin J. Barksdale is the Istrouma pastor.

THE REV. TRACY ARNOLD, pastor of the Abbeville United Methodist Church, was guest speaker for Methodist Men of First Church, Jennings, at the March supper meeting. The Rev. Angus Lee Carruth is the pastor.

"THE CRUCIFIXION as Seen through the Eyes of a Doctor" was the subject presented by Drs. Joe and Alice Holoubek at the North Highlands United Methodist Men's meeting, March 3. The Rev. Donald Risinger is pastor.

At the Natchitoches First Church WSCS meeting in March, Mrs. Lillian Dunahoe (left) treasurer, and Mrs. Sidney B. Evans, Jr. (at right), WSCS president, were among those assisting Mrs. T. W. Durr, Mrs. Ollie Haskins, and Mrs. Luvina Smith with plans for organizing a Women's Society at the Beulah United Methodist Church.

COMMENT

Mooringsport, Louisiana

Dear Friends:

There are several things I would like for us to think about and talk about. The Women's Division has asked our help in their effort to carry on the outreach of the church in the mission field. The total paid to the Women's Division was $700,000.00 short of the amount pledged, making a total of $1,300,000.00 short over a two-year period of time. We know this means the work in the various fields of endeavor was cut. We can help by paying our PLEDGE, giving SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS, GIFTS TO MISSION and IN MEMORIAM. Let us make every effort possible to do our part in this very important work. The first quarter is behind us, did you pay the first quarter's part of your PLEDGE? If not, please take care of it immediately.

I hope you are looking forward to our Fall Annual Meeting. This will be the first Fall Annual Meeting for some of us, so let us start now planning to make it a memorable one. Do not forget your contributions marked GIFTS FOR RETIRING CONFERENCE OFFICERS should be to your district treasurer by June 1, 1971. Keep in mind all of this money goes to MISSION. Please read and study the 1970 ANNUAL REPORT from the Board of Missions (order from Service Center) so that you will have a better and complete understanding of where the money for MISSION goes and how it is spent for the work done as an outreach of the church.

I would appreciate the privilege of closing this visit with a personal note. I do not seem to have the words to adequately express my appreciation to you for the many expressions of sympathy extended to me in the passing of my Dad. Believe me, each of the kindness shown was deeply appreciated by me and my family. Each one helped more than I can say. The words "thank-you" are sincerely meant.

Lovingly, Mary Ellen Gardner

(Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, Louisiana Conference A, WSCS Treasurer)

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Miss Van Horne devotes life to literacy work

by Elizabeth Meredith Lee

A tall, rosy-cheeked young woman with twinkling eyes, her arms bulging with books came rushing along the corridor of Interchurch Center, New York City, one hot August day.

"Are you just home from Timbuktu?" a friend queried, bumping into her. "What about vacation?"

"Vacation!" Marion Van Horne laughed. "Next Monday I'm off again to Fiji. From there I'll skim across to India to lead the Writer's Workshop at Octacamund. It takes a heap of going to help supply simple books for the world's newly literates, especially children."

Hurrying on, this peripatetic traveler called back merrily, "Marvelous job though! Lifting the world!"

This new type of internationalist was quickly out of sight, rushing to a committee meeting where she'd report her latest ventures in teaching some of the world's people to write simple books, and plan with her New York colleagues about next assignments. To thousands of newly literate adults in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America and to untold numbers of children this enthusiastic scholar is known and loved.

Marion's title explains her task. Since 1957 she has served as Literature Director of both the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children and of Lit-Lit. Around the world today, Marion is affectionately dubbed Flit-Flit because she is always on the wing.

Marion was well trained for her worldwide work. She had earned a B.A. in religious education at Schauffler College of Religion and Social Work and an M.A. in religion at New York University, with courses in journalism at Syracuse. Her earlier task had been as National Director of Youth Work of the Reformed Church in America.

In 1942 the above committees became interested in helping the world to realize that 700 million adults didn't know how to read or write. The man who cannot read panics because he cannot understand what happens before his very eyes. He is disqualified for any trade demanding use of the printed word. People who can't read or write are the same men and women who suffer because of poverty, superstition and spreading disease.

A door opened when Dr. Frank Laubach, missionary to illiterates in the Philippines, developed a simple, pictoral method by which adults could be taught to read. Gradually the question arose: What good is it to teach folk to read unless they have books in their own languages? How could this come about?

Christian publishers began to experiment. They published simple booklets on such practical themes as: Clean Water, Better Farm Animals, Home Nursing, War Against Pests, How To Keep Food from Spoiling. With such helpful materials village life took on new meaning.

Intermedia Photo

After experimenting in several countries Miss Van Horne's deepest concern gradually ripened. How to produce books for children in their native tongues? In only a few spots did any exist. She realized that she herself had neither time nor competence to learn foreign languages in which such books must be written.

Soon her conviction became crystal clear. "I must teach others how to write simple books for children, in the lands where they live. They need stories in their own tongues about familiar things. In Moslem lands where dogs are considered unclean a book about a dog would have no meaning to children who had never seen such a pet."

In 1962, after some experimentation and with Lit-Lit backing, Miss Van Horn organized and carried through the International Christian Writers Conference, at Green Lake, Wisconsin. The 9-weeks course offered intensive training to 67 young men and women delegates—nationals and missionaries —from 36 countries. Collectively, they spoke 44 languages and represented 30 denominations. All were deeply committed to writing books for children though some might be for adults as well. The faculty came from Egypt, Costa Rica, England and the United States.

Returning to their homes, this first group began to produce manuscripts. Out of this stimulating international experience and the student's urging, Miss Van Horne produced her first book, *Write the Vision*. Her cue was from the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk (2:2), "Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it." This volume has become a writer's guide for all the world.

In every country, Dr. Van Horne summarizes, the demand for education outweighs every other social striving. Even the poorest illiterate wants his child to read and write, confident that only thus can he hope to lead a fuller life. Teaching reading, however, means little unless the child has a steady stream of interesting, easy-to-read books. Notwithstanding the world's needs, there is still only a smattering of such literature.

Marion's courage never wavers. Recently she has launched a compelling plan to help produce 80 miles of children's books in various languages within the next five years. This means 500,000 books, or 100 titles of 5,000 editions each.

No wonder Flit-Flit claims, "It's a marvelous job!"

MEMORIAL CHURCH, MATHEWS HOST TO ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Memorial United Methodist Church in Mathews was host to the area observance of the World Day of Prayer in March. Thirteen churches from seven denominations were represented at the ecumenical service; Presbyterian of Raceland and Gheens; Catholic of Lockport, Mathews and Raceland; Full Gospel of Mathews; Episcopalian of New Orleans and Houma; Baptist of Lockport; Assembly of God of Raceland; and United Methodist of Lockport, Thibodaux, Raceland and Houma.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson served as leader for the celebration. Highlight of the evening was the inspirational message on the theme "New Life Awaits," brought by Mrs. Benson Riggin.

Music played an important part in the celebration. Mrs. M. L. Laughlin, organist of the host church, led a youth choir which rendered several numbers. The adult choir of the host church presented "The City of Gold" under the direction of Mrs. Leon Breaux, Jr.

Sixteen ladies participated in other phases of the program.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR APRIL 11: Is Death the End?

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15

MEMORY SELECTION: I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. (John 11:25-26)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To consider those questions which bring people to Easter for answers; to lead adults into an understanding of the nature of eternal life; to make us all aware that we have an obligation to respond to the risen Christ through service.

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Though some people may observe Easter for trivial reasons, many still come to this high point in the church's calendar looking for the answers to the fundamental questions of life and death. There will be large crowds of people at church today, and some of us will be tempted to make superficial remarks about this attendance. However, we should remember that many of those who come are motivated by deep inner needs.

In Thornton Wilder's play **Our Town** one of the characters expresses this widespread hunger for Easter as he says: "I don't care what they say with their mouths—everybody knows that something is eternal. And it ain't houses, and it ain't names, and it ain't earth, and it ain't even the stars . . . Everybody knows in their bones that something is eternal, and that something has to do with human beings. All the greatest people ever lived have been telling us that for five thousand years, and yet you'd be surprised how people are always losing hold of it. There's something way down deep that's eternal about every human being."

Yes, we all need to look at the Easter reality at least once a year, because without it we would be overcome by the prophets of doom who like to remind us that there is no use hoping for anything. Until we lay hold on those truths about which Paul writes in 1 Corinthians our Christian witness cannot be as optimistic and as hopeful as it should be.

Our Easter lesson is based on Paul's discussion of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. He preached the reality of the resurrection at every opportunity, and in this letter he is dealing with doubts that existed in the minds of some of the members of the Corinthian church. We, too, have our doubts and our questions, and we trust that Paul can help us with them as he did those in that early Christian group.

Corinth was a city that was dominated by pagan religions that did not have a place for such a teaching. This caused many of the Christians to modify the gospel message. Many of us have been influenced by streams of thinking that might be called pagan. Let us seek undergirding and encouragement from this great discourse on the resurrection.

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THE AFFIRMATION THAT CHRIST IS RISEN

The first affirmation that Paul made was that Christ has indeed risen from the dead. A traditional greeting exchanged by some Christians on Easter is the "He is risen!" declared by one and the answer "He is risen indeed!" The apostle never missed an opportunity to make such an affirmation. For him the Christian life began with a confrontation with the risen Christ, and he felt that this was the route others must follow if they would find their way into a Christian experience.

This great 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians should be read in its entirety in preparation for this lesson. Written like a symphony, the chapter plays the negative against the affirmative positions concerning the resurrection. We read in verse 17: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins." Then he follows with the great affirmation of verse 20: "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

As he underscores the importance of the resurrection theme, the writer is saying that if we take away the hope of life's fulness hereafter, as indicated and justified by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, his glorious gospel is reduced to a mere system of ethics. Dr. Short says: "To cut Christian ethics from the religious beliefs and implications in which they are planted, and from which they draw their nourishment, is like filling a crystal vase with lovely flowers. The flowers are beautiful and real, but they have been severed from their roots; they are under a sentence of death."

In verse 20 Paul moves away from the hypothetical "ifs" of the resurrection and asserts the fact itself. He affirms what faith in this reality can mean for all men. This became the basis of Christian hope. As one has put it: "There is life beyond the grave, and Christ opened the way to it. By conquering the grave he made our resurrection possible. It is not necessary to be in doubt about this. By looking at Christ's resurrection we have a guarantee of our own."

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SPECULATION CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE RESURRECTION

Paul indicated that the people to whom his letter was addressed were troubled by doubts about the future of the body. None of us can say that he is free from similar speculations. As we repeat the Apostle's Creed saying that we "believe in the resurrection of the body," do we have a clear idea as to what it is we are saying we believe?

Paul used a kind of parable to declare that a God who is powerful enough and gracious enough to give each form of life an appropriate body can be depended on to give us a body appropriate for this next phase of life. First he reached into the agricultural world to point out that a seed does not fulfill the mission for which it was created until it ceases to be a seed. Then it is free to move on to its intended destiny.

Paul makes three points in this parable. First, nothing grows until the seed dies. Second, it is not the entire plant that is planted but only the seed. Someone has put it this way, "What you sow is not what will be. You sow a seed that doesn't look like the plant it will become. So, in thinking about your resurrection body, remember that there will be differences from the physical body that was 'sown' in death." The third point is that each seed brings forth its own kind of body. God has determined the great variety of plants. Paul is saying that if he can do that in the plant and animal worlds, there is no reason why we cannot expect him to do the same for us in the spiritual realm.

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CHRIST CONTRASTED WITH ADAM

Just as he does in Romans, Paul contrasts Adam and Christ, "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." (v. 22) Beginning with the idea of racial solidarity, he points out that we are all members one of another. Dr. Short says: "Elsewhere Paul has written of the social implications of sin. Individual men and women are involved in the guilt of society . . . So far as the moral and spiritual blemishes of society are concerned, as well as in other ways, we are members one of another."

Then Paul moves on to make his major point concerning the resurrection as he refers to Christ as the forerunner of a great new order of life. Through Christ a second beginning has been made. Through him has been demonstrated God's purpose for all mankind. A new kind of solidarity is made available as Christ's redemption is open to all who are willing to believe in him and to follow him.

In this contrast between Adam and Christ the apostle reveals the charter for the world-wide Christian mission. He who sent his son to the Cross, and who by his mighty act raised him from the dead—has spoken to all humanity and declared that he will not be defeated. Paul uses this most effective means of showing his readers in every century that God's goal is a redeemed human society. Nothing less is great enough to be worthy of the drama of Easter.

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THE RESURRECTION CERTAINTY

For Paul resurrection was not just a hope—it was a certainty. The Lord whom Paul served did not end his work on the cross and simply leave it for others to carry forward. He had met him on the road to Damascus, and he knew that he was still going before his people and empowering them to live lives of service on his behalf.

It is in this spirit of certainty that Paul says: "For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." (verse 27) This is the encouraging word he gives to the Christians at Corinth, and he speaks with the same assuredness as he encourages us to believe with him that Christ has risen from the dead.

Modern Christians read these words and find themselves wondering if they are really true. We simply do not magnify the resurrection as the first century Christians did. The cross is the long-established symbol of the Christian faith and its major point of focus. However, the triumphant note of the resurrection certainty is largely unnoticed, except at Easter. Do we really believe it? Do we want to believe it? If we do, then today is a wonderful time for us to rededicate ourselves to it.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon has said, "Immortality for the Christian is not to be considered solely in terms of the extension of time beyond the grave. It is a continuation of our discipleship with Jesus Christ that began on earth and goes on forever."

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WHAT THE RESURRECTION FAITH INVOLVES

In searching for a brief summary of the resurrection faith which has empowered the church through all these years, we would venture to condense it in these statements:

1. It is based on a historical fact. All we have been talking about today—all the Christian church has really been talking about for two thousand years—is grounded in history. The resurrection of Jesus is no mere myth or symbol. As someone has put it, "Though it is impossible to prove the resurrection to a skeptical mind, there is enough weight to bring assurance to the believing heart."

2. It expresses itself in living experience. His resurrection means more than the revival of a body; it means his exaltation in the spiritual realm. It was after his resurrection that he could say, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me . . . Lo, I am with you always." (Matt. 28: 18, 20)

3. It is the basis of a glorious hope. Jesus said, as recorded by John, "Because I live, you shall live also." (John 14:18) The Christian hope is that the One who conquered death will give us the power to also conquer death.

What does the resurrection mean to us? What should be our response to it? It is not merely something that happened a long time ago. It is an everlasting reality to which we can witness and in which we can participate. That which happened through the life and work of one man in the first century of our era changed the course of the world, and is continuing to affect the world. Through our commitment we can be participants in this glorious process.

'Learn Now, Pay Later' plan adopted at Duke

DURHAM, N.C. (RNS) — Duke University will offer a deferred tuition plan beginning this Fall to about 2 per cent of the 8,500 students on campus who are considered to be "good risks." Under its provisions some students could pay their education costs over 30 years.

The plan adopted here by the Methodist-related university is similar to one approved recently at Yale, but not as extensive. All students are eligible in Yale's program, under which they would pay 0.4 per cent of their income for every $1,000 in tuition deferred—beginning when they leave school and continuing for a maximum of 35 years.

Members of the freshmen and sophomore classes are not eligible to participate in the Duke plan, nor are doctoral candidates and those in the graduate schools of divinity and forestry. Graduate students in law, medicine and business may qualify for deferred payments.

The basic repayment period for the Duke plan extends over 30 years, but an experiment of the graduate school of business will offer a 10-year repayment plan. Provost John O. Blackburn said the university hoped to expand the program to include others after the initial year.

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Mrs. Betty Hibben, a Glenview, Ill., YWCA leader, has been elected president of the new International Foundation for Ewha Women's University in Seoul, Korea. The foundation is coordinating the school's $20,000,000 development campaign during the next decade.

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Mergers result in fewer Annual Conferences

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Latest count indicates there are 567 districts in the 82 annual conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States.

Virginia, with its 16 districts, leads the list with the highest number. Three have 14 districts each — Oklahoma, Western North Carolina, and West Ohio. Evidently not being superstitious, Iowa has 13. Five have an even dozen districts—East Ohio, Florida, Holston, North Alabama, and Texas.

The average number of districts in an annual conference in the United States is 6.9.

According to a tally made by the Rev. Alan K. Waltz of Dayton, assistant general secretary of research on the staff of the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning, the number of annual conferences in the United States has dropped from 110 in 1968 to 93 in 1969 and 82 at the present time.

Dr. Waltz pointed out that most of the reduction in number of conferences has come about by merger of former Evangelical United Brethren Conferences with former Methodist Conferences and union of black and white annual conferences. Still other mergers are in the offing which will further reduce the number.

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In a ceremony of inauguration and celebration that included folk music, soul poetry and black spirituals, the Rev. Merlyn W. Northfelt was inaugurated as the 11th president of United Methodism's Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., on March 8.

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Migrant farm workers are among some of the most depressed people in this country. Their needs for better housing, adequate medical attention and day care for their children are critical. Churches and other socially concerned agencies are attempting to meet these immediate needs while working on longer range solutions to the problems. The National Division of the Board of Missions is the arm of the United Methodist Church which reaches out to these people. (Denny Witz).

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

18. **The Transitional Period**

After all the participating churches have voted on the Plan of Union (supposedly sometime between 1974 and 1976) the formative or transitional period will begin. There is no specified time for this period, but it will continue until a Constitution for the Church of Christ Uniting has been adopted and becomes operative.

Any two of the churches may unite following their affirmative decisions in accordance with their respective constitutional provisions. This writer feels that it would be wise to rewrite this section of the Plan so that it would be necessary for a majority of the churches involved in the Consultation to approve it before it becomes effective for any.

Seventeen specific steps are listed in making the union effective. Following the decisions of two or more of the churches to merge, each will designate ten representatives to a Provisional General Council. This body would then make three decisions: (1) Determine the number of additional bishops needed in the new church; (2) Apportion these additional bishops among the churches in accordance with the communicant membership and the number of bishops already functioning in a particular church; and (3) Make plans for national and regional services of inauguration. This Provisional General Council will terminate following the Service of Inauguration.

Election of Additional Bishops: Each church entitled to elect bishops prior to the Service of Inauguration shall do so in accordance with procedures adopted by it. They shall be chosen in accordance with the definition of the role and function of bishop contained in the Plan. They shall be consecrated in a service of the united church, but shall continue in their present vocations until called to the particular office for which they are eligible. (It seems there will have to be some reworking of this provision, because under the Plan some bishops might not be called to a specific assignment).

Services of Inauguration: The Provisional Council would have the responsibility for planning these services on at least the national and regional levels. Apparently there is some feeling that similar services ought to be conducted on the district level. United Methodists would be inclined to see this as wise, since the district would compare to our present Annual Conference.

The Service of Inauguration is printed as a part of the Plan of Union.

Transitional National Assembly: The Transitional National Assembly, which would have tremendous responsibilities in the implementation of the new church, would be composed of 25 delegates elected by each of the uniting churches, provided that the United Methodist Church shall be entitled to 50 delegates, because of the previous union of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. This group would have the tremendous responsibilities for implementing the new church. Some of these we will discuss next week. AAK

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'New ecumenism' seen emerging

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UMI) — There is a new ecumenism emerging in Christianity today that stresses the unity of mankind rather than union of churches alone, the president of the United Methodist Church's Commission on Ecumenical Affairs said here March 12.

"Society at large shows little interest in ecumenism which seeks to unify the churches, but will gladly join with Christians in an ecumenism which seeks the unity of the human family," Bishop Paul A. Washburn of the Minnesota Area told the annual meeting of the Commission on Public Reformation. "I am voicing my opinion that ecumenism moves now beyond cozy inter-church dialogues, celebrations, coalitions and unions toward involvement in our Lord's intentional actions to unify divided humanity."

In business sessions, the commission agreed to put emphasis this year on encouraging formation of communications committees in local churches of the denomination. Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis, Mo., was recognized for three quadrenniums of leadership as chairman, and Mrs. Charlotte O'Neal, New York, administrative assistant, was cited for 20 years of service.

Interdenominational Commn. on Church Planning launched

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A Commission on Church Planning and Architecture, representing a broad spectrum of Protestant denominations in the United States and Canada, was launched here recently.

Hosts for the initial meeting were the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the United Methodist Board of Education. Twenty-two persons representing 10 church organizations attended the meeting which was chaired by the Rev. Glenn S. Gothard, Consultant on Building and Equipment for the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church. He is also chairman of the Section on Church Planning and Architecture of the National Conference on Religious Architecture.

Mr. Gothard planned the initial meeting with the late Dr. W. A. Harrell, director of the Department of Architecture in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, who died one week before the Nashville meeting. Succeeding Dr. Harrell in the planning group was Rowland Crowder, a staff member of the Southern Baptist Department of Architecture.

The Rev. Peter Chen, pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., speaking to youth group at the Second Convocation on Asian-American Ministries.

United approach sought at Asian-American Ministries Convocation

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UMI)— More than 150 representatives of Asian-American United Methodist churches in the western United States, in their second Convocation on Asian-American Ministries, called for "liberation from the elements of racism" within their denomination and society.

The group also asked for greater self-determination in their future relationships with the National Division of the Board of Missions and in making final judgments on who shall lead their organization.

On motion of the Rev. Lloyd Wake, of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, San Francisco, the Convocation called for a re-structuring of leadership that would be broadly representative of four major ethnic groups—Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Filipino.

Both the recent Convocation here and one held last year in San Francisco grew out of a search for identity and a united approach to Asian-American ministries in the West which many churchmen felt were lost with the demise of the Pacific Japanese Conference of the Methodist Church in 1964.

Young people taking part in the Convocation called for more sensitivity in dealing with current social problems, with special emphasis on the drug problem among youth. They also called for more relevant curriculum materials for use in their churches with young people who come from mixed religious backgrounds.

Statistics show Asian-American congregations of the United Methodist Church include 42 Japanese, six Chinese, eight Korean and 10 Filipino. Together they have 13,681 members, of which the Japanese account for 9,610. Chairman of the Convocation was the Rev. Peter Chen, pastor of the Centenary United Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

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Group Calls for end in Indochina involvement

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — The president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, Bishop John Wesley Lord, and staff members from two of the church's national agencies are part of a new coalition seeking an end to American military involvement in Indochina by Dec. 31, 1971.

Called "Set the Date Now," the interfaith campaign has opened a national office in the United Methodist Building on Capitol Hill. Its leaders have announced that supporters—including various officers and staff-members from a wide variety of religious groups—will work to get constituents to press Congress and the Administration to make December 31 the final date for American involvement in the Vietnam war.

ADC seeks Extension of life for Appalachian agency

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — The United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee (ADC) meeting March 11-12 voted to send telegrams to appropriate members of the U.S. House of Representatives, urging that it follow the Senate's action in extending the life of the Federal Appalachian Regional Commission for another four years.

The Committee also voted to urge the House subcommittee to invite the Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA) to speak for the religious community at the hearings. CORA, which represents 17 religious communions, 10 state councils of churches and five other religious organizations, strongly supports continuation of the Regional Commission.

Bishop Roy H. Short of the Louisville Area, who addressed the meeting, said the United Methodist Church has been involved in serving the rural poor in Kentucky for 200 years, but the approach is still too fragmented and uncoordinated.

Board hears report on 1970 pension payments

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Pensions amounting to $29,145,748 were paid during 1970 for 397,204 years of service in annual (regional) conferences of the United Methodist Church. Of this amount, $22,558,739 was paid through the denomination's General Board of Pensions.

This was one of the highlights of the report of the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt of Evanston, general secretary of the board, at its regular meeting here March 17.

In his annual report to the 26-member national board, Dr. Hoyt indicated that there are 17,176 persons currently receiving pensions. The average age of the ministerial pensioner is 75.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D.C., president of the board, presided at the meeting.

The board supported a brief for the position that in the proposed restructuring of general boards and agencies the General Board of Pensions should be independent of and separate from other boards and agencies in the organizational structure, but responsibly related, as it now is, to the General Conference and the annual conferences.

In other actions, the Board of Pensions approved a plan by which annual conferences participating in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund will be able to provide a reserve pension plan for lay pastors who are granted pension credit for approved service.

Dr. Hoyt's report indicated that 59 annual conferences now participate in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, with 20,339 persons enrolled.

Donald R. McKee, treasurer, reported that there are entrusted to the board pension funds totalling $287,026,000, the income of which is used exclusively for various pension programs. Most of this money represents conference funds for which the general board acts as custodian and paying agent.

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Nine UMs participate in Paris meeting

NEW YORK (UMI) — Nine United Methodists were among a group of about 50 church leaders who spent March 20-26 in Paris seeking to ascertain facts surrounding the Paris Peace Talks and to present "their urgent concern for an early peace" to both sides in the Indochina war.

They were: Dr. George Crawford, professor of physics at Southern Methodist University, member of the Board of Christian Social Concerns; Mrs. E. M. Decker, Jr., Jacksonville, Tex., members of the Women's Division, Board of Missions; James Hamilton, director of the Washington office, National Council of Churches; Miss Doris M. Handy, Pittsburg, Pa., vice-president of the Women's Division; Mrs. Martin L. Harvey, Jackson, Miss., member of the board of managers, Church Women United; the Rev. Dr. E. Ebb Munden, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Neb., member of the Board of Christian Social Concerns; Miss Pat Patterson, Washington, D.C., missionary on furlough from Japan; Bishop R. Marvin Stuart, episcopal leader and resident bishop of the Denver Area, the United Methodist Church; the Rev. Dr. Luther E. Tyson, director of the Department of Economic Life, Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D.C.

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News in Brief

Bill Price, a member of Front Strect United Methodist Church in Burlington, N.C., has been named to the board of dirccors of the Laymen's National Bible Committee.

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Five United Mcthodists-ministers and laymen—are among recipients of 1970 awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

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Bd. of Social Concerns calls bombing "blow at democratic process"

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — "We deeply deplore the recent bombing of the United States Capitol as a blow at the democratic political process," the executive committee of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns asserted here toward the close of a March 17-18 meeting.

In a five-paragraph statement on the Capitol bombing, the 18-member executive committee expressed a keen awareness "of gross injustices in our society" and recalled members' sharp criticism "of certain government policies," but strongly condemned "violent methods to express dissent or precipitate change."

"The view that violence and war can contribute significantly to the resolution of serious problems is all too prevalent in all quarters of our society," the churchmen declared.

While noting inperfections in the U.S. Congress, the executive committee urged citizens to examine their own responsibilities "both for its failures and for making it an effective bulwark of representative government." Violent acts, the leaders of United Methodism's social action agency pointed out, can lead to "violent retaliation, increased surveillance, the curtailment of civil liberties and serious loss of freedom."

"For our part," the executive committee statement concluded, "we renew our commitment to the democratic political process and its revitalization as the most hopeful means of achieving needed social change."

As though to underscore this commitment, the executive committee in another action sent a telegram to members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee urging support for a family assistance plan bill.

Porticiponts in a recent meeting of Senior Citizens Group ot First Church, New Orleans. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Alvin P. Smith, minister of Visitation; Mrs. Henrietta Michon, secretory of SCG; Edgor B. Sounders, who spoke on "Investment Plonning"; the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, postor.

Members of Shreveport District Leadership Committee ot recent Older Adult Workshop. FROM LEFT: the Rev. Don Risinger; Mrs. Doris Morsolis; Mrs. D. O. Cardwell; Mrs. Nellie Wyche; Miss Virginio Stofford; Mrs. Kotherine Gibbs, of the Conference Progrom Office, ond Mrs. G. W. Chorlton, chairmon.

Thirty-five workers with senior odults assembled during workshop ot Broadmoor Church in Shreveport to heor Miss Virginia Stofford of the Generol Bd. of Educotion outline guidelines ond opportunities for older adult ministries.

ART PROFESSOR EXHIBITS AT NORTHWEST WESLEY FOUNDATION

A group of canvases by Jean F. Taylor, assistant professor in drawing in the Department of Art, Northeast Louisiana University, is being exhibited at Wesley Foundation in Monroe, March 18 through April 16. Referring to history and religion, these canvases comprise a portion of a series of homages on which she is currently working. Specifically, the exhibition is dedicated to Sebastian, Claude Debussy, and Gabrielle d'Annunzio.

Mrs. Taylor's academic work was done at Ohio State University, and the institutions at which she has taught include Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wis.; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Ohio State, and Proctor Conferenee Center, Cincinnati, O.

Representative galleries for her work are the Bradley Gallery, Milwaukee, Wis.; Artisians, Dallas, Tex.; and the Keith Gallery, Columbus, O.

This is her 11th one-man exhibition, and a reception on March 28 was coordinated with the first Northeast Louisiana University Festival of the Arts, March 22-April 6.

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NEWS OF CENTENARY FACULTY MEMBERS

Dr. Woodrow W. Pater, professor of economics at Centenary College, has been accepted as a member of the 1971 Summer Institute for College Teachers of Economics at Vanderbilt University, June 8-July 16. He will receive a National Science Foundation fellowship including a stipend of $100 per week per dependent allowance. Each participant will also receive $60 worth of basic books and materials. Dr. Pater has been on the Centenary faculty since 1949.

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Dr. Wayne Hanson, chairman of the Chemistry Department at Centenary, has received notice that he has been elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The Association announced that the selection was based on contributions made by Dr. Hanson to the advancement of science. He has been a member of the chemistry faculty at Centenary since 1959 and was made chairman of the department in 1970. He received the Centenary Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award in 1970. The Louisiana Science Teachers Association presented him with an Outstanding Science Teacher award in 1966.

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Ruston District

Mrs. Ralph Cain is District secretary for spiritual growth. Mrs. Pat Kneipp, director of music at Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, will direct the singing of retreat hymns.

A 1:00 p.m. "Celebration" around the table will conclude this opportunity for spiritual growth. Those attending are requested to bring sack lunches; drinks will be provided.

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Dr. Vivo Roiney, (fourth from left, front row), ossociate professor of History ond Government ot Centenory College wos the speaker for o recent Sundoy morning worship ot Centenory Church in Royne, Lo. The Rev. M. C. Cady, postor, daughter Debbie, ond Mrs. Cody (ot front left) and other members of the Centenary congregotion ore pictured here.

"News in Brief"

THE MINISTERS' RETREAT for Lake Charles and Lafayette will be held at the Lake Charles District Camp, April 14 and 15.

MANY UNITED Methodist Church members heard Drs. Alice and Joe Holoubek of Shreveport present "The Doctor at Calvary – the Sufferings of Christ as Seen by a Physician." The program was on Wednesday evening, March 24. The Rev. L. W. Taylor is the Many minister.

THE LAYMEN'S RETREAT for the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Districts will be April 16 and 17 at Camp Istrouma.

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NEW DAY CLASS HAS VARIED PROJECTS

The New Day Sunday School Class of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church, Bogalusa, observed its third year of service at a dinner and costume party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond. During the business session new officers were elected. Earl Crowe succeeds Hershel Patten as president. Ned Preslar is vice-president, Sally Simmons, secretary, and Margaret Seal is treasurer. The class decided to continue: monthly support of an orphan in Brazil; monthly contributions to the local church's radio ministry; participation in the conference One Thousand Club; the memorial piano fund; social service exchange at Thanksgiving and Christmas; and to conduct an in-depth study of the new rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar."

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Some of the members of Couley United Methodist Church shown with the Rev. J. C. Skinner (kneeling) toke time out from "Cleon-Up Doy" octivities for photo. Mr. Skinner is postor of the Winnfield-Couley Chorge.

A United Methodist Said It

"I don't care whether we consider ourselves conservatives, fundamentalists, evangelicals, liberals or radicals —and, frankly, I don't think God much cares—but how do we relate to the brutalizing and dehumanizing, to the demoniac forces swirling around us?"—Bishop James Armstrong

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The three photos below were made when Student Recognition Day was observed at the churches on the Simsboro-Antioch-Salem Charge. Philip Cardwell was the student preacher in all three churches; the Rev. Ed Parks is pastor. The student groups are shown in following photos: TOP–Simsboro; CENTER–Antioch; LOWER–Salem.

Debbie Sanders was crowned "Little Miss Simsboro High School" recently. She is shown here with her escort, Phil Parks. Both children attend the Simsboro United Methodist Church.

News in Brief

The Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has declared opposition to new measures of the Rhodesian Government which threaten the integrity of the Church in that country. Among other decisions, the Conference affirmed that it would neither make up a five per cent in teachers' salaries recently decreed by the Government nor would it collect this sum from parents. The move was voted even though it may necessitate the closing of 214 primary schools operated by the Church in Rhodesia.

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The Hong Kong Annual Conference is to become autonomous by 1972, and hopes by the same date to be self-supporting and to be united with the Chinese Methodist Church and the Church of Christ in China.

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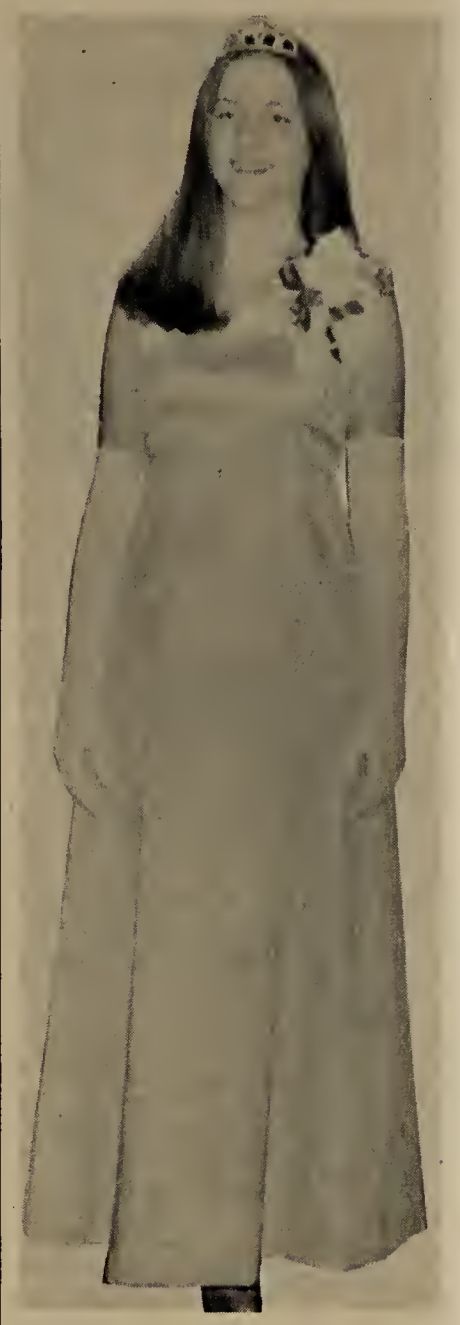

Miss Sue Creed, president of the UMYF at First Church, Many, was chosen Sweetheart of the Aubrey G. Walton Sub-District at the recent annual district banquet. Sue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Creed and her two brothers are also active members of the Many Church. The Rev. L. W. Taylor is pastor. The Rev. W. H. Bengtson is adult counselor for the sub-district organization in Shreveport District.

In the chapel of Pacific Theological College at Suva in the Fiji Islands is a tablet containing the names of 1,150 islanders who have gone out as missionaries, many of them to areas where Christianity was completely unknown.

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Of 135 members of the Board of Managers of the United Methodist Board of Missions, 61 are women, 14 are of African or Asian descent. Members live in 37 states and the District of Columbia, as well as three foreign countries.

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The American College at Rosario, Argentina, has just celebrated its 95th anniversary. Festivities included the installation of former Crusade Scholar Pedro di Pentima as the school's new director.

United Methodists and Lutherans are engaged in a joint project in Liberia and Ghana to develop a new Christian education curriculum. The program, which has a full-time Liberian editor, has received a grant from the All Africa Conference of Churches in addition to United Methodist and Lutheran assistance.

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The Atlanta (Ga.) University, which includes United Methodist-related Clark College, has received $179,200 from the National Science Foundation to improve science education of their undergraduate studies.

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The most recent yearly income of the World Division of the Board of Missions represented slightly less than $2.00 for each member of the Church in the United States.

Nearly 50 children in the Elementary Division at New Iberia Church attended four sessions of the Mission Study, "The Americas." Here a group is shown modeling the ponchos and displaying flowers made in crafts periods. Other activities included the making of notebooks featuring various countries to the South. The last session ended with a "Mexican Feast" with real Mexican tacos made by one of the mothers, and enchiladas served by another. The Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor.

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Services Offered During 1970:

Number of children served during all or part of the year—119; Actual days of care given to children—30,377; Number of families of children served—68; Additional appeals served indirectly (counseling-referral elsewhere, etc.)—15.

Program of Service:

Physical and medical care of children; professional and counseling including, where needed, psychological or psychiatric evaluation and counseling; educational opportunity in public school, college, trade school, business school. Aid in taking part in extra curricular activities of school and church; guided recreation and craft activities; religious activities both on campus and as part of the church program; regular staff conferences to help all in understanding, guiding, and making plans for individual children; counseling with families of children and work with other agencies in this effort. We must add to this costs of administration and promoting the work, maintenance and upkeep, and many other miscellaneous costs.

Building:

During the year we completed and occupied our fourth new cottage for children. All this has been done without call on the Conference and the churches.

Financing of Operation:

Contributions from churches	$169,523.12
From all other sources	16,470.73
Total contributions	185,993.85
Total Operating Expense	$210,143.00
(this was under budget)	
Total Operating Deficit	24,149.15
Budget for year, 1971:	$213,227.00

We seek to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon us by the church. We need the full support of the church in doing so.

Size of General and Jurisdiction Conference delegations announced

The combined Louisiana Annual Conference which will come into existence in June will be entitled to elect 12 delegates to the 1972 General Conference, according to a communication sent recently to the conference secretaries by Dr. J. Wesley Hole, secretary of the General Conference. Six of these delegates will be ministers and six will be laymen.

The conference will elect 14 additional delegates for the Jurisdictional Conference—seven ministers and seven laymen—for a total of 26 delegates in that body.

Louisiana Conference A was represented by 11 delegates at the 1970 special session of the General Conference, and Louisiana Conference B had two delegates. (Although the total for 1972 may appear to be one less than for 1970, it should be remembered that in that Conference a former member of the EUB delegation of 1968 was included as the 11th member of the General Conference from Louisiana Conference A).

According to the information from Dr. Hole the total delegation in the General Conference will be 998, with 130 of these delegates coming from former Evangelical United Brethren membership.

The total, which is just two short of the maximum size of 1,000 delegates for General Conference as set by the Constitution, will be selected on the ratio of 87 percent former Methodist and 13 percent former Evangelical United Brethren. The 998 delegates

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—Photo by Carlin

UMCOR HELP IN EAST PAKISTAN TEMPORARILY HALTED

NEW YORK (UMI) — Because of the political and military crisis in East Pakistan, the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR), New York, says it has been necessary to temporarily suspend payments for cyclone-tidal wave relief, but adds that "the program of rehabilitation will be resumed at the earliest possible date."

Those who may have suffered in the brief civil strife between East and West Pakistan, about which there have been conflicting reports, undoubtedly will need the church's relief ministry as well as the victims of last fall's disaster, UMCOR said, though of the fighting, "it seems that there simply is nothing that can be done at the present time until the situation is more clearly defined." The Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines is UMCOR executive secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton announces the following changes in appointments:

Louisiana Conference A

William M. Jacocks, Elder in Full Connection, from St. Mark's, Monroe District, to the position of Housing Administrator for Yale Village, National Society of the Volunteers of America, Houston, Texas, effective March 15, 1971.

St. Mark's, Monroe District, to be supplied until Annual Conference.

Louisiana Conference B

Bertrand Griffin, Elder in Full Connection, from Neely Church, Baton Rouge District, to the position of Chaplain, Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, effective March 16, 1971.

Neely Church, Baton Rouge District, to be supplied until Annual Conference.

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Bishop Paul E. Martin (third from left) presented the 1971 C. I. Jones Lectures at Rayne Memorial Church in New Orleans March 28-30. Shown with him (l. to r.) are Mrs. Benedict A. Galloway, Mrs. Paul E. Martin, (Bishop Martin), Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, donor for the lecture series, Dr. Benedict A. Galloway, host pastor, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, and Dr. Russell Pregeant, associate minister at Rayne Memorial.

Some of the 49 ministers who met for breakfast on Monday during the Jones' Lectures at Rayne Memorial Church. FROM LEFT: Dr. Robert Harrington, New Orleans District superintendent (Conference B); Dr. Galloway; Bishop Willis J. King, retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church; Bishop Martin; Bishop Walton, and Dr. George W. Pomeroy, New Orleans District superintendent (Conference A).

TRINITY, RUSTON PRESENTS CHORAL SERVICES

The Chancel and Junior Choirs at Trinity Church in Ruston, accompanied by a string quartette, presented "On the Passion of Christ," by David Williams at the two Sunday morning worship services on March 28. The choral work incorporates three traditional hymns: "Ah, Dearest Jesus," "Bread of the World," and "Through Thee Alone Can We Be Blest."

Strings and organ were heard in the prelude "Two Concertos" by Mozart, and the offertory "Sheep May Safely Graze," by Bach-Biggs. Soloists were Mrs. J. L. Dodds, Malcolm McCown, and Jon Barker, guest baritone, of the Louisiana Tech University music faculty.

The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is minister at Trinity; Dr. Marshall Bretz is organist and choirmaster, Marion Bretz, director of the Junior Choir, and Larry Richards serves as assistant organist.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Committee on Associate Members and Lay Pastors will hold its annual meetings to interview the ministers enrolled in the courses of study. Every person who has not reached a terminal relationship with the conference must attend these meetings.

The meetings will be held at Ingleside United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, on April 20, 1971 beginning at 10:00 a.m., and at Trinity United Methodist Church at Ruston on April 22 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

If a candidate finds it necessary to arrive at a later hour this may be arranged by writing the chairman.

—George H. Sherman, Jr.
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Participants in recent Ruston-Shreveport annual Bi-District Layman's Retreat held at Caney Lake Camp near Minden. FROM LEFT: Marcus Wren, Ruston District lay leader; the Rev. Ralph Cain, Ruston District superintendent; the Rev. John J. Rasmussen Jr., pastor at Webb Chapel United Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., who was principal speaker; Dr. Jack Cooke, Shreveport District superintendent, and H. H. "Hap" Smith, Shreveport District lay leader.

A new part of the Retreat was a "Soul Picnic" which featured instrumental and singing youth groups from churches in the Ruston-Shreveport Districts. Leader David Stone, youth director at First Church, Shreveport is shown in the immediate foreground. Part of the crowd of nearly 300 persons is shown listening as the "Joyful Noise" from the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech at Ruston performs.

Emmerich Memorial Lab classes to be held in April

A memorial fund in the name of the late Rev. Earl B. Emmerich, who served several pastorates in Louisiana and as an Associate Director of the Louisiana Conference Program Council in 1967-68, will be used this month to conduct several Laboratory classes for certified leaders of Youth Labs.

According to Mrs. Katherine Emmerich Gibbs, widow of the late Mr. Emmerich, these Type D Labs (a 16-hour course) will be held in those districts of the Louisiana A Conference where her husband served as a church pastor.

Thus far only two of the schools have been scheduled, both in the Monroe District. A Mid-High Lab Class will be held April 16-18 in West Monroe, and a Junior High Lab in Rayville, April 30-May 1-2.

The Pineville church in the Alexandria District is making plans to conduct a class in August of this year. It is anticipated that other classes will be held in the New Orleans and Lake Charles Districts at a later time.

Mrs. Gibbs stated that since it was felt that the fund should be used within the next few months, it was decided to allocate the remaining moneys for the further training of certain young men in laboratory work with the understanding that they will then hold a class without remuneration. So far, the Rev. Willis Dear has accepted this offer within the Shreveport District. An offer will probably be made to two other young men.

DR. WOODROW HEARN, director of the Conference A Program Council, conducted pre-Holy Week evening services at the Golden Meadow United Methodist Church March 28-April 2. The Rev. Ira M. Robinson is pastor.

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Delegations

will be half clergy and half laymen.

The figures which have been prepared and given to the Annual Conference secretaries "are binding and cannot be changed," Dr. Hole explained.

According to the Constitution each Annual Conference is entitled to elect as delegates one minister and one layman for the first 46,200 church members and one additional minister and layman for each major fraction thereof. The conferences will also elect as delegates one minister and layman for every 148 ministerial members of the Annual Conference and one additional minister and layman for each major fraction thereof.

The number of delegates which each Annual Conference is entitled to elect to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences was computed on the basis of statistics as of Dec. 31, 1969, according to Dr. Hole.

Editorial

GOOD–MORNING!

In the Goodspeed translation of the Easter story in the Gospel of Matthew the greeting "All hail" which was delivered by the risen Christ to the women in the garden is translated "Good-morning!" There is a touch of genius about this use of words, because "hail" has passed out of our common usage. "Good-morning" helps us enter more fully into the meaning of Easter since it is such a familiar greeting.

Although he spoke directly to Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, these words were Jesus' victorious greeting to all humanity. The women had waited patiently through the Sabbath while he lay alone in the tomb. They had been there on Friday when the tomb was sealed —the time had been too short for the proper preparation for burial. So when the Sabbath was over they hastened back to minister unto his body in death. However, they discovered that the angel of the Lord had arrived at the tomb before them to announce to them that the one whom they sought was no longer there, but had risen.

We can imagine the mixed emotions they experienced following this announcement. We are told they departed with fear and great joy—fearful that what they had heard might not be so and joyous in the expectation that it was. Then, as they hastened to spread the word, they were met by one who said, "Good-morning!"

These words were Jesus' victorious greeting to humanity. "Good-morning!" It was now to be morning forever in the lives of believers. This day was to take primacy among all the days that had ever dawned. This greeting of our Lord bears out the truth of Harnack's statement: "The grave of Jesus was the birthplace of the indestructible belief that death is vanquished and there is life eternal.'"

That morning was good because Jesus spoke as a voice from the invisible. The difficulty concerning the reality of immortality is the fact that it is invisible. Life beyond the grave seems unreal to us because we cannot visualize it. And yet we live in a world that is invisible in its deepest meanings. True, we see the stuff of the world, but the values that matter most are unseen.

We are invisible ourselves. We can see our bodies, but not our personalities—those parts of us that are truly ourselves. Beyond what we see are mind, purpose, love and sympathy—all these realities which make us what we are cannot be seen. All kinds of electronic telescopes and microscopes have been developed which bring outer distances close to earth and tiny forms of matter within the range of the human mind. However, none is powerful enough to show us our real beings. Sometime ago we were visiting with a friend who has research responsibilities in working with sophisticated reconnaissance equipment for the military. From him we learned of many advancements in discovering how to see that which was formerly invisible. But still there is no camera that can provide a picture of the personality of a man.

You cannot see love, or hope, or faith. Yet who would deny that they exist. These are the most real of all forces, out of which nations are established, families are built, and all valuable human relationships come into being and survive.

Jesus spoke on the first Easter, saying "Good morning!" and his words were a song declaring that the invisible world of eternal life was real. This is the triumphant song in which we join when things become too difficult. When the visible things are too much with us we can find undergirding in the world of eternal things—the things that are invisible.

Our Lord said, "Good-morning," and in those words he said, "I live eternally." The real stream of life did not stop at the cross. It kept flowing on—eternal life is that kind of life—a river that has no beginning and no ending. When our Lord spoke these words he was not saying, "I live again." What he said was, "I still live." How many times we have been strengthened by these words as we have faced the deaths of our loved ones. Dr. James Simpson was one of England's great scientists and surgeons. When his heart was broken because of the death of his small daughter, he had this text carved on her gravestone: "Nevertheless I live."

There is a "spiritual" which speaks of the life that goes on after we are dead. It ends with a triumphant shout which proclaims: "Who will be a-living when I am dead? I will! I will!"

The remarkable thing about Jesus' appearance in the garden is that it was impossible. It couldn't have happened—but it did! The world has known no sense of defeat and frustration comparable to that of the little band of Jesus' followers. They were at the end of their road—never again could they walk through the fields, or sail the lakes, or sleep out under the stars with him. But then Jesus appeared and said, "Good-morning!" With these words a whole new realm of reality opened to them. They had been at the end of their hope—now there was a new beginning; they had been defeated, but now they could sing a new song of victory; they had been in the depths, but now they were lifted to the heights.

Truly Easter was, and is, the good morning!

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the Editor's Corner

Action for Children's Television

An unusual and exciting development has taken place relating to children and television. Through an organization called ACT—Action for Children's Television—our attention has been called to an inquiry which has been set up to look at many aspects of television programming and commercials aimed at children.

This Boston-based group is seriously trying to improve television for children, and all of us can have a part in the study that is being made.

Following the initiative of this group the Federal Communications Commission has issued a Notice of Inquiry to gather more data on the subject. According to **Continuity,** newsletter of the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO), this is the first time that such an action has been taken by the FCC.

The effort is aimed at the establishment of the fact that children are a special audience. Mrs. Evelyn Sarson, ACT president, says: "Programs for children should be planned to recognize the difference in ages, hosts on children's programs should not sell, the children's television should be designated as a public service and be underwritten rather than interrupted by commercials."

The letter from ACT asks that those who agree with their program to write to the FCC today, mentioning Notice of Inquiry 19142, and urging minimum guidelines for children's television, diversity of programs for children of different ages, and an end to commercials directed to children. Send your letter to: Chairman Dean Burch, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. (Also send a copy to ACT, 33 Hancock Avenue, Newton Centre, Mass. 02159).

They would also like for you to ask individuals in organizations to which you belong to write a letter. Also could you get five friends to write, and ask them to find five more. The deadline is May 3, 1971.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Brooks Hays, former Presidential advisor and one-time president of the Southern Baptist Convention, expressed deep concern for two young men who robbed him at gunpoint as he neared his Dallas hotel during the Southern Baptist Nationwide Bible Conference. "The loss to the Hays family was a minor one," he said. "The tragedy for those lads is infinitely greater because they can't win in the long run." Incorporating the incidents of the robbery into his remarks to seminar participants Hays said, "I meditated about those young men after I got back to my hotel room," adding that the two black youths' problems are "not unrelated to ours. Politics must have a moral and spiritual base. We fail to apply our Christian faith to society." "In thinking about those young men, I wondered first where their families had failed, then where society had failed and, most importantly, where the Christian community had failed them."

The House Armed Services Committee has voted to grant the President the power to eliminate draft deferments for seminarians and clergymen, and to add a year to the two-year alternative service obligation for conscientious objectors. Its stand reportedly drew criticism from the Synagogue Council of America. Rabbi Solomon J. Scharfman, president of the Council and Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice-president, cited the "serious problem in recruiting a sufficient number of divinity students to fill the needs of synagogues across the nation," and said that the removal of draft deferment for such students "may very well deal a crippling blow to the rabbinical seminaries."

President Nixon has asked 100 of the nation's top religious leaders for their help in curbing the spiraling problems of drug abuse, especially in the fields of education and rehabilitation. The Chief Executive, speaking during a one-day White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Religious Leaders (Mar. 26), urged his listeners "to get at the cause of frustration and anxiety" that compels young people to give up and "move, step by step, into another world, the world of drugs." The President said this is an area where people in religion have a special responsibility, adding, "It tears your heart out to see what drugs can do to young people." "Young people are our most priceless possession and unless we deal with the problem realistically our society could crumble virtually overnight," another speaker said.

More than a million applications for a new Bible correspondence course have been received in eight months by The Voice of Prophecy, international radio broadcast arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, headquartered in Glendale, Calif. Applications for the new "Focus on Living" course "far surpass requests for any of the more than 15 other Bible courses offered," reported Pastor Harold M. S. Richards, Jr., co-director of the organization. "We believe," he said, "that large interest in study of the Bible reflects a return of Americans to traditional values, among which is confidence in the counsels of the Bible to point the way to answers to the problems which afflict so many." The Voice of Prophecy, marking its 41st year of continuous radio ministry, was founded by Richards' father—Dr. H. M. S. Richards, who is a co-director and author of the Bible course series.

Baptist World Alliance leaders, representing Baptists in 129 countries, have taken the first step in a five-year program which looks toward "reconciliation of man with God and man with man through evangelism and the application of Biblical principles." The World Mission of Reconciliation was authorized by the Baptist World Congress at Toyko in July, 1970. It will be the first cooperative world-wide evangelistic effort ever attempted by the Baptists. Plans drafted by an international steering committee call for an emphasis on "planning and sharing" in 1971-72, on "spiritual renewal and training" in 1972-73. The years 1973-75 are marked as "Action for Reconciliation" and 1976 is a year for "activating the reconciled."

Evangelist Billy Graham is reported to have said in Cleveland, Ohio, that he favors "some creative solution" to aid what he described as "religious oriented" schools. He suggested that the answer to the problems of church-related schools might be "dual enrollment, tax rebates, or tuition grants to be used where (the parents) please, assuming that (the school) is racially integrated." "No child," the evangelist said, "ought to be involuntarily subjected to educational processes that will corrupt his religious heritage. There must be true freedom of choice and that choice must include Christian and Jewish schools that take students regardless of skin color."

An independent investigation into the future of seven Baptist theological colleges in Britain is being urged by the Baptist Renewal Group formed in London a year ago in a professed effort to bring a radical, more progressive outlook to much Baptist thinking. The Baptist renewalists issued an "occasional paper" suggesting alternatives to the colleges' continued way of existence. Some, it said, might merge with one another, while others might join with colleges of other denominations, as is already done by Anglican and Methodist colleges. Another suggestion is that the use of some Baptist colleges might be turned to different purposes, some becoming university hostels or training centers for the whole church in the region.

A seminar on church and community sponsored by the N. Car. Council of Churches and N. Car. State University was told that a decline in central authority of denominations and an increased "localization of the church" has slowed the ecumenical movement. Dr. George Anderson, president of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, said the decline in central planning is due in part to decreased financial support of the national church. Referring to the extent and thoroughness of the swing of the church from attention on itself to the world, Dr. Anderson said, "it means that men have not forgotten that the creation was originally 'good,' and that God has great plans for it."

The Assemblies of God Church has announced that Calcutta, India, with its 9 million population, has been selected as one of the major cities for the denomination's 1971 Impact Crusades. The Men's Fellowship Dept. hopes to raise $10,000 on May 2 through a "Light-for-the-Lost" program for literature to be used in the Calcutta campaign. The Assemblies' Evangelistic Center in Calcutta will be headquarters for the campaign. The Center maintains 14 weekly services in six languages and operates schools serving 900 students. The school feeds 1,500 children daily and operates a clinic.

An interreligious study committee looking into the feasibility of "civilianizing" the military chaplaincy has serious doubts such a plan would work. In a preliminary report—a recommendation on the issue is expected this Summer—the five-member committee told the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces that personnel problems involved would be "very sobering, almost overwhelming to those of us who live close to the chaplaincy as it operates today." Dr. A. Ray Applequist, an American Baptist committee member said, "As thoughtful people, we've got to be open to change, but we are concerned that the spiritual service to military personnel not suffer either in its effectiveness or comprehensiveness."

CLEVELAND – Dr. Sterling W. Brown (left), national president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, offers his congratulations to evangelist Billy Graham on Mr. Graham's receiving the International Brotherhood Award presented by the NCCJ's Northern Ohio region. Mr. Graham, still recuperating from a salivary gland operation, was cited for "unstinting efforts on behalf of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God; for his selfless devotion to individual dignity; for his untiring work to overcome bigotry, and for his steadfast belief in man's obligation to his fellow man." (RNS Photo)

Tennessee junior elected President of Centenary Senate

Paul M. Heffington, a junior from Memphis, Tennessee was elected President of the Student Senate at Centenary College in a campus-wide election recently. He won the student government post following a run-off election with Theresa McConnell, a junior from Springhill, Louisiana by a vote of 175 to 127.

Other officers elected for the 1971-72 term are: Walter Barry Fulton, a junior from Laurel, Mississippi, first vice-president; Kay Trevathan, a junior from Germantown, Tennessee, second vice-president; James A. Salisbury, a junior from Monroe, Louisiana, secretary; and John L. Taylor, a junior from Oklahoma City, treasurer.

The three senior senators chosen by their class to represent them are Mary Ann Garrett, Shreveport; Steven M. Weiss, Far Rockaway, New York; and Linda Gillespie, Paducah, Kentucky.

Junior senators are: Sharon McCallon, Metairie, La.; Sally Word, Leesville, La.; and Chris Blanchard, Sulphur, La.

Sophomore senators are: Rick Clark, Dallas, Tex.; Mark Greve, Shreveport, and Cherry Payne, Charleston, South Carolina.

Heffington succeeds Fred Miller of Oklahoma City as head of the student government at Centenary. Heffington was secretary to the senate this year. He has been an outstanding student at Centenary and was admitted to the special program for independent study which permits him to pursue his education at his own pace without the restriction of regular class attendance. He is a member of the TKE fraternity.

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The threesame shown abave appeared an the recent Yauth Witness Pragram at Gueydan First Church. FROM LEFT: Kay Montgomery, Cathy Willis and Jes Mantgamery—all fram University af Sauthwestern Louisiana, Lafayette. BELOW, (l. ta r.): The Rev. Frank C. Lankford, First Church pastor; the Rev. John Engbers, St. Peters Catholic Church; the Rev. Jael P. Hilbun, Baptist pastar, and the Rev. Francis Baurgeais, alsa af St. Peters. Alsa present for the Lay Witness Program were: Sister Luisa Derauen O. P. and the Sing Alang Sisters of Basile, La., Catholic Yauth Organization members from Church Paint, La., and Juniar choir members af St. Peter's Church in Gueydan.

Fund for Reconciliation Report

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4. NON-METROPOLITAN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCES A AND B:

Rev. Rex Squyres, Director;
Rev. Harvey G. Williamson,
Chairman, Board of Advisors

Projects are:

a. A Rural recreational program in Washington Parish, Franklinton, La.

b. A Day Care Center at the Macedonia Church, Florien, La.

c. A program of education and Church Extension provided by four volunteer churches for Jones Chapel, Welsh, Louisiana. An appeal for financial aid for needed building repair to this church has been received.

d. The Mallalieu Church, Jennings, Louisiana, given leadership and supplies in Vacation Church School program.

e. Day-Care Center at the Mt. Zion Church in Leesville, Louisiana provided assistance.

f. Rev. Squyres has set up communication with the lay leader in each black United Methodist church in the Conference.

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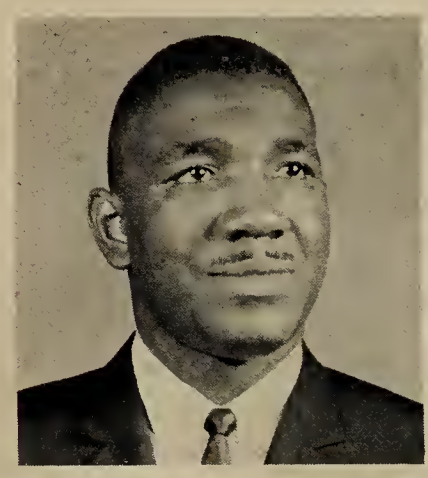

The Rev. Geargе W. C. Calvin, pastor af Camphar Memarial United Methodist Church in Baton Rauge, is the evangelist far a revival being held by the Angie Charge in Lauisiana Canference B. Churches an the Charge include Wesley Ray, Live Oak, and Mary Chapel. The Rev. T. R. Wallace Jr. is pastar. The evangelist is district missionary secretary and is assistant secretary of Canference B, a member of the Canference Baard af Ministry, Board af Sacial Cancerns, TRAFCO Cammittee, and the Baard of Evangelism and Cammittee an Publishing Interests. Choirs fram the three churches will provide special music far the revival.

MRS. GEORGE B. WEBSTER

Mrs. Leslie Smith Webster, widow of the late George B. Webster and the daughter of the late Bean and Jane Smith died at the age of 93 on February 27. She was a lifelong resident of DeSoto Parish Louisiana.

Among Mrs. Webster's papers is a statement in her own handwriting concerning her joining Bethel Methodist Church, Grove Hill, La. at the age of 12 while the late Rev. H. G. Boltz was pastor. In 1914 the family moved nearer Pelican and joined Pelican Methodist Church which has been her home church ever since.

Survivors include three sons, L. M. and B. G. Webster, Oxford, La. and W. H. Webster of Mansfield, La.; two daughters, Mrs. I. B. (Lois) Emmons, Ruston, La. and Mrs. Milam (Deaconess Verna) Willis, Wesley House, Louisville, Ky.; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

MRS. ROBERT L. CLAYTON

Mrs. Robert Lawrence Clayton, 67, died recently at Cedarpines, Calif., where she had made her home since 1969. She was the widow of the Rev. Robert L. Clayton, a retired member of the Louisiana Annual Conference who died in 1968.

The funeral service was conducted by Dr. B. C. Taylor on Saturday, March 27, at the Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Shreveport.

She was a member of Broadmoor United Methodist Church, the Women's Society of Christian Service, Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter F of PEO and the Shreveport Organ Society.

Survivors include one son, the Rev. Robert L. Clayton, Jr. of Winston-Salem, N.C., one daughter, Mrs. James R. Thomas of Cedarpines Park, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Vernon Bray of California; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

NEWS and NOTES

THE D.M.A. CLUB for senior members of Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, visited the Louisiana Dutch Gardens at Newellton, March 17.

WEST MONROE'S First United Methodist Church will be host to a Mid-High Laboratory Enterprise, April 16-18. Dr. Brady Whitehead, Jr., chaplain at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, will be laboratory leader. The Rev. Robert Peyton will be host pastor.

ST. BERNARD CHURCH of Chalmette is devoting Sunday evenings of April and May (with the exception of Easter) to the study of "How the Word Gets Around." Bishop Aubrey G. Walton was guest speaker, April 4, explaining Methodism's Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO), of which he is president. Andy Kreutz of WVUE-TV, Channel 8, was also a guest speaker. The Rev. James O. Evans is pastor.

UNITED METHODIST MEN of University Church, Lake Charles, have elected the following officers: Leonard Robinson, president; Roy Robinson, first vice-president; Curtis Price, second vice-president; and Dan Simpson, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. William P. Fraser is pastor.

THE REV. SALE LILLY of Davidson Memorial U.M. Church, Lafayette, is Holy Week preacher in Louisiana Memorial U.M. Church of Opelousas. The Rev. Fred O. Shirley is the host pastor.

LAKE ARTHUR United Methodists heard the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, pastor of Henning Memorial Church in Sulphur, preach during the Lenten revival held the week of March 28. The Rev. Lester Nance is the Lake Arthur pastor.

A LENTEN CANTATA, "The Last Supper" by Thiman, was presented in Broadmoor United Methodist Church. Shreveport, on March 28 at both morning services. Miss Norma Jean Locke was the director. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is the Broadmoor pastor.

THE GOOD FRIDAY service in Napoleon Avenue United Methodist Church will have as speakers: Dr. Alex Hunter, from First Presbyterian; the Rev. Samuel Magbee of Covenant Presbyterian; the Rev. Harold Abraham, First Christian; the Rev. George Wilson of Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches; the Rev. George Benson of Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ; and Dr. Avery Lee of St. Charles Baptist. Napoleon minister is the Rev. D. W. Poole.

"OPEN HOUSE" APRIL 18 AT MacDONELL CENTER, HOUMA

Annual Open House at MacDonell Methodist Center, 1210 East Main, Houma, will be held on Sunday, April 18. The children, Advisory Board, and staff members will be hosts and cordially invite the public.

The Center is one of six institutions in the Louisiana "A" Conference supported in part by the Board of Missions, National Division, United Methodist Church. It is an "Advance Special" of the Louisiana Conference. G. J. Bridges is director of the Center.

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THE 31st ANNUAL EASTER Sunrise Service will be held in Hargrove Memorial Outdoor Amphitheater, Centenary College, Shreveport, Sunday, April 11, at 5:51 a.m. Six young men are scheduled to proclaim the Easter gospel through the media of top-forty music, scripture and personal testimony.

AN EASTER MUSICAL was arranged by Mrs. E. J. Barksdale for members of the Istrouma Church Young at Heart Club at the recent luncheon meeting. Participants were Paula Dickerson, Jane Reiszner, Rose Ann Erickson and Ordell Day.

P. K. KORNER

ROBERT SCOTT CRICHLOW was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow, Jr. Friday, March 19, at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Steinwinder of Shreveport, and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow, Sr., New Orleans, are the proud grandparents.

MIKE ADAMS, son of the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Adams of Jonesboro, is one of the University of Kansas students chosen as a member of the 1971 Summer Russian Language Program. He will be studying at the University of Leningrad. Following that, he will visit two weeks with the family he lived with in Switzerland during his senior year in high school.

METHODIST MEN HOSTS TO WINNSBORO CHURCHMEN

Morris Cloninger of Beaumont, Texas, was guest speaker at the Methodist Men's supper party held in the Winnsboro United Methodist Church, Thursday, March 25. Invited guests from the Temple Baptist, First Baptist, United Pentecostal, Episcopal, Jewish, and United Methodist Churches, all of Winnsboro, attended.

Mr. Cloninger spoke on the topic "Living Together." He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Beaumont, is a member of the Board of Directors of First Security National Bank, and a district school board member. He was introduced by S. W. Spell, following a steak supper prepared by Erwin Maxwell. W. W. House, S. W. Williamson and the Rev. Robert Miller. More than 100 guests attended.

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BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON will lead the service of Dedication for the Campti United Methodist Church, Alexandria District, on Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. He will be assisted by Dr. Clyde S. Clark, Alexandria District Superintendent. The Rev. William L. Proctor is the pastor.

MUNHOLLAND U.M. CHURCH, Metairie, Holy Week guest speakers included the Rev. Kirby Vining, Slidell, on Monday; the Rev. Bob Crichlow, First Church, New Orleans, Tuesday; the Rev. Ray Branton, Aurora Church, Algiers, Wednesday. The Rev. Kenneth McDowell, pastor, conducted Holy Communion on Maunday Thursday. Members participated in Good Friday services at the Metairie Ridge Presbyterian Church.

JUNIOR HIGHS of Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, are scheduled to visit Methodist Mission centers in New Orleans, Houma, DuIac and Baldwin, on Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9.

LAKE VISTA United Methodist Men, at the March 29 dinner meeting, heard Dr. James R. Bobo, executive director of Metropolitan Goals Foundation, speak on "Goals to Growth." The Rev. Edward R. Thomas is the pastor.

Two private planes brought these lay witnesses from Roscoe and Seymour, Texas, to the Many Church Lay Witness Mission, March 26. Dr. Russell Martin of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, replaced "Tank" Harrison of Memphis as coordinator for the weekend, due to the illness of Mr. Harrison. Mrs. Martha Bird was local chairman.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

April 11—Sun.	Romans 8:1-6
April 12	I Thessa. 5:17-23
April 13	II Thessa. 3:6-16
April 14	Rev. 1:4-6
April 15	Luke 19:28-38
April 16	Psalms 29:1-11
April 17	Psalms 125:1-5
April 18—Sun.	Psalms 147:3-14

106TH FOUNDERS DAY HELD AT ST. PAUL'S, SHREVEPORT

The 106th observance of the Annual Founders' Day was held the week of March 28-April 4th at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1001 Pierce Avenue, in Shreveport.

According to Raleigh H. Brown, general chairman of the event, two major events were held. The first was an evening of sacred music, Sunday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Ronnie Perry, student at Northwestern State University at Natchitoches, who is a member of the Newman church in Alexandria.

The second event on Sunday, April 4 at 3:00 p.m. featured the guest speaker for the occasion, the Rev. Nathaniel L. Lacy, Jr., who is an instructor at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas. Mr. Lacy is a former member of St. Paul's.

Miss Willie Mae Moore was secretary for the event, and the Rev. Abraham E. Davis is pastor.

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DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER and the music program of Dulac United Methodist Church benefitted from the seafood supper given in First Church, Houma, on Saturday, March 3.

EPISCOPALIAN MINISTER, the Rev. John Allen, brought the message in Denham Springs First U.M. Church, April 7. The Rev. Edward O. Pickens, pastor, preached on April 8 and 9.

OAK GROVE MISSION REPORT

Oak Grove United Methodist Church, at Effie, reports a successful Lay Witness Mission, held March 12-14, under the leadership of Coordinator Buddy Mann of West Monroe.

Advance preparation included participation by every willing person on a committee. Prayer meetings began six weeks earlier on Sunday evenings. Small groups met in homes throughout the rural communities of Vick, Effie, North Point and Center Point on Wednesday preceding the mission.

The 24-hour prayer vigil, beginning Thursday at 5 p.m., lifted to God a list of personal requests and common goals. Visiting witnesses, arriving Friday, told of their joy regarding the experience of the Holy Spirit.

Local response was shared in a three-hour session on Sunday evening. This has been followed by the formation of share groups, new church school classes, increased attendance at church, and volunteers for witnessing in other churches.

The Rev. John Lee is the pastor.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR APRIL 18: Who Is a Prophet?

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6:1-8; Jeremiah 18:18; Hosea 1:1; 8:1-3; Amos 1:1; 3:1-8; 7:1-15; Micah 3:5-8; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

MEMORY SELECTION: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. (Hebrews 1:1-2)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To lay the groundwork for a series of lessons that will help us understand the contributions of the prophets; to formulate a definition of "prophet," and to see how he served as God's man in his own day and continues to fulfill a mission in our own time.

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Just ahead of us in a series of eleven lessons based on the writing of four eighth-century prophets—Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah. The first two are associated with the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and the others with the Southern Kingdom of Judah. They are the earliest of the writing prophets, and they left us some of the great messages of the Old Testament.

Today when we call someone a "prophet" we are indicating that we believe he has qualities and talents which give him a unique opportunity for communicating the work of God. This series of lessons should help us have a greater appreciation for ancient prophets as well as modern ones.

The influence of the Hebrew prophets on human history was so great that it is almost impossible for us to comprehend. However, we cannot understand the development of the Judaeo-Christian tradition without taking them into account, especially the four we are studying this quarter.

Although the prophets greatly influenced the Jewish religion, they gain their greatest stature when seen in relation to the course taken by Christianity. One commentator says: "The prophets would have failed to attain their potential in world influence had it not been for the birth of Christianity. This movement made much of the prophets, and saw in the events of the life of Jesus the fulfillment of a great number of their sayings."

A major section of the Old Testament is devoted to the prophets. It is that part which begins with the Book of Isaiah and continues through the Book of Malachi. However, we should take note of the fact that there were many others who spoke for God before the time of the "writing prophets."

When many people use the word "prophet," they think of "foretelling." The early Christians thought of the Old Testament prophets in this fashion. However, the prophets of the Old Testament were not primarily foretellers. The Hebrew word does not mean that. The word "nabi" meant "a deputized speaker—one who speaks for another." Moses told the Lord that he could not speak, so Aaron was designated as his spokesman. That made him a "nabi." The prophets spoke for God, and we still find persons in our time who seem to have such a message from God that they merit the name of "prophet."

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WHAT IS A PROPHET?

At the beginning of this series we should establish the fact that these men were not the formal religious leaders of their day. Judiasm had its professional leaders, but Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah were not among them. They were laymen whom God called at a particular time for a unique mission.

The prophet's task was not always a pleasant one, because he so often brought bad news. God's people had departed from his standards for them, and a word was needed to call them back. Moses had been the one through whom God's law was brought to the Jewish people. In the times of the prophets many were still doing what they were commanded to do in the Mosaic law, but their daily living did not reflect a commitment to it. The prophets were men who heard God tell them to cry out against the people because of inadequacies in their everyday conduct. Often it meant that they placed themselves in real danger especially when they delivered the word to the leaders of the nation. However, let us not lose sight of the fact that God called them to this work from among ordinary people like you and me. As one has said: "The prophets were not supermen, but men with the same feelings as we have. They responded to God in obedience and faithfully proclaimed his message."

Dr. Emil G. Kraeling says: "Whatever 'nabi' meant at first is not as important as what function the title suggested to the great prophets themselves. And here we can hardly be in doubt. When addressing an individual or an audience spontaneously he regarded himself as being either a spokesman of his God, or as his messenger . . . No introductory words for oracles are used more often in the prophetic books than 'Thus says the Lord'—this is the spokesman situation, in which the seizure of the prophet by the spirit of the Lord could be most closely observed."

When God speaks through a prophet, lives may be changed, consciences may be quickened, time-honored ways of doing things may be uprooted. Still, we cannot overlook the fact that the prophet often brings a sense of peace between warring factions, and through him the downhearted may discover new hope and find comfort.

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THE PROPHET'S CALL

The prophets may have differed in many ways, but each of them felt God's call. It did not come to any two of them in the same way, but all received a sense of God's need for them. No one can decide for himself when he will speak for God—this must be done for him as God takes possession of him.

The passage from Isaiah 6:1-8 is one of the most dramatic descriptions of a call to a prophet. Isaiah, the young aristocrat, was in despair because of the death of his king and he went to the Temple for solace. What came was far more than he expected. Moving through an awareness of the majesty of God and the personal experiences of confession and cleansing, he heard a voice saying: "Who shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah responded with all his being and for more than 40 years he served as God's spokesman. His words have been among the most powerful in the Bible for changing lives and revealing the will of God.

What we need to understand at the beginning of this study is that the words spoken by the prophets originated with God. However, Dr. James Reapsome is quick to point out that, "This doesn't mean they operated like a tape recorder, just babbling out mechanically what God had imprinted upon their minds. It means that the Holy Spirit inspired them and directed what they said. God used their own personalities, their skills, the human interests and backgrounds of the men in shaping their messages. What they said came spontaneously from them, but the consequence was an authoritative, trustworthy message from the living God."

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THE TIMES IN WHICH THE PROPHETS SPOKE

The times in which the prophets spoke tells us something concerning our interpretation of their message. Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah spoke in a time of relative peace and prosperity. In both the Northern and Southern kingdoms conditions existed which allowed the moral fiber of the population to deteriorate. Dr. W. A. Smart points out that there were two main reasons for this. The king of Assyria was too busy elsewhere to bother them, and Damascus, another perennial antagonist, was too weak to cause trouble. Two generations had grown up in Israel without a war—and few nations have ever been able to say that. The resources of the country were used for increasing wealth instead of making war.

This economic prosperity for some led to exploitation of others. We will find Amos particularly dealing with this type of evil. He scorned the over-emphasis on luxury and the wide division between the "haves" and the "have-nots." In one place he spoke about "ivory couches," which could really serve only one purpose—to show that one had money in such amounts that he was tempted to show off.

During this time of peace and prosperity the democratic processes which had been characteristic of an agricultural society changed into an urban aristocracy in which the distance between the classes widened. This society was also called "super-patriotic" and "super-religious" when judged externally. The prophets lifted their voices to say that false pride and a shallow religion had carried the people far from the will of God.

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THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS

Although we will see that each of these prophets was unique, still we can see a common theme running through their messages.

First, they told the people about punishment that was ahead for them because of their straying away from the purpose of God. Always the prophet communicated the fact that it was God who was speaking and not the spokesman.

Then, the message was delivered to God's own people. Occasionally the prophets directed their words against other nations, but here we see that the message is to God's own people. Dr. Reapsome says: "What God wanted to say to them was based on his right of redemption. . . Because God had brought them out of Egypt . . . because he had done something for them, his people were supposed to live in a certain way. If a person claims to be a Christian, then he can expect that God will have something to say about the way he lives. God owns him by right of redemption, therefore he cannot go on living as he pleases."

Finally, the punishment of which the prophets speak is based on this unique relationship between Israel and God. Because he chose them, certain things were expected of them. The prophets kept telling them that they were not supposed to live like other nations. They were to show the world what God was like by the way they lived.

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THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE PROPHETS

We would not want to close this introductory lesson by implying that everything said by the prophets was in a minor key—that their messages were altogether negative. Some of the richest and most joyous passages in the Bible are found in the writings of the prophets. Although they spoke often of disaster, they always looked beyond to a time of restoration. Dr. H. E. W. Fosbroke puts it this way: "Instead of dire prediction of the destruction of the nation, with its teaching about the divine transcendence and the righteousness of God and the inviolable holiness of his love, or the development of these truths by way of exhortation to repentence . . there is always a link between what may be called the negative note of the oracles and the positive tone of the restoration that will follow the time of disaster."

Isaiah and Micah delivered messages of hope in almost identical words (Isa. 2:2-4) and (Micah 4:1-3). It is that passage which says: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it."

Let us keep our minds tuned for the words of judgment which we will be reading during these weeks, but let us also be alert to the promises which are held out to those who turn from their ungodly ways and move toward that order of society which God has planned for those who love him and work with him to bring his will to pass. This is the essential theme of prophecy.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

19. Additional Steps in Transition

In this concluding installment of our discussion of **A Plan of Union** we will deal with a few additional steps that will be taken during the transitional period. We will also be making some final suggestions about your continuing study of the proposal and the methods for you to follow in sending in your suggestions for changes which you feel should be made in the Plan.

Last week we discussed some of the steps that would be taken following approval of the Plan. (As we have indicated previously, it is anticipated that final voting on the matter would come sometime between 1976 and 1980).

Transitional Regions: In the formative period, the transitional regions would have a great deal of responsibility. The Transitional National Assembly shall organize and establish this unit. It shall "be constituted of equal representation from the regional governing bodies of the uniting churches in that area."

The regions will begin planning for organization and program on the regional level and will determine transitional districts and help to organize them.

Transitional Districts: During the formative period of the new church beyond the local congregations will be the district. Two important tasks at this level will be the determination of the parishes and the beginning of plans for mission on the district level.

Parish Boundaries: The districts will determine the boundaries of parishes using all the technical counsel available, including sociological and ecological analyses. The expressions from local congregations will be a part of this technical process.

Constitution: An interesting part of this Plan is that the constitution under which the new church will operate will not be formulated until the merger has taken place. The Transitional National Assembly will establish a commission to draft a constitution for the new church. When approved by the National Assembly, the constitution will then be submitted to the districts. If approved by two-thirds of the districts, it shall become operative when the votes of the districts are reported to the National Assembly.

Study and Suggestion: The important next step for you in relation to **A Plan of Union** involves study and recommendations for changes in the Plan. Many local congregations and district groups are already planning for these studies. It is recommended that interdenominational studies be planned during 1971.

Just as important as studying the Plan is the opportunity for reacting to it. Your suggestions and revisions in the document should be sent in by June, 1972 to:

General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs
777 United Nations Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017

The next draft of the Plan will be written in the period of 1972-73.

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Crusade Scholarship program to aid qualified Rhodesian students

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two men who have studied under the Crusade Scholarship program of the United Methodist Church are delegates to a national Convention that is to draft a new constitution for the Philippines this year, according to reports received by the United Methodist Board of Missions.

They are among 1,882 present and former Crusade Scholars who have studied under the international program since it was started 25 years ago. United Methodists have given about $4,500,000 to the program, whose alumni in the U.S. and other countries include bishops, pastors, seminary and university presidents, business executives, doctors, musicians, journalists and political leaders.

The two former Scholars who are delegates to the Philippines' 1971 Constitutional Convention are Dr. Cicero D. Calderon, president of Silliman University in Dumaguete City, and Augusto Caesar Espiritu, economist, professor, businessman and consultant from Quezon City. Dr. Calderon was a Crusade Scholar at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and Mr. Espiritu at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

In another item of Crusade news, the United Methodist Crusade Scholarship Committee has announced the second innovation in the program's 25th anniversary year (1970-71), the setting aside of $100,000 for a special program of higher education for African students from Rhodesia.

Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, Madison, N.J., and chairman of the denomination's Crusade Scholarship Committee, said the new program is designed to provide full college education and some post-graduate training for a maximum of six students over a three-year period beginning in September, 1971.

The Rhodesia program has been developed in light of the difficulty qualified African students have in continuing their education because of prevailing political conditions, Dr. Oxnam said. He added that the Crusade Scholarship Committee hopes the $100,000 will be augmented, and the number of students increased, through interested colleges providing scholarships and other aid, and through churches and church groups giving to Advance Specials (special mission gifts).

Announcement of the $100,000 fund for Rhodesia students follows an August announcement by the Crusade Scholarship Committee of $250,000 allocated for support of economically deprived students at United Methodism's 12 black colleges. In 1970-71 the Crusade Scholarship program supports 153 students in universities, colleges, seminaries and other schools in the U.S. and 22 other countries.

A Heavy Work Load

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — New duties this year for an Oklahoma congressman mean added work for his administrative assistant, a United Methodist church school teacher and usher.

Charles L. Ward is divided almost evenly in work load between the office of Rep. Carl Albert of Oklahoma's third district and Rep. Carl Albert, speaker of the House. The latter task was added in 1971, when Albert moved up from House majority leader.

Ward was "only going to stay a year" when he came to Washington in 1959 from a job as managing editor and general manager of the Durant, Okla., **Democrat.**

A graduate of University of Oklahoma and a World War II veteran, Ward once won a Quill and Scroll award as the nation's most prolific high school writer. His career has included positions with the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma Press Association and the Poteau News.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ward are active members of Mt. Vernon Place Church here and both serve on the official board and the commission on worship and have worked in Christian social concerns and ecumenical affairs.

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Cuban Methodists re-elect Bishop Rodriguez

NEW YORK (UMI)—Bishop Armando Rodriguez has been re-elected episcopal leader of the autonomous Methodist Church of Cuba at its first General Conference March 2-7 in Havana, according to reports received by the United Methodist Board of Missions.

First elected at the church's constituting conference in 1968, Bishop Rodriguez has led Cuba's 2,700 Methodists for the last three years. His election to a new term was unanimous. Before his election in 1968, Bishop Rodriguez was a district superintendent, pastor of several churches, vice-president of Union Theological Seminary in Matanzas and administrative assistant to Bishop James W. Henley of the Florida Area of the United Methodist Church (when the Cuban church was structurally linked to the mainland church).

Reports to the Board of Missions on the General Conference said that Bishop Raymond Valenzuela of the autonomous Methodist Church of Chile was a visitor at the Conference, and that while in Cuba he visited Methodist and ecumenical centers.

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"Quote and Unquote"

The Rev. and Mrs. Milo Thornberry, United Methodist missionaries expelled recently from Taiwan by the Nationalist Chinese government, said on their return to New York: "We were not unique. Other missionaries and other Americans were friendly with some of the people we were. There may be other expulsions. We've gotten word that other missionaries have had increased surveillance."

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Franz Cardinal Koenig, president of of the Secretariat for Non-Believers, said in a recent Vatican Radio interview: "It is the duty of the Church 'to throw a bridge' toward those who do not believe in the existence of God."

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Dr. Walter L. Walker, vice-president for planning at the University of Chicago, speaking at the recent annual meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men, said: "Despite unprecedented technological and scientific gains, the average American is more frustrated, more confused, more angry and more helpless than he has ever been."

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President Richard E. Nixon recently asked 100 of the nation's top religious leaders for their help in curbing the spiraling problems of drug abuse. Speaking to the one-day White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Religious Leaders, he said: "The worst thing that can happen for young people is to have no faith, to believe in nothing. You have an answer in helping to provide motivation and in giving young people something to believe in, something to turn to when life doesn't turn out as planned."

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Dr. Henlee H. Barnette, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, speaking on "Biblical Perspectives on the Drug Problem" at the recent Southern Baptist Bible Conference in Dallas, said: "The church is handing out a cocaine kind of existence. The church must kick its own addiction before it starts to get the monkey off others' backs. Included are the addiction for war, racism, and particularly self-glory and self-enhancement."

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Nationally televised Easter services will originate from Central United Methadist church in Atlanta, Ga. an Sunday morning April 11. Dr. Jaseph E. Lawery (shawn beside bulletin baard) was appointed pastar in 1968, and has begun ane af the South's mast intensive inner city ministries at the church lacated near Clark College in the Atlanta University Center—a camplex of several schaals with pre-daminantly black student badies. Central Church's chair and Dr. Lowery will appear in red rabes far the telecast. The NBC presentation will be shawn in assaciation with United Methadism's TRAFCO and the Braadcasting and Film Cammission of the Natianal Cauncil af Churches. (UMI photo)

Sixth UM hospital enters training program for disadvantaged

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital in San Antonio became the sixth hospital to enter the cooperative training program for "disadvantaged unemployed" persons sponsored by the United Methodist General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries under a $1,439,808 contract with the U.S. Department of Labor JOBS '70 program.

The Texas Hospital entered the program March 15 and will enroll 54 trainees, according to the Rev. Charles E. Frazier, director of the project. The new addition brings the total number of persons to be trained to 769 by late January, 1972.

Mr. Frazier said that addition of the San Antonio hospital marks the first significant participation of Mexican-Americans in the program, and also marks the first time that instruction will be offered in English as a second language.

An expansion in the categories of jobs has also been achieved—from seven to 23, including some at a higher skill level than previously possible.

To date, the director said, 368 persons have been hired and begun the training process in the six institutions —Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, (N.Y.), Nebraska Methodist in Omaha, Rochester (Minn.) Methodist, Methodist Hospital of Dallas (Texas), New England Deaconess in Boston, Mass., and Southwest Texas.

The retention rate is running at about 62 per cent of those entering the program, either in training or on the job. Although a breakdown by minority participation is not presently available, Mr. Frazier said that it was substantial.

Under the program, persons classified as "disadvantaged" by state employment services are hired by the hospitals and receive specialized training and support services for a period of 15 to 30 weeks to equip them with skills needed to hold the job.

The program is believed to be the first in which a major Protestant denomination has signed such a contract with the federal government.

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Koinonia Ministries offer Lay Renewal Conference, April 16-18

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A Lay Renewal Conference stressing personal Christian growth and awareness and a Convocation on Life with the theme "Living in Fruitful Encounter" will be held this spring and summer under the sponsorship of the Department of Koinonia Ministries of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

The Lay Renewal Conference will be held April 16-18 at the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., according to the Rev. Walter Albritton, head of the Koinonia Ministries Department.

The Convocation on Life, sponsored by the Department in cooperation with the California-Nevada Board of Evangelism, will be held at Woodlake Inn in Sacramento, Calif., July 8-11.

Open to men, women and youth of any age, the Lay Renewal Conference at Green Lake will feature Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, director of the Department of Prayer and Spiritual Life at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., William P. Swartz, Jr., a Virginia business executive; the Rev. John Francis, pastor of the United Methodist Church, Oconomowoc, Wis.; Wilbur Sayles, a professional musician from Minnesota; and Dr. Albritton.

Leaders for the Convocation on Life in Sacramento will include: Dr. Clyde H. Reid, associate professor of ministry, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo.; San Francisco Area Bishop Charles F. Golden; United Methodist missionary from the Philippines Curran L. Spottswood; Norris Miller, a public school music teacher from Bakersfield, Calif.; and the Rev. Paul Leaming, minister of evangelism at First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo. Board of Evangelism staff members participating in the Convocation will be Virginia Law, Harold Rogers, Walter Albritton, Joe Hale, and W. Maurice King.

UM Church to offer job information service to help COs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A national job information service to help conscientious objectors to military service find acceptable alternative service is being launched this spring in the United Methodist Church.

Announcing the program was Dr. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of a Task Force on Draft Counseling for the United Methodist Continuing Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee represents the top staff leadership of most united Methodist boards and agencies.

Planned by the Task Force on Draft Counseling, the new "I-W Job Information Service" will be directed by the Rev. Randle B. Dew, New York, director of the Department of Voluntary Services for the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. The Job Service office will be located in New York and staffed by a volunteer.

Function of the office according to Mr. Dew will be to make job offerings in United Methodist agencies and institutions known to conscientious objectors (COs) seeking alternative service. He said employers and placement officers are being invited to list job offerings with the clearing house where current, up-to-date information will be kept.

Job offerings will be shared with COs seeking alternative service. The CO will then initiate contact with the employers. The office in New York will not screen the CO but will simply match his skill with the skills of the job offered.

The final approval on the suitability of an alternative service job is made by the local draft board involved.

Dr. Bauer explained that "I-W" is a selective service designation for alternative service defined as being for national health, safety or interest with a governmental or non-profit organization for the benefit of the general public. The work must require 40 hours of service per week and must be more than commuting distance from the CO's home.

"The United Methodist Church should assist young men by providing as much assistance as possible in helping COs fulfill their obligations to their country and to their conscience," Dr. Bauer asserted. "The I-W Job Information Service is an attempt to open up church channels to create job opportunities for them."

ABINGDON ANNOUNCES 1972 BOOK AWARD PLANS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Abingdon, book-publishing department of the Methodist Publishing House, has announced plans for its 1972 General Book Award for a novel that, in the opinion of the judges, "best depicts moral courage in a contemporary situation."

Judges for the competition will be Robert Cromie, **Chicago Tribune** columnist, and William Sloane Coffin, Jr., chaplain at Yale University.

The annual $5,000 award is given to encourage the writing of books of outstanding quality. Each year the rotating award is given in one of three areas: religious, general, and children's books.

Manuscripts will be accepted between January 1 and March 1, 1972 and the winner will be announced in December of 1972.

Miss Ethelyn M. Parkinson, Green Bay, Wisc., was the winner of the 1970 award for a children's book of humorous fiction for ages 8-12. Title of her book is **Never Go Anywhere With Digby.**

Baker Graduate Award winners for 1971-72 named

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Recipients of the 1971-72 annual Bishop James C. Baker Graduate Awards for training campus ministry leadership have been announced here by the United Methodist Board of Education.

The awards, based upon individual need, will go to the Rev. John H. Crooch, Jr., Norman, Okla., and the Rev. W. Fred Lamar, Rolla, Mo., for studying during the 1971-72 school year.

Financed out of the United Methodist Student Day receipts, the Baker Awards are part of the United Methodist Scholarship Program administered by the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Board of Education. The awards honor the late Bishop Baker who organized the first Wesley Foundation in 1913 at the University of Illinois. Purpose of the awards is to provide trained professional leadership for Wesley Foundations and similar campus ministries at state and independent colleges and universities.

Leaders of the New Orleans District WSCS meeting, held at First United Methodist Church in Covington, are shown above. Left to right: the Rev. J. J. Caraway, Mrs. Harvel Pierce, Miss Louise Sharp of St. Mark's Community Center, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, conference president, Mrs. Sam Clay, district president, Mrs. Earl R. Crowe, Mrs. L. L. Freeman and Mrs. Virginia Irving, president of the host society.

"WOMEN'S DAY" FEATURED EVENT AT ST. MATTHEW'S, ALGIERS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 1100 Verret, Algiers, recently celebrated Women's Day, using the theme "A Changing Church for a Challenging Time."

Mrs. Theresa Calvin delivered the message at the 11 a.m. service. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the wife of the deceased Rev. J. C. Calvin.

Missionary Beulah Davis of St. Stephen Baptist Church brought the message at the evening service.

Highlights of the day included the coronation of the children's king and queen contest, from which $793.50 was realized, at the morning service, and coronation of several outstanding women of the community at the evening service. Women honorees included Mrs. Lillian Burrell (shown below), Mrs. Irma Gibbs, Mrs. Gertrude Kieffer, Mrs. Lynne Hood, Mrs. Juanita Robertson, Mrs. Ella Williams and Mrs. Mary Kuhlman.

Proceeds for the day amounted to $1,837.57. The Women's Day Committee leaders were Ruth Young, chairlady, Doris Bush and Audrey Russ, assistants. Edna J. Bush was organist. The Rev. Eddie Carter is pastor.

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Mrs. Lillian Burrell was honored for over 50 years of Christian Service at the Women's Day Program held in St. Matthew's U.M. Church of Algiers. The Children's Coronation saw Teriska Burrell, age 5, crowned as Queen, and Ryan Selico, age 2, crowned King. Shown with them are Maid Trichelle Thomas, 4, and Page Randy Reese, 3.

Shreveport highlights

Honored with Special Membership pins at the Shreveport District WSCS meeting were, from left: Mrs. T. D. Wallace, Mrs. Jack Carlisle, Mrs. Jack Bussie and Mrs. Glen Phares.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick displays posters dealing with family planning which she brought from her trip to India.

Posters displayed were brought by local societies. Each depicted something about the society, or shared an idea which the group had used.

COMMENT

Since social action is at the heart of mission, concerned people are asking, "What can I do in Christian Social Relations?" Here are suggestions for action, some of which are on current issues:

We will explore our community to discover needs of persons and seek to relate our members to meeting these needs.

We will consider the needs of older members and encourage them to be involved in community action for the welfare of its citizens.

We will support ministries with nonchurch youth, such as school dropouts, users of alcohol and drugs, and others with special needs.

The approach to meeting social problems today must not be fragmented and competitive, but cooperative; so we will work with other church and community groups as far as possible. Church agencies from five denominations have joined together in a program aimed at repeal of the draft. This program will operate until Congressional action on the draft. **What you can do:** Obtain statements, resolutions, petitions and newspaper articles from your area opposing the draft, and send copies to your representatives.

Another major organizing effort is rallying around the "Set-the-date" resolution introduced by Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D-NY). This effort requests the president to set July 4, 1971 as the date for final withdrawal from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos. Contact local media; make appointments with newspaper editors and columnists, urging them to favor repeal in the editorials and columns. Xeroxed copies of printed letters to the editor are good enclosures in letters to Congressmen.

Set up a table with blank postcards and stationery, asking people to write their Senators and Congressmen on the spot. Encourage organizations to which you belong to take a public stand in favor of repeal—send the statements to Washington. For more information or more ideas—address: National Council to Repeal the Draft; 101 D Street SE Suite 4; Washington, D.C. 20003.

NEW MATERIALS TO HELP YOU:

The 1971 version of "Register Citizen Opinion" is now ready. For those of you unfamiliar with this handy booklet, it is a guide to political action. In it, you will find a Congressional Directory, tips on writing effective letters, a resource list, and a breakdown of the Congress by states, religions, and committees. Single copy . . . 25c; 10 copies, $1.50; 100 copies, $12.00. Order from Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.

NEW FILMSTRIPS:

"When A Man Does For Himself", a sound color filmstrip showing some of the projects funded by the Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO). It is for sale at $5.00 from the Service Center.

Another new filmstrip on the grievances of migratory workers and how they are organizing to improve their situations. This one is for sale at $7.50 from the Service Center, and should be a useful resource.

TOURS:

Visits to East and West Africa and to New Mexico and Arizona Indians are among the tours and travel seminars announced by the Board of Missions and the Division of World Peace of the Board of Christian Social Concerns for 1971. The tours will combine study of world problems relating to peace, experiences of the church's involvement, and worship with local congregations as well as sightseeing. For further information about all the tours, write: United Methodist Tours, Room 1355, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N.Y. 10027.

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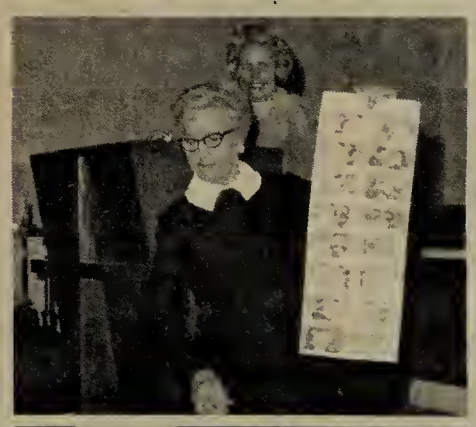

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT WSCS SPRING MEETING

The Shreveport District Women's Society of Christian Service Annual Meeting was held at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, Thursday, March 25, with Mrs. T. D. Wallace presiding.

Mrs. W. T. Benson gave the devotional and Mrs. Jack Bussie led the group in a pledge service. Mrs. J. S. Goff was elected treasurer and Mrs. L. G. Wilson was elected secretary.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick was the guest speaker. Using the title "By Love Serve One Another", she told of the people of India and showed slides of her 1970 tour of that country. Of particular interest were the accounts of the work of the church there, including Clara Swain Hospital and Isabella Thoburn College, named for the first two missionaries sent out by Methodist women over a hundred years ago.

This deputation team from Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech recently presented Sunday morning worship services at Jonesboro and Center Point United Methodist churches. FROM LEFT: Ann Earle, Johnny Peoples, Alice Collins, Bob Ferguson, and Mary McCreary. The Rev. J. L. Adams is pastor.

Some of the young folk who helped to erect the cross in front of the Ringgold United Methodist Church to emphasize the Easter message. After completing this project they visited the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston. The Rev. Terry C. Willis is pastor.

ESTONIA'S 2,000 METHODISTS STILL ACTIVE, REPORT SAYS

STOCKHOLM (RNS) — The United Methodist Church in Soviet Estonia continues to be active, according to data received here by Bishop Ole Borgen of Stockholm. The bishop's area covers Estonia.

The Rev. Alexander Kuum, superintendent of the Estonia Church, the only Methodist group in the Soviet Union, said that membership went up 99 in 1970, to a total of 2,208.

Members gave about $30,000 to the Church, he continued, and four new clergymen were ordained in late January.

The congregation in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, is the largest with 1,166 members. It had an increase of 51 in 1970 and an income of $13,000. Tallinn has two ordained clergymen and 20 lay preachers.

Methodism in Estonia was established in 1918 by a now defunct American Methodist mission in Leningrad (then St. Petersburg).

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Members of the Evergreen Club of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church in Bogalusa ready to depart for all-day trip to Mobile, Ala., to tour the Bellingrath Gardens. They were accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. Roy E. Mouser.

Initial Task Force group at First Church in Bastrop planning for "One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary" celebration scheduled for May 30. FROM LEFT: Mrs. Earl Hussey, Mrs. C. B. Gray, Mrs. Christy Roberts, Mrs. Riley Arnett, and Mrs. J. R. Ludlum. Former pastors will be invited. The Rev. Cleburne Quaid is the present pastor.

David Selman, elected president of the newly organized Claiborne United Methodist Church's Men's Club presides over March 27 meeting, which followed a fish fry. At left is Luther Spurlock (from Wilhite Church); on the right is Claiborne's Lay Leader, and Choir Director, Homer Cook. The Rev. Terral T. Lowe is pastor.

Inter-church play cast who staged the Easter Passion Play at the Catholic Center in Independence on Monday and Tuesday evenings (April 5 and 6). The eight-act play, under the direction of Mrs. Frankie Robertson (a member of the Independence United Methodist Church) depicted Christ's last days on earth beginning at the Last Supper and concluding with the Resurrection scene.

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This graup fram West Manroe, participating in the first Lay Witness Missian in Alaska, pased in frant af a cache in the Matuska Valley, near Anchorage. They are, fram left: Mr. and Mrs. Jae Wollam, Mrs. Jock Dew, Cindy Dew, Jan Wollam, and Jock Dew. Nat pictured is Felicia Mangum, freshman ot Centenary College, who alsa participated.

Fund for Reconciliation Week to be observed April 25-May 2

The week of April 25-May 2 has been designated "Fund for Reconciliation Week" in the Louisiana Annual Conferences. Instead of a single day, it was thought that a full week of special emphasis would help in getting information about the program to more people in our churches.

Each church should present this vital program during this week. For the churches that have the Fund for Reconciliation in their budgets, this week will afford an opportunity for informing their people about how their money is being used and the people that are being helped by it.

Some churches do not have this in their budgets but have received individual pledges. The committee hopes that local churches will follow through with the collection of those pledges and in obtaining new pledges. Over and above this, some churches may want to receive a special offering.

The Program Councils and the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee have published their Report No. 5 which is being used in connection with Fund for Reconciliation Week. This report says: "This is one of the finest programs in which Conferences A and B have been engaged. Help make it a success during the remainder of this Quadrennium."

The financial status of the Fund for Reconciliation in Louisiana as included in this Report No. 5 is as follows: **Conference A:** Out of a total pledge for the Quadrennium of $228,847.00, the churches have paid $94,510 or approximately 40% of the total. A balance of $134,337 remains to be paid in 1971-1972.

Conference B: Out of a total pledge of $56,777.00, the churches have paid $10,515.22, leaving a balance of $46,261.78.

One half of the total amount collected for the Fund for Reconciliation goes directly to Louisiana projects about which you have been reading in **The Louisiana Methodist,** while the other one-half is sent to the general church treasurer for distribution to projects over United Methodism.

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The Rev. Ben Jahnsan (right), af the Lay Renewal Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, wha was in Manrae recently ta help plan a "Renewal Canference" to be held in August in the Manroe area. Shawn with him is Joe Salomon, who assisted in the planning; the Rev. Lea Joyner, pastar af Sauthside Church in Manrae is general choirman. Purpose af the 24-hour canference is far preachers ond laymen of Lauisiana to take part in a witnessing Christion experience on o regional level. It is anticipated thot 500 persans will ottend.

Matheny named to Prayer Breakfast Committee

Tom Matheny of Hammond, Louisiana Conference A Lay Leader, has been named a member of the sponsoring committee for Governor John J. McKeithen's Prayer Breakfast to be held May 11 in Baton Rouge.

This will be the sixth year he has served on the committee to plan the Prayer Breakfast for constitutional officers, members of the Legislature, the Supreme Court and other business and professional leadership of the state of Louisiana.

H. Payne Breazeale, Jr. of Baton Rouge is the chairman of the committee.

In the letter inviting Mr. Matheny to serve, Governor McKeithen said: "The main role of the committee is one of sponsorship and permits you to express your interest in strengthening 'this nation under God.'

Mr. Matheny is an attorney in Hammond where he is a member of the firm of Pittman and Matheny.

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OPEN HOUSE

G. J. Bridges, executive director of MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, has asked us to pass on to you the information that Governor John J. McKeithen will be attending the Open House on April 18.

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Members of the Executive Committee of the Baard of Missions of The Hammond District are (l. ta r.): Tom Matheny, president; Mrs. Sam Clay, W. H. Brumfield, Sr., vice president; W. R. Irving, Jr., secretary; and J. J. Caraway, executive secretary.

Hammond District organizes Board of Missions

The Hammond District Board of Missions met at the Hammond District Parsonage on March 31 and elected the following officers: Tom Matheny, president; W. H. Brumfield, Sr., Vice-president; W. R. Irving, Jr., secretary. The Discipline calls for the district superintendent, J. J. Caraway, to be the executive secretary.

Mr. Matheny reported the acceptance by the board of a house and cash in the amount of $3,186.03 from the estate of Mrs. Leta Warner. Mrs. Warner was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Ponchatoula until her death this past year. Funds from this estate are to be used for church extension purposes within the Hammond District.

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District Laboratory School in Shreveport

A Laboratory school was held for workers with kindergarten children and Elementary III-IV boys and girls at Noel United Methodist Church in Shreveport the four Sundays in March. The school was sponsored by the Shreveport District Leadership Committee, Mrs. G. W. Charlton, chairman.

Regular Sunday morning church school classrooms were used for the teaching situations at the church which were held during the regular church school times, followed by an hour long evaluation period.

Director of the Lab School was Mrs. J. A. Marsalis, director of children's work and church school coordinator at Noel church. Leaders were: kindergarten group: Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins; Elementary III-IV, Mrs. Sally Montgomery and Mrs. Katherine Gibbs, of the Program Council Office.

Twenty-five persons representing 10 churches in the Shreveport district were enrolled, and completed the course.

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Shown are same of the children and observing Church School teachers at a Lab School held recently at Nael United Methadist Church, Shreveport.

New Orleans pageant recalls history of Louisiana Conference B

On Sunday, March 14, black United Methodists of New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference B, gathered to celebrate the last formal event in a series designed to note the contributions and achievements of these people since the organization of the Mississippi Mission Conference on Christmas Day, 1865, in Wesley Church, New Orleans.

Meeting in the McMain Junior High School Auditorium, approximately 1000 persons were privileged to meet Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, New Orleans, who is presently serving in the Louisiana State Legislature—the first such achievement in the history of the State of Louisiana.

In addition to beautifully artistic panels depicting the journey of "Marching Black Methodists," which was the theme of the occasion, there was a massed choir of 250 voices and 100 other participants who shared in giving the large audience a challenging look into the past combined with a sense of hope for the future.

The event was sponsored by the Ministers' Wives Organization, Mrs. Martinez J. Harrington, president, through whom the net proceeds will go to the Reserve Pension Fund.

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Dr. Rabert F. Harrington, New Orleans District Superintendent, Conference B, greets Mrs. Darathy Taylor, member af Mount Zion United Methodist Church, New Orleans, a member of the Louisiana State Legislature, at the recent histarical pageant in New Orleans. Others in the picture are Mrs. Martinez J. Harrington, president of the Ministers' Wives arganizatian, and Miss J. Vernita Baoker, a co-chairman of the event with Allen L. Brown, District Lay Leader.

News in Brief

THE ALL CHOIR CONCERT in Minden First Church on Palm Sunday featured these seven choirs and directors: Kinder Choir—Mrs. C. A. Marvin and Mrs. G. G. Daniel; Cherub—Mrs. Harold Thornton and Mrs. Harry Stahl; Carol—J. Troy Webb and Mrs. Mickey Love; Youth—Mickey Love and Mrs. M. S. O'Dell; God's Children—Jack O'Dell; The Truth Seekers—Mrs. Robert Monk; Chancel—Earle Cooke and Mrs. O'Dell. Dr. Henry A. Rickey is their pastor.

MARDI GRAS FOUNTAIN was the site of the Easter Sunrise Celebration in New Orleans, sponsored by the Youth Department of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches. Dr. W. Russell Pregeant, associate pastor at Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, was the speaker.

Shreveport psychiatrist consultant for Children's Home

Dr. Paul B. Ware, Shreveport psychiatrist who specializes in work with adolescents who has served for some time as a consultant for the Methodist Children's Home, spent the morning of April 1 at the Home talking with administrative officials and the entire staff.

In his talk with the staff, Dr. Ware outlined normal developmental patterns of children. He discussed problems which are apt to arise when normal development and security needs have not been met and made suggestions as to how to help resolve the resulting personality problems.

Some pertinent quotations from his consultation follow: "Mom and dad should be actively involved in controls and in religious training; those are chief formative factors in character building." "Don't set a limit unless you can enforce it and don't make a promise unless you can fulfill it."

Concerning the period of childhood, Dr. Ware said: "It is natural and good for the child (about 4 to 6) to especially love the parent of the opposite

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Editorial

THE CHRISTIAN QUEST FOR ORDER IN OUR WORLD

Christian concern is mounting for guidelines which will help bring order out of the chaos and tension that are pulling our world apart. Increasingly the newspapers and the news programs of television and radio tell us of people who are searching desperately for solutions to our problems. These media join with the religious periodicals in telling us how urgent these needs are and how essential it is that we find solutions to those problems which are threatening world order in our day. Christian leaders are convinced that they have a responsibility for discovering God's will for these troubled spots — particularly Indochina and the Middle East—and for involving themselves in the human situation in our own land in such a way that peace may result.

We have a feeling that people are becoming involved in the status of world affairs in a commendable way. Despite some voices that would tell us that the mass media are manipulating us, an increasing number of us are seeing that it is through these methods of modern communication that we are being made a part of events as they occur around the world. It is because we are all so close to the problem that we cannot dodge the responsibility to be a part of the solution.

In our time the church has realized, as never before, that she cannot fulfill her obligations to either God or man by just being narrowly concerned about so-called "religious" or "spiritual" realities. Scientific developments have taken place faster than our minds can comprehend them. We have come to see the vastness of the problems of human relations both at home and around the world. We have realized that the problems of one nation are the problems of all the nations, and most of us have accepted the fact that the Christian faith has an obligation to speak and the resources with which to speak to the world challenges of the hour.

To this end, we feel that we should underscore some of the basic guidelines which should help us as we seek to keep our Christianity relevant to the issues of the day. It seems to us that these are fundamentals of our faith.

First, God is the creator of all things, including all the races of men. Despite any effort to turn us from that reality, we must not be diverted. There are no favored nations—no races that are inherently superior. Occasionally we receive some correspondence which questions the concept of "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," but we still contend that this is a primary teaching of the New Testament.

The second guideline concerns the precepts of redemption and reconciliation. At the heart of the Gospel is the good news that God came to earth in human form in Jesus of Nazareth. Since he came as a representative of all men and all peoples, he challenges us to be concerned about building bridges across the chasms that divide men.

There are two sides to the redemptive and reconciliatory process in which all men should take part. One involves a new relationship with God and the other a new attitude toward one's fellow man. Referring to the teachings of Paul, someone has said: "Because they are descended from the first Adam, all men are brothers; because Jesus Christ, the 'second Adam,' calls all men into a new relationship with God. all men are called to a new spirit of brotherliness one to another."

The third guideline is that of the kingdom of God. Jesus did some of his most effective teaching in this area. Through many of his parables he visualized what the world would be like if the will of God became the major force which motivated people. When we face a challenge concerning the problems of the world, do we dare ask, "What would God want me to do in this situation?" If we only would, we could have a far more effective part in the solutions of problems and the building of the right kind of world.

We have a feeling that in the weeks and months immediately ahead Christians are going to be faced with greater challenges than they have known in a long time. The fundamentals of our faith will provide the foundations on which we act and build.

Surely the church realizes, as never before, that she cannot fulfill her obligations to either God or man by being concerned for "religious" or "spiritual" matters, narrowly conceived. Men are not only religious and spiritual beings, but they are also political and physical ones. We who are a part of the church should have long since discovered that we cannot draw artificial lines between the sacred and the secular. God created it all, and he is greatly concerned about progress in every area of life. We must be aware of the challenges that face us in every area of life.

These are exciting days, and we should be thankful that we have the opportunity to make our Christian witness just now.

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the Editor's Corner

Recollections of Passover and Easter

Last week our Lion's Club in Little Rock turned us in the direction of the Jewish Passover under the able leadership of our speaker, Rabbi Elijah E. Palnick of Temple B'nai Israel. This excellent presentation turned our thoughts back to some World War II experiences and to some close ties which we have had with Jewish friends and congregations throughout a good part of our ministry.

In 1944, we were stationed with units of the Fifth Air Force at Nadzab, New Guinea. This was probably the busiest air base in the Southwest Pacific at that time and we were having an enriching ministry. We had just finished a new chapel building and would hold first services in it on Easter.

However, on Friday evening we were guests, with all the other chaplains in the area, at the Seder meal celebrating the Jewish Passover. This was probably the largest single Jewish gathering anywhere in the Southwest Pacific during the entire war. It was truly one of the high spiritual moments of the war years.

It was made more meaningful on the following Easter when we were conducting the first service in our new chapel, and my Jewish roommate let me know that he expected to be a part of my Easter service. When I expressed surprise, he said, "Why are you surprised? You went with me to the Passover Seder. Why should I not attend your Easter service,"

The following year we were a few miles up the New Guinea coast on the little island of Wakde. Here we inherited the responsibilities for Passover services when the Jewish chaplain who had made most elaborate plans and was transferred at the last moment. We will always be grateful to our Jewish chaplain's assistant who guided us through those challenging days.

These and other experiences in the chaplaincy—plus a number of warm Jewish friendships through the years —have helped this writer feel that he has warm ties with many Jewish friends.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The American Bible Society has sold or given away nearly 2 million copies of its 1971 Daily Bible Reading plan—more than twice the number supplied in the previous year, according to Miss Clarice Franklin, editor of Bible reading materials. Response to radio announcements and newspaper and magazine ads rose as high as 1,500 orders in a single day. One hundred college publications were among media carrying the print ad which featured photos of three leading rock groups, bearing the headline, "Look Who Reads The Bible." Requests for the plan have come from people in all walks of life, Miss Franklin said. Among them are a Nevada State Prison inmate, a Bible study leader in Ohio, a Roman Catholic hospital nun in California and an Army transportation staff sergeant.

Delegates to the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention will be asked to approve a resolution advocating "immediate action to avoid the collapse of our health services," according to a news release. The resolution cites a shortage of doctors, nurses, and para-medical personnel, inadequacies in the delivery of health care and preventive medicine, and rising costs of health care as "basic problems" for the nation's health services. The resolution urges Baptists to become actively involved in the national discussion leading to change in organization, financing, and delivery of health care. The document states further, "We urge the President, the Congress and the American people to act immediately to alleviate the crisis in our medical system," and calls for a "total reorientation of the U.S. system of health services."

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, says three cases now before the Supreme Court are the most important church-state cases in 20 years. The cases—one from Pennsylvania, one from Connecticut, and one from Rhode Island—raise the issue of the constitutionality of government grants to church schools. "Now we have the issue of direct government subsidy to sectarian schools squarely before the Court," Archer said. "If we are to break with our own tradition and revert to the kind of church-state union of former times and civilizations the Court should unequivocally say so. The Court should announce the break clearly and honestly." "On the other hand," he continued, "if we are to resist the mounting clerical pressures for church school subsidies, we need a clear re-affirmation of separation of church and state from the Court."

Africans are increasingly turning from tribal religion to Christianity but on their own terms, a Kenya church leader said. The Rev. John G. Gatu of Nairobi, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, said the Christian faith is welcomed among the African people because it cuts across national lines and is adaptable to changing times. But, he added, Africans are including their own forms of expression in worship. He said African tribal worship has much in common with Christianity before the Emperor Constantine (in the early 300s) made it the "state religion of Rome." The clergyman said his people find the sacrifice of Jesus easy to accept since the idea of sacrificing an individual for the good of the community is found in traditional tribal worship.

"The Cross and the Switchblade," a religious-oriented film starring Pat Boone, is the biggest box office hit since "Airport" at a plush suburban theater in Fort Worth, Tex., according to manager Bill Ellis. The movie, based on the book by the Rev. David L. Wilkerson of New York, is the second highest grosser since the Cinema I and Cinema II theaters opened there in December, 1969. In "the film, Wilkerson, An Assemblies of God clergyman, describes his work with drug-oriented youths in the New York ghettos. Ellis said owners of the theaters have shown surprise that a "religious" film proved more popular than the more "spicy" movie fare offered these days.

American Lutheran congregations are being asked to designate May 2 as a day of special prayers for peace. Members of the 4,848 congregations are being asked to pray for prisoners of war, persons missing in action, military chaplains and "all the other innocents who suffer the consequences of war."

Protestant and Roman Catholic officials have joined with leaders of the three branches of American Judaism in asking the Soviet Union to review its policies toward Jews and remove the "cruel vestiges of Stalin's rule." The request was addressed to the Congress of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R. Support for the appeal was given by Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, general secretary of the Nat'l. Council of Churches, and Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference. The document said "Jews are listed in their identity papers as a nationality, and yet are denied all the facilities to which nationalites are entitled. Their cultural institutions remain closed. Very few of the religious denominations in the Soviet Union are as circumscribed and deprived of facilitics as the Jewish faith."

"To excuse parents of parochial school pupils from paying public school taxes ignores the fact that public schools have never been sustained by taxes levied upon parents as such," said Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas. Dr. Allen said, "People with no children at all have always been required to pay taxes for schools, just as those who do have children . . . Education is, in fact, the most important public service the nation offers."

"Oracle," an underground newspaper from Haight-Asbury's "flower power" and drug days, is resuming publication as a "Jesus paper," a type of publication growing with the "Jesus People" movement. All rights to "Oracle," which reportedly once had an underground circulation of 100,000, have been transferred to Harvest House, a Christian commune. Its former editor, David Abraham, joined the "Jesus People" last Fall. There are "dozens of underground-type newspapers published by street Christians in the U.S. and Canada," according to Christianity Today, the evangelical magazine based in Washington, D.C. A "Jesus News Service International" has been organized in Berkeley to link the papers, according to Christianity Today.

The 1970 census figures will show that more American Indians now live off reservations than on, the first Indian staff member of a national Lutheran organization predicted. Despite his move to the city, the typical urban Indian still regards the reservation as his home, said Eugene Crawford, a Sisseston Sioux Indian who on Jan. 1 became associate secretary for Indian services, Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. "If the Indian is allowed to direct his own destiny, he will make it," Crawford said. "But it will take 2½ to 3 generations."

NEW YORK – Four leading U.S. churchmen appear at a New Yark news canference to annaunce a twa-week missian to Southeast Asio, hapefully to be climaxed in Hanoi, in an effart ta press for peace and the release af prisoners af wor. Fram left ore Roman Catholic Archbishop Jaseph Ryan of Ancharoge; Dr. Gearge Sweozey, immediate post-moderatar of the United Presbyterian Church; Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus, president of the Lutheran Church-Missauri Synad, and Dr. Nathan Bailey, president af the Christian and Missionary Allionce. Although the men plan to visit severol cauntries in an attempt to meet with representatives of both North Vietnam and the Pravisional Revalutianary Government of South Vietnam (Viet Cong), Dr. Preus said that they have received no assurance thot they will be received by Cammunist officials. The graup also plons to stap in Poris to meet with porticiponts in the stalemated peace talks ond hopes for an oudience with Pope Paul ot the Votican. (RNS Photo)

Fund for Reconciliation Report

TUTORIAL PROGRAM, WESLEY FOUNDATION—NORTHEAST LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY, MONROE (allocated $500.00 in January)

Rev. James E. Wilson, Campus Minister

Tutorial Centers have been established in the Marble Recreation Center, Southside Neighborhood Service Center, Parkside Neighborhod Service Center and Booker T. Renwick Service Center. Two hundred children have been served on the basis of one tutor to every two or three children for two hours each week.

Seventy-five college students have been involved in making friends with the children as well as assisting them in their studies. One college student who was ready to quit school and join Vista, after having become a part of the tutorial program has stayed in school and has been successful in his other studies as well as in helping the children.

This is the first project on the campus involving more than one religious group or organization.

For the spring semester it is possible that as many as 300 students will be involved in aiding 800 children.

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Dr. Paul M. Ware, left, Shreveport psychiatrist, is shown on a recent visit to the Methodist Children's Home. With him is Rick Bentley, Centenary College student, who is assisting Dr. Ware in some of his work with youth in the Shreveport-Caddo area.

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CHILDREN'S HOME

sex. This is the normal time to desire special attention from that parent."

He went on to say that when normal needs have not been met at the usual time, they can be expected to show up during adolescence. He said, "They should then be met as appropriately as possible, within the context of acceptable behavior."

He said that during the juvenile period (about 6 to 9) there is a need to learn to relate, to compete, and to compromise in groups. Youthful schizophrenia may well develop if such needs are not met at this time. "This may be often helped," he continued, "during the 'pal' or 'chum' period which usually follows."

Concerning the period of adolescence, Dr. Ware enlarged upon three major problems of this stage of development. He pointed out that since this is the chief transition period between childhood and adulthood: (a) there is the need for developing individually and for help in learning to control feelings; (b) there is the need for freedom in making vocational choices—"You cannot put them into slots" and (c) the youth must develop value or moral systems. This is a must, just as it is a must for the psychiatrist.

Dr. Ware said, "Children identify with parental actions and feelings far more than they identify with what is said." He emphasized that the parent must be big enough to admit when he is wrong. He said that he does not lose face but gains respect when he does so.

Dr. Ware, who is active in working with youth problems in the Shreveport-Caddo Area, will become a regular, part-time consultant for the Home, visiting there on a regular basis.

Members of the "LIVE LONG and LEARN" group of older adults at David Haas Memorial Church, Bunkie, examine fake fur flowers, one of numerous crafts in which about 25 ladies participate regularly. FROM LEFT: Mrs. Emery Johnson, Mrs. J. F. Griffin and Mrs. James E. Christie (pastor's wife).

"L-L-L" members painting figures. FROM LEFT: Mrs. John Hogan, Mrs. A. T. Sandefur, Mrs. Earnest Campbell, and Mrs. Merle Harbaugh. The group was organized at the suggestion of the Work area on Christian Social Concerns at the Bunkie Church. Mrs. Sandefur is chairman.

Mrs. Sandefur, sponsor, Mrs. C. J. Murphy and Mrs. David Taylor engrossed in the art of candlemaking. Other activities include painting, ceramics, the making of such items as pillows and tote bags. The program includes visits and crafts for a local nursing home.

Founders' Day at St. Paul, Shreveport

St. Paul United Methodist Church, Shreveport, recently celebrated its 106th Founders' Day Observance. LEFT: The pastor, the Rev. Abraham E. Davis, is shown with Mr. Lafayette Thomas, 97, one of the three oldest living members of the church; CENTER: Mrs. Neil Markham, 94, is shown with Miss Willie Mae Moore of the Founders' Day Committee; RIGHT: Speakers for the celebration included (from left): the Rev. A. L. Norris of Gammon Theological Seminary; Mr. Davis, host pastor; and the Rev. Nathaniel L. Lacy, Jr., assistant professor of practical theology and co-ordinator of black studies at Perkins School of Theology.

NEWS and NOTES

MORGAN CITY UNITED Methodist Church held Holy Week Services with the Rev. Robert L. Peyton, pastor of First U. M. Church, West Monroe, as guest speaker. The Rev. G. Eldred Blakely was host pastor.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST of West Monroe was host to the three-hour Good Friday service for that area. The seven ministers participating in the program were Ike Patton, Ira Love, Terral Lowe, John Sewell, H. L. Johns, Lea Joyner and W. D. Boddie. Robert L. Peyton, host pastor, presided.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS of First United Methodist and St. Paul United Methodist, both in Monroe, presented Faure's "Requiem" on Palm Sunday in St. Paul Church. Dr. Lynn Whitten, assistant professor of choral conducting at the University of Colorado, was guest conductor. Soloists were Mrs. Eloise Anspach and Charles Rich.

GERALD P. HALLEY directed the Slidell United Methodist Choir in Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ" on Palm Sunday. Soloists were Lois Hass, Dorse Townson, Harry Spence, Francis Madison, Gerald Halley, JoAnn Skinner and Jeffrey Hass. Mrs. Jane Halley was organist. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is pastor.

THE MANSFIELD United Methodist Youth Choir presented an Easter cantata, April 4, under the direction of Miss Jerry Beck. The Youth Choir also sang at the Baptist Associational Music Festival on March 29, and were rated "superior" by the judges. The Rev. George W. Harkins is the Mansfield pastor.

BRUCE OLSON, MISSIONARY to South America, was guest speaker in Asbury Church, Lafayette, on Sunday evening, March 21. He told of his work with the Motilone Indians in Colombia and Venezuela. The Asbury Church, of which the Rev. George Ross is pastor. is a major contributor to his work there.

At Winnfield, Jim Russell, chairman of trustees of First U. M. Church, and John Jackson, chairman of the Administrative Board, are shown looking over the plans for the Capital Improvement Fund, which will finance church expansion plans. The Rev. J. C. Skinner is pastor.

DR. JOLLY B. HARPER, pastor of First Church, Natchitoches, was preacher for Lenten services held in the Patterson United Methodist Church, March 28-31. The Rev. L. A. Carrington spoke in the Natchitoches church in his absence. The Rev. John R. Johns is the Patterson minister.

ST. PAUL'S U. M. CHURCH at Harahan presented the choir in Peterson's "Behold Your King" on Palm Sunday, under the direction of Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Jr. A. E. Turner, Jr., was narrator; Jane Turner was organist and Mrs. Marie Fine, pianist. The Rev. Charles Walker is pastor.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Many United Methodist Church sponsored an Appreciation Night for public school teachers, present and retired. The event was held in fellowship hall of the church on Sunday afternoon, March 28. The Rev. L. W. Taylor is the Many minister.

JACK DEW REPORTS ON MISSION TO ALASKA

Jack Dew of West Monroe, who was coordinator for the first Lay Witness Mission held in Alaska, reported on that mission to the congregation of McGuire United Methodist Church, West Monroe, on Palm Sunday night. He showed slides prepared and narrated by the Rev. Walter Hays, assistant to the superintendent of the Alaska Mission. These depicted the work of Methodism in Alaska, including the Jesse Lee Home and Alaska Methodist University.

Seven members of the McGuire Church made the trip to Alaska at their own expense the last week in March. Missions were held in Seward and Fairbanks.

The Rev. John Sewell is the McGuire pastor.

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NORMA ZIMMER made her second appearance at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, when she sang at the Easter Church Nite program Wednesday, April 7. Miss Zimmer, a member of the Lawrence Welk troupe, testifies to her faith in song and in word. Also on the program was Col. Lester Wilkes, retired, who for five years served as judge advocate general at Barksdale Air Force Base. His talk on "Did Jesus Get a Fair Trial?" was in the light of Roman law at that time. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., was host pastor.

DR. RALPH DRAGER, ordained Methodist minister and professor of psychology at LSU, was moderater for a "rap" session between youth and adults held in the Gonzales United Methodist Church, April 4. The Rev. Charles Humphreys is the pastor.

The UMYF of Grace Church, Ruston, recently sponsored a chicken-spaghetti supper. Above, left: Mrs. Anne Halstead and C. E. Kees sample the product. At right: L. D. McGehee is served by Debbie Killgore and Jenny Hand.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

April 18—Sun.	Psalms 128:1-6
April 19	Psalms 147:3-14
April 20	Gal. 6:14-18
April 21	Eph. 6:17-23
April 22	Psalms 4:3-8
April 23	Psalms 34:6-14
April 24	Psalms 37:37-40
April 25—Sun.	Psalms 72:1-7

Susan Winch received her 7-Year Perfect Attendance pin, and little sister Patsy received her 6-Month pin at the Pecan Island United Methodist Church.

THE INGLESIDE D.M.A. Club, Baton Rouge, visited the Louisiana Dutch Gardens at Newellton in March.

HOLY WEEK SPEAKER in First United Methodist Church of Bossier City was the Rev. Larry Robertson, who was speaking in his home church. Mr. Robertson is currently pastor of Mer Rouge and Oak Ridge United Methodist Churches. The Rev. K. G. Rorie is the Bossier pastor.

UNION SERVICES were held by the Mer Rouge United Methodist Church and Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church during Holy Week. The Rev. James Wilson, Wesley Foundation director at Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe presided in the Methodist Church, Monday through Wednesday, in the absence of the Rev. Larry Robertson. The Maundy Thursday Communion and Good Friday Service at Saint Andrew's had Father Edward Green, officiating.

The Iowa Church UMYF decoupaged a 16X20 picture of the Iowa Church for the recent garage sale the group sponsored. Karen Melendy, counselor, is using a candle to darken the outer edges of background board. Barbara Allen (not shown) is president of the group.

The Adult Choir of St. Luke Church, Shreveport, model the new choir robes and stoles which were a recent gift to the church. Mrs. Willard Moore, choir director is standing at left; Miss Kay Coombs, organist, is at right. ⟶

Mrs. B. A. Galloway, left, was hostess far the tea honoring Mrs. Paul Martin, center, wife of Bishop Martin who gave the Jones Lectures in Rayne Memorial Church in March. Mrs. Ruth Cadwallader, at right, patron of the lectures, was in the receiving line, as was Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton (not shawn), wife of the hast bishop.

Monroe District Guilds Active

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH TO HOST MONROE DISTRICT GUILDS

The Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guild Spring Meeting will be held at Southside United Methodist Church in Monroe on Sunday, April 25.

Registration and coffee hour will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the parsonage, 1618 South 5th Street. Following church services and lunch, the meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. A training session for officers and task groups will be featured at this meeting.

Advance registration may be made by writing to Mrs. Bennie Fuller, c/o Southside Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1092, Monroe, Louisiana 71201.

The theme of the meeting is "We have caught the Flame — Let it burn!"

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JOINT MEETING, WSCS-WSG MEMORIAL CHURCH

Members and guests enjoyed a joint meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild March 30 when they met for a covered dish supper and program at Memorial United Methodist Church in Monroe. District officers attending were Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, president; Mrs. Miriam Walker, treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Mason, publications chairman; Mrs. Gloria Bennett, district chairman Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. Fern Whatley, recording secretary Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Jo Brian presented a program on Children's Theater, speaking on the trends and new techniques in this area.

The Rev. Stone Caraway is pastor of Memorial Church.

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Monroe District Guild officers visited a recent meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Lake Providence. From left are: Mrs. Glaria Bennett, district chairman; Mrs. Ercell King, lacal president; Mrs. Helen Owen, district chairman of nominations; and Mrs. Fern Whatley, district recording secretary.

Twenty-ane members of the Triple L Sunday Schoal Class af First Church, Lake Charles, met at the church far a "Sewing Day" recently. The class baught the fabrics and made 35 sets af clathing far 6 ta 8 year ald children. This was their answer ta a special appeal made by Church World Service far children in Indanesia. From left, are: Mrs. Clement M. Moss, Mrs. A. Baeh, Mrs. M. C. Hackler, Mrs. C. B. Hanna, and Mrs. R. E. Heidt.

Louisiana women to attend Ecumenical Assembly in Wichita

Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic women will meet in Wichita, Kansas in an ecumenical assembly this month, called by Church Women United to make plans for the 70's. Over a hundred women from overseas countries will be among the 2,000 attending, including representatives from regional and national ecumenical groups of women from every continent.

Mrs. James M. Dolbey, president of Church Women United, will preside over the Assembly meeting at Century II, the convention center of Wichita, April 22 through 25. With the assistance of a team of theologians and a team of futurists the church women will explore together their claim that God through Christ made a radical breakthrough in history and its implications in modern breakthroughs in technology and rapidly changing social patterns.

Louisiana women who will be attending the Ecumenical Assembly in Wichita include: Mrs. G. W. Dameron of Pineville, who is state president of Church Women United; Mrs. Ivan O. Alexander, Mrs. Hattie L. E. Williams, and Mrs. Frank Tillman, all of Alexandria; Mrs. Doris Turner of Monroe; Mrs. Harvey Henry of Pineville; Mrs. George Chastain of Lake Charles; Mrs. S. C. Graves of New Orleans; and Mrs. W. E. Wagner of Baton Rouge. Brigadier Leslie Hall of Birmingham will be representing the Salvation Army of Louisiana, as well as Alabama and Mississippi, at the Wichita meeting.

Among those taking part in the Wichita Assembly are: Jean Houston, director of the Foundation for Mind Research, New York City, and associate professor of philosophy at Marymount College; Rustum Roy, professor of applied chemistry and director of Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory at Pennsylvania State University; Alice Mary Hilton, president of the Institute for Cybercultural Research, Inc., New York City; William N. Hubbard, Jr., M.D., vice president and general manager of the pharmaceutical division of the Upjohn Company; the Reverend T. Paul Verghese, principal of the Syrian Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala, India; the Reverend Catherine L. Gunsalus, associate professor of historical theology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; the Reverend Randolph Nugent, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches; Sister Katherine Hargrove, associate professor of religion at Manhattanville College; members of the American Baroque Dance Theatre of Kansas City. The assembly planners are making use of multi-media devices and the arts in order to make this an experience-oriented occasion.

The assembly will have before it recommendations from special committees on participation of women in the shaping of future society. On the closing afternoon they will work in planning sessions designed by Harriet Naylor, director of Volunteer Services, New York State and other leaders in adult education. The assembly participants are expected to make plans for carrying their goals into the life of their constituency. New officers and a board of managers of 125 women will also be elected for the coming triennium.

Church Women United is a national movement through which Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox women may express the ecumenical dimensions of their faith and work. Units of the national movement are organized in every state of the union and in 2,300 local communities. Participation is open to all Christian women who wish to manifest their unity through fellowship, study and cooperative action.

THE CROWVILLE United Methodist Church held its fourth annual chicken barbeque sale on April 3. The men of the church have recently constructed a new 21-foot covered barbeque pit beside the church. A joint effort by the membership of the church netted over $1,000 for the building fund. The Rev. Ted Howes is pastor.

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The Lakeview WSCS af Minden observed A Call ta Prayer on March 16. The program was held autdaors an Lakeview's scenic location, and special music was presented by Mrs. Ken Wayne Tripp accompanied on the flute by Mrs. Louis Cappage. Shawn above (left to right) are ladies who were an the pragram: Mrs. Dave Narman, Mrs. Harald Thorntan, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Geargia Rabinson wha planned and led the program, Mrs. Louis Cappage, Mrs. Jim Barnette, Mrs. Bob Pittard and Mrs. Pat Jones.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR APRIL 25: The Tragedy of Sin

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Amos 1:1; 2:4 through 3:15; 6:8, 8:4-7

MEMORY SELECTION: Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. (Amos 5:15)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover through the phophecies of Amos the types of sins into which Israel had fallen in the days of her prosperity; to discover Amos' message for our time in which many of the same types of sin are to be found.

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Out of Tekoa, a small town five or six miles south of Jerusalem, came Amos, a rough citizen of the soil, to introduce a new era in the development of religion. He came to speak against the sins of Israel—acts of human and social alienation that had not been previously classified as sins. From his vivid pictures of one group of people exploiting another came an incisive new picture of God and his will for man.

When one sees the rugged terrain of the region where Tekoa stood he can understand something of the nature of this prophet. It is on the edge of a high plateau from which the land drops off suddenly into the "wilderness of Judah." It is still just that —a wilderness—where canyons and mountains drop 3600 feet to the Dead Sea. It is not far from the place where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. The word "wilderness" aptly describes the view across the desolate rock-bound heights. Traveling this route just a little more than a year ago, we recall the impression that it must have been difficult for people in any age to wrest a living from this region.

Amos had two occupations—he tells us that he was a "herdsman" and also a "dresser of sycamore trees." In this latter work he must have had some skill in the pruning and grafting of the trees which furnished a kind of food for the region.

To this shepherd came a series of visions which led him to believe that God had a mission for him —a mission which was concerned with interpreting the will of God through concern for people. A commission came to Amos—"Go prophesy to my people Israel." This involved a journey, since Amos lived in Judah. It also involved danger, because he had to go into the neighboring kingdom and point out new dimensions of sin which would not make the king or anyone living in the country happy that the man of Tekoa had come their way.

In the time of his preparation Amos found himself brooding upon the way in which the temper of the land was revealed in the perversions of justice and the oppression of the poor. He saw that these acts constituted a complete reversal of a right relationship between God and his people. When he spoke it was in concrete terms concerning specific acts. His messages grew out of human situations and were directed toward conditions that affected men. All through this lesson we should keep alert to sins against which Amos spoke that suggest conditions of human alienation in our own time.

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THE BACKGROUND OF AMOS' PROPHECY

As we indicated last week, both Israel and Judah were enjoying a time of prosperity. Many of the sins which Amos spoke against were the fruits of prosperous times. Bitter wars had come to an end, and King Jeroboam II had rebuilt the economy of Israel. We can tell from Amos that this rise in prosperity had not benefited everyone.

Amos had heard of life in the Northern Kingdom, but he knew he would need to have closer knowledge before he could speak concerning it. So he left his flocks, quit Tekoa, and went to Israel. He knew that he could best observe the land in its capital, Samaria, where king and aristocracy resided. Dr. Emil G. Kraeling says of this field trip: "What Amos, the man of the simple and ascetic life, saw at Samaria was to him unbelievable. Think how some seventeenth-century Puritan would react could he visit New York today, and you will appreciate the reaction of Amos to Samaria."

Archaeologists have uncovered the evidence of the wide discrepancies between the rich and the poor in Samaria. Finely dressed stones and ivory carvings in the residences of the rich stand in sharp contrast to the crowded smaller homes. The evidence is here for the indictments of Amos concerning powerful, prosperous people who were totally indifferent to increasing poverty around them.

Against such a background Amos came speaking of a new concept of God which was very hard for his listeners to accept. He came saying, "God is not primarily the God of Israel, but he is the God of righteousness." His insistence was on the character of God, and we shall see, he was far in advance of anything that had been taught until that time. Dr. W. A. Smart said: "Religion to us means being good; we can't understand anything else. Historically religion was not connected with ethics . . . The most outstanding achievement of the prophetic movement in Israel was the fusing of religion and ethics."

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AMOS BEGINS WITH THE SINS OF THE ENEMIES

There is one thing we can say about Amos—he was a student of psychology. Coming from the southern kingdom of Judah to tell Israel about her sins, he did not begin directly to do that. Instead he began a long series of attacks on the sins of her enemies—Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, the Ammonites, Moab and Judah. Being a foreigner himself, he would have received a very cool reception had he immediately begun to tell the Israelites what was wrong with them.

This simple herdsman had only a small group to hear him when he started speaking. But the more he said about the sins of other people, the more the Israelites were convinced that he was a smart man and the larger his hearing.

Among the sins which Amos listed in his denunciations against these other people were vicious methods of warfare, the carrying of people into exile following military victory, the ignoring of simple rules of brotherhood, and the crudest kinds of offenses against womanhood. As one runs down his inventory he sees that Amos is very specific in the kinds of actions he condemns in the name of God. We see through him that a major theme of the prophets was poverty and the plight of the poor.

Imagine the reaction of the people of Israel to the preaching Amos was doing up to this point. This was what they liked to hear. That made them feel so much better and momentarily they gloried in their own righteousness. But he was getting closer to home all the time. Then, after declaring the fate of Moab, he moved on to deal with Judah, their sister nation and faithful ally.

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THE CARDINAL SINS OF ISRAEL

The Israel to whom Amos next began to speak was a nation guilty of three cardinal sins: inhumanity, intemperance, and immorality. What he tried to say to them was that they were a people who were economically and spiritually at ease. With the thoughts of their last war fading into the haziness of their memories, they were beginning to think that they would never again be invaded by an outside force.

Influenced by this false sense of security they were beginning to take advantage of their economic prosperity. They were lending money at exorbitant rates to small farmers who had no defense against unfair foreclosures because the wealthy controlled the courts. With the money exacted from the honest sweat of other men's brows they bought silken couches on which to recline in erotic enjoyment while they gorged themselves with rare delicacies.

But more than anything else Amos saw the religion of the people eroded and diluted by the influence of Baal. From the time they first entered the land and came in contact with the Canaanites they had been tempted by the religion of Baal. The fact that Baal was known as the god of productivity left its mark on the Israelites. They knew they were bound to Jehovah who had brought them into the land, but by the time of Amos they had found ways of letting the earthiness and sensuality of the religion of Baal find its way into the practices of their own faith. Amos came to tell them that they could not continue this kind of compromise in their worship.

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AMOS WAS VERY SPECIFIC WITH THESE PEOPLE

The prophet was very specific as he dealt with these people concerning their sins. He introduced this section in the same manner as he had begun telling of God's displeasure with their neighbors. We read in 2:6, "Thus says the Lord, 'For three transgressions of Israel and four, I will not revoke the punishment." He then got down to cases with them.

It is a terrible inventory he begins, "they sell the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of shoes," "they trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth," "a man and his father go into the same maiden," "they lay down beside every altar upon garments taken in pledge."

First, he speaks out against slavery. The law of that time allowed persons to be sold into slavery when they could not pay their debts. All through history slavery has been one of the darkest blots on the record of mankind. Amos spoke for God saying that such inhuman treatment of his creatures would not go unpunished.

Then, he spoke out against the sin of greed. The reference to trampling the head of the poor into the dust referred to a practice of the poor throwing handfuls of dust over their heads to show their misery. Amos said that some of the rich were so greedy that they even coveted the ownership of that dust.

Finally, Amos took his stand against all injustice. The powerful and the greedy "turned aside the way of the afflicted," the "afflicted" being the humble followers of God for whom there was no justice in the courts.

Who can deny that these same sins are to be found in our own time? God's word condemns them all, wherever they might be found. We all have an obligation to examine our own lives to see if we are guilty of any of them.

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A REDEFINITION OF SIN

One of the most important contributions of Amos was his redefinition of sin. We may think that an accent on social justice is very modern, but we find him crying out for fair treatment of all the underprivileged and downtrodden eight centuries before the birth of Christ.

It has always been easy for those who do not want to mix the satisfactions they receive from their religion and the social demands of the Gospel to use all kinds of methods of discrediting the prophetic voice. Try to tell any affluent people that they ought to be concerned about the dispossessed and underprivileged, and they will begin to tell you that you are getting away from the legitimate concerns of religion. Well, the next time someone makes such a suggestion ask them if they have ever read Amos. If they are honest enough to tell the truth then you might quote some of these verses from today's lesson.

Amos redefined sin, in God's name, and made it apply to injustices against human beings as well as offenses against God. These were solid foundations for the modern social emphasis in religion. Modern America needs to hear this just as much as ancient Israel did.

"Quote and Unquote"

Two Catholic and Two Protestant journals charged in a common Good Friday editorial that "the U.S. is repeating the crucifixion of Christ through its Vietnam policies" and called on Americans to "unite in shutting down the machinery of war." Entitled a "Call to Penitence and Action," the editorial appeared in the Christian Century, Christianity and Crisis, Commonweal and the National Catholic Reporter.

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Dr. C. Brownlow Hastings of Atlanta, associate secretary of the Department of Inter-Faith Witness for the Southern Baptist Convention, affirming there is still little zeal for organizational unity among Southern Baptists, recently told a national workshop on Christian Unity attended by 500 U.S. ecumenists: "The worst four-letter words for Southern Baptists are still Pope and COCU (Consultation on Church Union)."

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Dr. Leighton Ford, Dr. Billy Graham's associate and brother-in-law, speaking to a recent crusade in Philadelphia on the rock opera, "Jesus Christ—Superstar," said: "The widespread controversy over this rock opera has indicated that young people, turned off by the organized church, are still obsessed as ever before with Jesus . . . The opera is supposedly based on the Scriptures, but it lacks the clear compelling testimony of Scripture on the person of Jesus Christ."

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The Rev. Don Stewart, United Church of Christ minister, working under an ecumenical "Night Ministry" in San Francisco, said of his work: "The public doesn't realize that offices and services close up at night. There's just no place to go. You may work at night, but you're expected to need help only in the daytime. It's a terribly neglected span."

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Dr. Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention: "The mark of immaturity is to disagree with a man and as a result of your disagreement rule him off or shut him out from your circle of friends. This is prima facie evidence of immaturity, spiritual and otherwise.

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Sir Kenneth Clark, British art historian, in his book, **Civilisation:** "It is a lack of confidence, more than anything else, that kills a civilisation. We can destroy ourselves by cynicism and disillusion, just as effectively as by bombs."

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Justice William O. Douglass in a dissent in recent U.S. Supreme Court case holding that young men must be opposed to all wars to qualify as conscientious objectors: "Freedom to differ is not limited to things that do not matter much. The test of its substance is the right to differ as to things that touch the heart of the existing order."

USE MOVIE CODE TO GRADE SERMONS, AMERICAN BAPTIST PASTOR SUGGESTS

POCATELLO, Idaho (RNS) — An American Baptist pastor here has suggested that a code be worked out for grading sermons, similar to that used to classify motion pictures.

"This would be a great help when one is deciding whether or not he should get out of bed on Sunday morning," noted the Rev. Wilbur Rees, pastor of First Baptist church. His proposed code follows:

" 'G' — Generally acceptable to everyone. Full of inoffensive, puerile platitudes such as 'Go ye into all the world and smile' and 'What the World needs is peace and motherhood.' This sermon is usually described as 'wonderful' or 'marvelous.'

" 'M' — For more mature congregations. At times this sermon even makes the Gospel relevant to today's issues, in subtle ways of course. It may even contain mild suggestions for change. This sermon is often described as 'challenging' or 'thought provoking' even though no one intends to take any action or change any attitudes.

" 'R' — Definitely restricted to those who are not upset by truth. This sermon 'tells it like it is.' It is very threatening to the comfortable. It is most often described as 'disturbing' or 'controversial' and usually indicates that the preacher has an outside source of income.

" 'X' — Positively limited to those who can handle explosive ideas. This sermon really 'socks it to 'em!' It is the kind of sermon that landed Jeremiah in the well, got Amos run out of town, and set things up for the stoning of Stephen. It is always described as 'shocking' or 'in poor taste.' The minister who preaches this serson had better have his suitcase packed and his life insurance paid up."

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ECUMENICAL TIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID STRONG

GENEVA, Switzerland (UMI)—Relations between United Methodists in Czechoslovakia and other Protestant churches are good, the Rev. Vilem Schneeberger, superintendent of the denomination in the country, told Ecumenical Press Service during a visit to the World Council of Churches headquarters here in March.

The superintendent also said that the recent division of cooperation into two ecumenical councils in the nation "should strengthen our work." The recent division into the two councils was taken to make it easier to work with the Ministry of Culture. There are about 5,000 United Methodists in 19 parishes in Czechoslovakia.

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A United Methodist Said It

"Our task as churchmen today . . . is to discover ways in which we can be leaven in the midst of the world, being used by our Lord in His mission to shape the world of tomorrow. Instead of asking 'What will tomorrow look like?', we should be asking: 'What do we have to tackle today to make tomorrow?' "—The Rev. Merlyn W. Northfelt, newly-installed president of Garrett Theological Seminary.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

A long postal strike in this country has at last been settled, and although many organisations and people have managed the inland exchange of correspondence, anything bound for overseas has been seriously interferred with—hence a long silence in this column. Now at last things are beginning to get back to normal, and we can once again exchange views in this way. The whole problem of the industrial situation in Britain gives cause for concern. Henry Ford visited this country this week—the Ford organisation in Britain is running into problems because of strike action now in its sixth week. He pointed out that he wanted to know that there would be prospect of settlement before any more Ford capital could be invested in the industry here, and we appear to be in a circular situation where men are striking themselves out of a job, yet doing it to try to get more money which is not there.

Tense negotiations are in progress with the USA firm of Lockheed after the shock collapse of Rolls Royce. Perhaps most famous for the motor car with that distinguished bonnet, Roll Royce are, of course, also well known for aero engines, and their latest the R B 211 ran into trouble to such an extent that the Government had to step in. Now there is still a question mark over the project as thousands of Rolls Royce workers—all highly skilled—are made redundant. It is not a very happy prospect for Spring.

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THOSE BISHOPS

Crockfords Directory is a reference book which gives all manner of details about the Church of England. And the Preface when the revised edition is published each year is often the subject of comment. This year, the author (always an anonymous one) suggests that the office of bishop has become so arduous that those who are appointed are reaching the point where they are glad to be relieved of the office.

The two factors he selects as being the ones which have affected the bishops are the weakening authority of bishops in these days, and the very heavy administrative burden. Not only the Anglican church complains of these two problems, of course. Authority, perhaps in very different forms is desired in a number of different ways, and most people are finding these days that authority is that which is accepted rather than imposed. But the administrative burden is almost inevitable.

Men at the top, whether in Church, State or industry all must accept in these days of fast communication and complicated structures, that the administrative buck stops at the top, nowhere else. The art and craft of leadership is to be able to delegate administrative matters so that there is time to think and be creative where it most matters. And here the church has something to learn from industry, something to learn from men who work exceedingly hard at the secular job, and even then manage to give a lot of themselves to the community.

In hard practical terms, this is one way in which the laymen could and I am certain willingly would, (given the chance) help the leaders of the church.

The role of the prophet in the church, in any case, has not always been fulfilled by those who are officially the leadership of the church. Indeed the opposite has often been the case. Ever since Amos who claimed that he was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, professionally speaking, there have been men who speak in the name of God to the community —and official appointment has had little to do with either man or message.

News ways of thinking about the role of both layman and leader are opening the door to new opportunities for the churchs, if we see the problems of today as opportunities in disguise.

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News in Brief

United Methodism's Boston University School of Theology is the only theological school in the country participating in a comprehensive seminar in suicide and self-destructive behavior sponsored nation-wide by the National Institute of Mental Health.

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The average per capita contribution to World Service—United Methodism's basic benevolence fund—during 1969 was $2.09, according to the church's Council on World Service and Finance. By jurisdiction, the Western led with $2.49. Others included North Central, $2.31, Northeastern, $2.19, South Central, $1.90, and Southeastern, $1.83.

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Bethany Hospital, a 79-year-old facility in Kansas City, Kans., related to the United Methodist Church, is changing its name to Bethany Medical Center as the first step in a planned expansion and diversification of services. Included is a three-phase building program that will eventually include expansion from 300 to 600 beds.

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Social agencies in St. Joseph, Mo., related to the United Methodist and Roman Catholic churches are merging to provide expanded community service in the areas of housing, the aging, community development, family and youth, and child development.

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Spurred by the success of a Baltimore Annual Conference Historical Society tour to England this past autumn, excursions are being planned for this autumn departing from Maryland, Iowa, Ohio, Texas, and Indiana.

MPH president makes optimistic report to Board of Publications

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — The Methodist Publishing House, which closed its last fiscal year July 31, 1970 with a net profit loss of $1.4 million, is in slightly better condition midway in its current fiscal year, according to President and Publisher John E. Procter.

In his first report to the Board of Publication meeting here March 31, Mr. Proctor said that losses are continuing in sales but that reductions in advertising, supplies, salaries, and mailing costs have reversed the overall trend.

Publishing House treasurer John H. Laird reported that net income for the six months ending January 31, 1971 was $584,889 compared with net income of $201,092 for the same period last year.

Mr. Proctor reported that 11 of the 19 Cokesbury Book Stores showed a loss during the first six months although seven of the 11 are in better condition that at the same time last year. He told the board that a new direction must be taken with the book stores which require $300,000 subsidy annually. He said more, but possibly different, Cokesbury stores will be needed in the future, particularly in light of increasing postal costs.

Another major concern of the board is the general periodical program of the United Methodist Church. The House publishes **Together** magazine for families and **Christian Advocate** for ministers. Mr. Proctor said that these two publications will have to be subsidized this year by between $350,000 and $375,000 and that is it unlikely that the magazines will ever be self-supporting. He said a committee of the board is wrestling with the problem.

Following a recommendation from the standing committee on personnel, the board approved 65 as the mandatory age of retirement of all Publishing House employees, both laity and clergy, beginning August 1, 1972.

In another action the board unanimously adopted an "Affirmative Action Program" calling for a proportionate representation of minority employees in all its units. A two-year goal was set for implementation of the program which calls for "hiring employable minority persons as job openings occur with a goal of attaining in each unit a ratio of minority employees at least equal to the local minority population ratios." These ratios will be taken from 1970 census reports.

The plan asks unit administrators to make a "conscious effort" to employ and upgrade minority personnel in replacement situations in order to achieve minimum goals "at the earliest possible date."

This program was presented by Jack B. Russell, Richmond, Va. attorney who also heads the board's committee on Project Equality. He said the new program implements and exceeds most requirements of Project Equality. He also reported that Publishing House management has been making its fair employment policy known to its suppliers asking them to take similar positions.

Dr. W. T. Handy, Jr., vice president of personnel and public relations and the first black executive on the Publishing House staff, said that "while we appreciate efforts of Project Equality and the federal government in this area, our prime motivation is not coercion but because we think it is the right thing to do."

The program includes a "statement of intent," saying: "In the selection, placement, and treatment of persons needed to carry forward its work, the Publishing House will strive to demonstrate a particular sensitivity and responsiveness to the peculiar needs and aspirations of minority groups represented in, or seeking to enter, the labor market who, because of their race, color, sex, or national origin, may have been subject to discrimination in their access to, and progress in competitive employment."

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UM news in brief

A "Missionary Fund for Social Justice," established by the United Methodist Missionary Conference the past summer at Greencastle, Ind., has grown to $12,144. Missionaries give to the fund on a voluntary basis and may designate their gifts to either Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the quadrennial program of the Board of Missions' World Division, or Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam.

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Mrs. Alice Sharp, a Methodist missionary in Korea for 39 years, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Easter Sunday. As a child her health was so poor that she had to drop out of school for a time.

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TV SPECIAL, WEEKLY RADIO SHOWS WILL DELIVER COCU MERGER PLAN

DALLAS (RNS) — The church merger plan of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) will be introduced to Texans through a television special and six weekly radio programs.

A half-hour program, "The Quest for Unity," will be aired on WBAP-TV here April 18, and WFAA radio will broadcast the first of six 25-minute programs entitled "A Plan of Union" on the same day.

"We think these programs on the most ambitious church union plan ever proposed in America will be interesting to all Christians," said Dr. Thomas A. Fry, pastor of First Presbyterian church in Dallas and chairman of a committee encouraging study of the COCU plan.

Dr. Fry stressed that everyone, including people opposed to the plan of union, must be involved in the study-response process.

Participants in the television special include Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of theology at Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University; Dr. Kenneth L. Teegarden of Fort Worth, executive minister of the Christian Church in Texas, and the Rev. Orthal H. Lakey, pastor of Cedar Crest Christian Methodist Episcopal church in Dallas.

Dr. Fry and Episcopal Bishop William Paul Barnds of Dallas will also appear. The programs were produced under the supervision of the North Texas Christian Communications Commission, an ecumenical agency.

In addition to the broadcast, the radio programs will be made available on cassette audio tapes for use by church groups.

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Lake Junaluska, N. C., will be the site of the 1972 session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church. The sessions will begin July 11.

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INCLUSIVE CHURCH BACKED

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (UMI) — The man who soon will be come the full-time program executive for the United Methodist Church's nine-state, 3,000,000-member Southeastern Jurisdiction told leaders of the jurisdiction here March 19 that he intends to work for a church that is "inclusive, evangelical and dedicated to human need."

The Rev. Robert F. Lundy put inclusiveness first, as he said that "we (United Methodists) cannot tolerate halfway houses of black annual (regional) conferences overlapping white ones. It is a sub-Christian organizational pattern . . ." He addressed the executive committee of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council as the Council's executive secretary-elect. Dr. Lundy will become executive secretary June 21 on the retirement of the Rev. D. Trigg James.

Among other business items, the Jurisdictional Council approved plans to step up a program of "community-based self-help efforts on the part of disadvantaged people." The project is carried out in cooperation with the Board of Missions' National Division.

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Mrs. James D. Martin from the Gadsden, Ala., First United Methodist Church, was soloist at the White House worship service in Washington, D. C., March 7. According to news accounts, Mrs. Martin had been scheduled to sing "Is Christ on the Throne of Your Heart?" after a sermon by Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman, but at White House request for something "a little less Methodist," changed it to "One World."

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The Rev. Charles H. Ellzey, professor of church administration at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., has also been named to direct the Center for Parish Development at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Napierville, Ill.

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(Photo by Leon Howell)

Asian and Western church leaders discussed mission strategy at a "Consultation on Missionary Service" recently in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Through initiative of the Asia Methodist Advisory Committee, and under auspices of the East Asia Christian Conference (EACC), the Consultation focused on the missionary program of Methodism in Asia as a case study. Engaged in discussion at a session are (left to right) Dr. U Kyaw Than, general secretary of the EACC; Dr. Charles C. Parlin, president of the World Methodist Council; Bishop T. Otto Nall of United Methodism's Hong Kong-Taiwan Area; Dr. John F. Schaefer, United Methodist World Division associate general secretary; Dr. Graeme Jackson of the World Council of Churches staff.

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Because the LOUISIANA METHODIST has been so helpful in granting us space for our pre-Easter offering publicity, we: (A) Wish to express our gratitude. (B) Will include in this issue only the list of memorials.

— Harry Ezell, Superintendent
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Mrs. Sarah Davidson, left, and Mrs. Kaye Jahnson were co-chairwamen of the St. Mark Fair.

The St. Mark's Community Center Fair was held on March 26. It was sponsared by the Wamen's Auxiliary and the Center's staff.

Summer Camp program to benefit from St. Mark's Fair

The annual Fair of St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, was held on Friday, March 26. This event, sponsored by the Center's Women's Auxiliary, was both sueeessful and fun. There were many unbelievably good bargains, and the donated merchandise went rapidly.

The proceeds from the Fair go toward the Center's summer eamping program. Camp St. Mark's, located north of Covington, has been able to gradually expand its program eaeh year as more funds have been raised. Since the Camp budget is not a part of the overall budget of St. Mark's Community Center, the operation of the Camp is dependent upon money raised for that purpose by the Fair, the Thrift Shop and donations.

At Camp St. Mark's, many children from the inner-city area around the Center have had the opportunity for the first time in their lives to have an outdoor experience that includes sleeping in a tent, swimming, hiking, and being close to natural surroundings. The Camp experienee affords an opportunity to learn mueh about oneself, others, God's world and one's plaee in it.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Mark's Community Center has sponsored the Fair for the last two years. Before the formation of the Auxiliary, the Center's staff was primarily responsible for the fund-raising event. Sinee the formation of the Auxiliary, women from Methodist churehes throughout the Greater New Orleans area work together to stage the Fair as well as operating a year-around Thrift Shop for the neighborhood. All money from these projeets is earmarked for the operation and program of Camp St. Mark's.

These boys and girls were confirmed and received into the membership of the Sevier Memorial United Methodist Church at Ferriday recently. Shown with them is Pastor Art Baker.

This group of young folk was photogrophed when members of the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State University led a Vesper Worship Service and met with the UMYF at the Bunkie Church, Sunday, April 4. FROM LEFT: Patti Ogden of Shreveport; Dovid Constant, UMYF President, Bunkie; Steve Wells of Colfax; and Corol Brewer, Bunkie. The Rev. James Jones is Wesley Foundation director; the Rev. James Christie is the pastor at Bunkie.

Confirmotion Class received into the fellowship of Rayne Memorial Church in New Orleans on April 4, shown with the Rev. B. A. Galloway, minister.

The Rev. Jordan Groom (center), Superintendent of Big Spring District in the West Texas Conference was the preacher for Holy Week Services at First Church, Bastrop. Standing beside him ot a reception sponsored by the Women's Society of Christion Service on Palm Sundoy evening ore Song Leader Jerry Ross of Shreveport (at left) and the Rev. Cleburne Quaid, pastor.

Twenty-seven boys ond girls were received into the membership of Henning Memorial Church in Sulphur on Palm Sunday. The Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, postor, and Mrs. W. W. Paxton, who assisted him in the troining classes which helped to prepare the young folk for membership.

News in Brief

The South Central Jurisdiction's Board of Christian Social Concerns has given $1,000 each to three programs in the jurisdiction—a police-community relations project in Omaha, Nebr., a program of continuing education for low-income and disadvantaged women in New Orleans, La., and a centralized population control action center in Dallas, Texas.

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Thirteen boys and girls who joined First United Methodist Church at Homer on Polm Sunday, shown with the Rev. Odell Simmons, pastor.

John Hammond and Mrs. C. D. Tisdale, members of the Evergreen Club at Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church in Bogolusa, were judged "Best Dressed" at a recent "Good Ol' Days' Party." The Rev. Roy E. Mouser is postor.

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Cecil Ramey key speaker for July 31-Aug. 1 Lay Retreat

by Cecil Bland

Cecil Edward Ramey, Jr., well known Shreveport attorney, will be the principal speaker at the 1971 Louisiana Conference Lay Retreat. The event will be held on the campus of Centenary College in Shreveport the weekend of July 31-August 1. Mr. Ramey will speak Saturday night, July 31, at 8:15 p.m., and again on Sunday morning, August 1 at 11 a.m.

Mr. Ramey is a native of Shreveport, married to the former Betty Loper of Douglas, Nebraska and is the father of three children. He attended Fair Park High School in Shreveport, graduated from Centenary College in 1943, obtained his LL.B Degree from Yale University in 1949, and did graduate study at Tulane University.

He is a former president of the Shreveport Bar Association; former part-time faculty member at Centenary College; former member of Board of Governors, State Bar Association; Fellow of the American College of Probate Counsel, and former Director of Tulane School of Law, Program of Continuing Professional Education, among other professional activities and honors.

Mr. Ramey is, and has been, active in the Shreveport Junior Chamber of Commerce; former member of Shreveport Chamber of Commeree; past president of Centenary College Alumni Association; member of governing board of Shreveport YMCA; past Board of Trustees chairman, Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport; church school teacher; and former chairman of Capitol Improvements Study Committee of Shreveport Chamber of Commeree, among other positions of a civic and religious nature.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees, of Centenary College; was named Shreveport's outstanding Young Man of the Year 1956; named Mr. Shreveport in 1968, and seleeted for Centenary Alumni Hall of Fame 1970.

This year, due to renovation of the organ in Brown Memorial Chapel at the college, the annual Conference Lay Retreat will meet in the auditorium of the Hurley Music building at Centenary College for it's group meetings.

The Lay School of Theology which is an important part of the Retreat each year, will feature the following professors: Dr. Webb Pomeroy, the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, the Rev. William McCutcheon, the Rev. Grayson Watson, Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, the Rev. James Poole and two representatives of the General Board of the Laity of the United Methodist Church from Evanston, Illinois. Dr. Hearn and Poole will conduct training sessions for district lay leadership in Stewardship and Lay Life and Work.

A special presentation of the Lay School of Theology this year will feature a commercial organization, the Motivational Institute, which will outline its special programs for adult and lay leadership training.

Brochures outlining the above program and including an advance registration form will be available shortly.

All men, women and youth of the merged Louisiana Conference are invited to come and take part in this, the fifteenth annual United Methodist Lay Retreat at Centenary College.

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ABOVE: The recently rebuilt Trinity United Methodist Church and parsonage at Buras were dedicated by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Sunday, April 4. Both church and parsonage were destroyed by Hurricane Camille, Aug. 17, 1969, but, with local funds, insurance, and help from the "Camille Fund" from all of Methodism, Trinity has rebuilt—larger and more beautiful than before. The church and furnishings are valued at $200,000; the parsonage and furnishings at $40,000. (See related picture, page two)

Mt. Sequoyah training event to focus on "The Church: An Agent of Change?"

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMI) — A "sell-out" enrollment for one of the most comprehensive leadership events ever held at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly is predicted for June 28-July 2 when a four-pronged program will focus on "The Church: An Agent of Change?"

Dr. Virgil D. Morris, executive secretary and program director of the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction which owns and operates Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, said the "wholistic event provides at once the most comprehensive and inspirational events ever offered at Mt. Sequoyah and is certain to be a sell-out."

The week-long event involves training for all program boards of the church and will be under the general direction of Dr. James Hares, Dallas, Tex., program director of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. In previous years most program boards have held their training independently.

Each day, Tuesday through Friday, Iowa Bishop James S. Thomas will be the featured speaker for the annual Mt. Sequoyah Wilson Lecture Series. After each address on the theme "The Church: An Agent of Change?", Dr. George Hunter III, Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, will direct workshop sessions and a response panel reacting to Bishop Thomas' lectures.

Coaching conferences and seminars will be held each afternoon. Coaching conferences for individuals who plan to return to their annual conference and teach will be offered in the three areas of the 1971-72 church-wide studies: Matthew, The New Generations in Africa, and New Machines and the New Humanity. Others who do not plan to teach one of the three studies may choose the churchwide studies as seminars or select other seminars on: Counselling Draftees and Their Parents; The Population/Environment Crises; New Life Missions; and Stewardship.

Job training will be offered each evening for conference and district officers of Christian social concerns, education, evangelism, health and welfare ministries, missions and chairmen of interpretation. A session will also be offered each evening for youth members of program boards.

Another major training event scheduled for the summer is a Laboratory and Seminar Week, June 20-25, under the directorship of the Rev. Kenneth W. Short, Wichita, Kans., and associate director Mrs. Lucy Collins, Houston, Tex.

Dr. Morris said the week will provide the most advanced form of teacher training in the United Methodist

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Participants in April 4 dedication of church and parsonage at Buras (l. to r.): Dr. George W. Pomeroy, New Orleans District superintendent; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, who officiated; Pastor Abe M. Conerly, under whose leadership the church plant was rebuilt.

Members of the Program Council staff (Conference A) recently conducted a two-evening training session at Jonesboro United Methodist Church, dealing with curriculum, teaching methods and how people learn. Participants (l. to r.): D. E. Sims, Joe G. Key, and Herman Bass, adult church school teachers; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, the Rev. Garland Dean, and Cecil Bland, of the Program Council staff (Mrs. Katherin E. Gibbs and Alice Flint of the staff were present also to lead groups.)

PREGEANT LEADS NEW ORLEANS EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Dr. W. Russell Pregeant, associate minister at Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, brought the message at the Easter Sunrise Service at the Lakefront. He is chairman of the Youth Department of the Federation of Churches which sponsored the service.

Speaking in the worship context of the Resurrection story sung to new tunes, he declared that there is a religious revival going on in the world, but that it is outside the bounds of the traditional beliefs of the church and society as it emphasizes the individual as against the masses — the search for freedom for persons as opposed to being treated as part of the machine.

The traditional church has something to offer, too, reminded Dr. Pregeant. The emphasis on love as the motivating force for the Christian makes people go out to other human beings and into history and asks that they sacrifice themselves for the sake of others, even to giving their lives for the healing of the nations.

The report of the service which appeared in The Cable, newsletter of the Federation of Churches, said: "It may have sounded strange to some to hear the story of the resurrection sung to a new tune with clapping as done by the Crusaders from Oak Park Presbyterian Church, the Alleluia to the vibration of drums and guitars as rendered by the "In His Name" group from ten Episcopal churches, or the stirring words of "The Master written and sung by Si Simonson of the Jefferson Christian Church, but it was evident that the young in age and in heart found new meaning in the Easter message given at the Easter Sunrise Service at the Lakefront this year."

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HAMMOND DISTRICT RETREAT

Robert P. "Bob" Lay will be the speaker for the Hammond District Laymen's Retreat which will be held at Camp Istrouma Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, and the retreat will end at noon Saturday.

All laymen and young men of the Hammond District are invited.

Louisiana Conference A Calendar

April 1971	
23-25	Ecumenical State Student Conference, Chicot State Park
24	Conferences A & B Bosrds of Laity Joint Meeting, Alexandria
25	World Service Sunday
25-May 2	Fund for Reconciliation Week
27	Baton Rouge District Conference, First Church, 7:30 P.M.
27-29	Conference WSCS Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Baton Rouge
28	Lafayette District Vacation Church School Institute, Asbury, Lafayette
29	Shreveport District Vacation Church School Institute, Broadmoor, Shreveport
30-May 1	Training for Summer Youth Directors, Camp Brewer
30-May 1,2	Junior High Lab (Earl B. Emmerich Memorial) Rayville
May 1971	(All Pre-Conference Lay Delegate Training Sessions - 7:30 PM)
2	Rural Life Sunday, Golden Cross Sunday
3	Pre-Conference Lay Delegate Training, Monroe District, St. Paul's Monroe
4	Pre-Conference Lay Delegate Training, Alexsndria District, First Church, Alexandria
5	Pre-Conference Lay Delegate Training, Lafayette District, Franklin
6	Migrant Ministry Annual Board Meeting
6	Pre-Conference Lay Delegste Training, Lake Charles District, First Church, Lake Charles
7	Pre-Conference Lay Delegate Training, Ruston District, Arcadia
8	Research and Planning Committee
9	Mother's Day
10	Pre-Conference Lay Delegste Trsining, Baton Rouge District, Broadmoor
11	Pre-Conference Lsy Delegate Training, Hammond District, Hammond
12	Pre-Conference Lay Delegate Training, New Orleans District, Lake Vista
13	Pre-Conference Lay Delegate Training, Shreveport District, Morningside
23	Centenary College Graduation
31-June 4	Annual Conference

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT FRANKLIN

For the seventeenth consecutive year an Easter Sunrise Service was held in the gardens of Oaklawn Manor, just out of Franklin on the Irish Bend Road. During the years of these annual observances, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holmes, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson have provided the worship setting for the services.

Young folk of the Franklin community presented the drama, "A Most Joyous Day of All," written by a member of the First United Methodist Church of Franklin. The drama portrayed numerous Biblical personalities who took the message of Easter into the world of their day—Peter, Paul, John, Stephen and others. Misses Pam Rives and Mary Susan McCammon were narrators, and the Rev. Bobby Hodnett, minister of Music at First Baptist Church was soloist.

Dr. Alva Gregg, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church and the Rev. C. R. McCammon, pastor of Franklin's United Methodist Church, were among other participants in the service and in making preliminary arrangements.

Louisiana gift at work in India

A recent gift from the Louisiana Annual Conference A for work in the Gujarat Conference in India has been assigned to the support of a lay training program in Vassad, according to a letter from the Rev. David B. Bauman received recently by Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, conference treasurer.

Referring to this program, Mr. Bauman said, "I spoke a little in the churches of Louisiana about this program. We have a Lay Training center at Vassad, with groups of laymen coming for training courses of from two weeks to a month. After this special study in Bible, how to conduct worship, Sunday School work, stewardship, health and disease prevention, etc., they go back to be leaders in their churches. And especially in villages where there is no pastor, they often carry on the Sunday School and church program."

Mr. Bauman, who spoke several times in Louisiana last year, indicated that the Vassad center also has many other uses which will make Louisiana United Methodists happy they are sharing in its development. He said in his letter written just prior to Easter, "This last week we had many of our pastors there for a refresher course. I taught a class for two days, and we had some really lively discussions. Later we shall have some of our young, unordained preachers who are in the Conference Course of Study, to help them in their study, a rather shortened theological course."

Continuing a report on his work,

the missionary said: "We have been out in villages most of the time in the past few weeks in our village work. Mrs. Bauman often goes out for one day teaching in the Christian faith for the women of one village, and I with our evangelistic work.

"Two weeks ago I was with our Gospel team from our large Ahmedabad Church. They would hold street preaching among non-Christians in villages in the daytime and sell Gospels, then hold a worship service for the Christians in the village in the evening.

"On the last day, Sunday morning, we joined Faith in the village where she was doing women's work. I also have been going out many evenings to show the film "King of Kings" during the two months we have it on rental. This is a very old film, but it is very effective in telling the non-Christians the story of Jesus."

The closing words of his letter, Mr. Bauman said: "Please convey my greetings to the persons I met there, especially Garland Dean. Again, many thanks for the gift. Out best wishes for a very blessed Easter season."

Editorial

MEANINGFUL PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We were brought up sharply a few days ago by the realization that Annual Conferences are just around the corner. We might say that we are under the compulsion of the calendar to start our final preparations for that important time in the United Methodist Church. Some may think we are a bit premature in this editorial, but others will realize that "it's later than you think."

A look at your date book or calendar will convince you that the time is almost here. How differently we prepare for Conference now than we did just a few years ago! However, this does not minimize the fact that we do need to get ready for what we want to happen in these sessions. No longer do we make our statistical reports just before conference—this was finished with the end of the last calendar year. This fact should not relieve us of the necessity of taking a good look at what has been accomplished in our churches since we last met in Annual Conference.

Many challenging decisions will come before the 1971 sessions of the Conferences within our constituency. We were able to catch something of the spirit from the mid-year meetings of the boards and agencies. Optimism and imagination are implemented in the reports which will be coming before us for action. The pre-Conference reports are being received already by some of the delegates, and others will be getting their copies very soon.

The Conferences made wise decisions when they decided to publish these reports in advance of Conference. These had made it possible for lay and ministerial delegates to familiarize themselves with the issues that will be coming up for consideration. A tremendous amount of work goes into the preparation of these Pre-Conference Digests, but it is worth every bit of it since it makes possible a more mature approach to the business of this most important unit in our church.

If you have been chosen as the lay delegate from your charge, take that responsibility seriously. If you are not the delegate and have a concern about your church, discover who it is that is representing you and discuss Annual Conference with him.

Our church makes a provision for the representation of ministers and laymen to be almost equal in the Annual Conference. It is too bad when the attendance does not make possible equal voting on the important issues that come before us. Sometimes the accusation is heard that "preachers run the conference." If laymen are concerned about this charge, they should resolve to see that the attendance of lay delegates is stimulated. We feel that progress is being made in this matter through the programs of training for lay delegates that is being implemented in many sections.

These training sessions offer our laymen an opportunity to become truly involved in the Annual Conference. They are especially valuable for the delegate who will be attending his first session this year. If you have been chosen as the lay delegate from your charge, make every effort to attend the training period that is available to you. We do not have any statistics on this, but we are reasonably sure that attendance is better and decisions are made more maturely where there has been such training.

The Annual Conference sessions in which the delegates are chosen for the General and Jurisdictional Conferences take on special significance. This is the year for the selection of our delegates to these important meetings of 1972. Not only will they have the responsibility for determining the program of our denomination for another quadrennium, but they will also be receiving study reports which give unusual meaning to those conferences. Not only will the balloting occupy a large part of the time at this year's Annual Conferences, but the concern about the individuals to be selected will be a major one. We should all be carefully and prayerfully aware of this responsibility which delegates carry this year.

Annual Conferences have changed drastically during the years since we first started attending. They still are exciting events to this writer, as we feel they are to many of our readers. In the local churches of the college campus where the Conferences will be held a great deal of careful preparation is already taking place. We will not be true to these plans that are being made for us unless we also begin to make preparations within our minds and hearts. A great deal of praying needs to be done in order that we might bring dedicated spirits and receptive minds to Annual Conference. It is not too early to start this essential spiritual preparation.

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the Editor's Corner

PING PONG DIPLOMACY

When history finally writes the accomplishments of the Nixon administration in foreign affairs it is entirely possible that last week, April 11-18, may be judged the most significant period, and the ping pong ball and paddle may be credited as the strongest weapon used in breaking through the "bamboo curtain."

Up until just a short time ago no one would have predicted that United States' relationship with China would have changed so drastically during Mr. Nixon's term in office. Nor could anyone have anticipated the method of opening the door.

All of us have been interested in the looks inside China that have come to us on television during the past few days, and many have been excited about the diplomatic contributions made possible by the American ping pong team.

We will reserve comment on the total matter of the thawing of the freeze regarding relations between the United States and China until a later column. This week we simply want to join other columnists in underscoring the unexpected nature of the door that was opened to the youthful athletes and their chaperones.

One of the cartoonists heralded the historic event with a picture of the Great Wall of China showing a small hole through which some persons were looking. "Just about the size of a ping pong ball," they observed concerning the size of the hole.

Another cartoon represented the exploitation of the event by the CIA suggesting that it might be possible to install surveillance equipment inside the ping pong balls. In this same vein, one reporter wrote that the CIA was disappointed because it did not have a single skilled ping pong player among its agents.

It may be one of the most healthy signs we have seen in a long time that we can laugh together concerning this important event in foreign affairs. This has been the week of ping pong diplomacy.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg is the first Jew to be named national chairman for the annual interfaith National Bible Week—scheduled to be observed Nov. 21-28, 1971. Justice Goldberg, partner in the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Goldberg, Wharton & Garrison, succeeds J. Peter Grace, prominent Roman Catholic layman. In accepting the chairmanship, he said, "The effort through mass media and many organizations to motivate the study of Holy Scripture is of great importance in applying the wisdom of the ages to the building of a more just and humane society today."

Mormon parents and youth leaders were told that "religion is caught, not taught" and it is their duty to help children develop the "God-qualities" within themselves—during the annual Primary Assn. conference held in Salt Lake City. Gordon B. Hinkley, a member of the governing body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, noted that "for lack of patience or lack of understanding, parents and teachers sometimes fail to assess the spiritual and moral potential of children and in one way or another deny them the opportunity to grow and expand into the type of individuals they are capable of becoming."

Material aid worth $42.6 million was transmitted by the World Council of Churches in 1970, according to a Religious News Service release. The food, medical supplies, clothing, blankets, agricultural aid and seeds involved came from the Protestant and Orthodox member Churches and related agencies, and was in addition to $17.3 million in cash donated for relief and rehabilitation. Most of the supplies went to aid victims of disaster or for on-going development work. Almost half went to Asia.

A new unit of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) will attempt to find out how a union of nine denominations can produce maximum mission with a minimum of bureaucracy. This is the task of the Commission on Structures for Mission which held its organizing session in Indianapolis recently. The Rev. Isaiah Scipio, Jr., of Detroit is chairman. He is general secretary of the Nat'l. Div. of Missions of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, a black denomination. Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., COCU general secretary, said the commission will analyze present structures and identify steps and actions which would make the proposed merged Church "possible and credible."

Missionary programs must be radically reoriented and many old-style patterns of missionary activity scrapped, according to a comprehensive report, "One World, One Task," published in London by leading British evangelicals. The 173-page report declares bluntly that "in a time of rapid and radical social change in the world, all Christian institutions have to accept painful adjustments—some even have to die that the gospel may live." It advocates abolishing the "sending" concept of missionary work in favor of a "mutual partnership" concept. Studies leading to the report were commissioned at the 1968 triennial meeting of the Nat'l. Assembly of Evangelicals. The document will be presented to the next assembly in May. Members of the commission, headed by the Rev. A. Morgan Derham, included theologians, missionaries, and natives of countries where missionary work is carried on.

In a continuation of the trend towards youth representation on church boards, 15-year-old Michael Faw serves as a Deacon of First Presbyterian church in San Anselmo, Calif. Serving as an elder in the same congregation is 16-year-old Douglas Harnsberger. They are believed to be among the youngest congregational officials of any Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Both said the congregation sought them out for the posts.

Britain's Free Churches were urged to become more involved in public issues such as racism and drug addiction and draw away from "a narrow and unhealthy pietism." The plea was made by Dr. Leonard G. Champion, a former president of the British Baptist Union, following his induction in Punshon Memorial Methodist Church as moderator of the Free Church Federal Council. His induction was held at the 75th Nat'l. Congress of the FCFC, which represents Britain's main Free Churches on a national basis. Dr. Champion said "Once again we are in a time of involvement. The issues confronting us present themselves in new forms."

Members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will celebrate the 170th anniversary of the beginning of their Church in a pilgrimage to the state where the movement was initiated. The Disciples' 1971 General Assembly will be held Oct. 15-20 in Louisville—less than two hours' drive from the Cane Ridge Meeting House, a log church that has special meaning for the ecumenical movement and Disciples in particular. The consultation on Church Union (COCU) held its annual communion service in 1965 at Cane Ridge. The Disciples have played a major role in COCU and in the National and World Councils of Churches.

Some students at a suburban Philadelphia high school are discovering that the Bible contains the major themes of world literature and the arts. They are enrolled in an elective course, "The Bible and Literature." The Bible course has been offered as an elective by the Lower Merion English department for more than 10 years. This term, about 30 students (half Christian, half Jewish) are enrolled from a total student body of 1,700.

About 80 persons will be commissioned for foreign missionary service when the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board holds its semi-annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., April 20. Some 20,000 people are expected to attend the service, first of its kind for Southern Baptists in the Ohio-Indiana and Kentucky area, according to Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary. In his report at the board's March meeting, Mr. Cauthen said that "no slowdown in missionary appointments is planned for 1971."

Two Cuban Baptist leaders, attending a church conference in Switzerland, reported that the Baptist churches in Cuba are "alive and growing." Manuel Salom and Humberto Dominguez, both of Havana, told European Baptist leaders that the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba has 7,000 members in 98 churches, and baptized 319 converts last year, according to a Baptist Press report. Cuban Baptist pastors who were once imprisoned have now been released, the report said.

The national Christian Council of Kenya is maintaining soup kitchens in towns and villages north and east of Nairobi (Africa) as part of a massive effort by government and voluntary groups to feed 150,000 caught in a devastating drought. For nearly a year there has been no rain in the region. Emergency feeding centers have been set up in 11 districts. Famine and financial ruin is reported to prevail throughout the area. Cattle, sheep and camels are dying by the hundreds. The Nat'l. Christian Council has appealed to the World Council of Churches for relief funds and goods.

U.S. Churches have a special responsibility for world mission in view of the U.S. position as a world power, says a report published in London by leading British evangelicals. "The role of the U.S. Churches in the international church has rapidly become that of senior partner." "The success of this new position will in measure be controlled by the willingness to accept a less explicit leadership for a greater supporting partnership," the report contends.

More than 10,000 Assemblies of God young people aged 16-24, will take part in the denomination's sixth annual Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) program this year. Nearly 10,000 youths will participate in the witnessing program in the U.S., while more than 400 will assist missionaries and national leaders in foreign countries to spread the "good news of the gospel of Christ." The crusade is part of the 1971 emphasis of the Church, and is conducted under the theme, "Take the Word."

A research study of U.S. Catholic education, published in a special education issue of AMERICA, the Jesuit weekly review, revealed that in the last year some 400 Catholic schools have closed, causing a 3.4 per cent decline at the elementary level and a 4.3 per cent drop in the number of high schools. The study showed that declines were greater in parish grade and high schools. More centralized inter-parish and diocesan schools showed more stability generally, with enrollment increases reported in some areas as a result of consolidations. Full-time teaching nuns continued to decline at a rate of 7 per cent a year.

LA VERNE, Colif. – A Church of the Brethren congregotion in Lo Verne, Colif., is engoged in o unique teoching progrom for sixth grode church school students which ploces teocher ond students in one-to-one relotionships. The teocher meets for on hour eoch week with one pupil in Bible study sessions. The meetings ore orranged at the convenience of the teocher ond pupil ond church school for sixth groders is not conducted on Sundoy morning. Here, Roger Costellono ond his teocher, Borboro Enberg, use o Bible concordonce in the study progrom. (RNS Photo)

Religious Drama Workshop announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The Rev. A. Argyle Knight, director of Resources in Drama and Other Arts, for the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, will be among staff supervisors for "The Creative Process" during the Fifth Annual Religious Drama Workshop sponsored by the Midwest Council for Drama and Other Arts (MCDA). The workshop will be held at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mo., July 25-31.

Other United Methodists serving as staff supervisors include Dr. M. James Young from the University of Massachusetts Theatre Department, and the Rev. George S. Paris, Topeka, Kan., high school art instructor.

According to Mr. Knight, participants and staff will explore and develop their human potential through expression in the various phases of the arts—music, dance, drama, improvisation, and visual arts. Participants will have the opportunity to specialize in one of four areas: traditional theatre, street theatre, theatre and learning, and celebration.

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Rightly conceived, time is the friend of all who are in any way in adversity, for its mazy road winds in and out of the shadows sooner or later into sunshine, and when one is at its darkest point one can be certain that presently it will grow brighter.—Arthur Bryant

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NEWS IN BRIEF

One of the pioneer FM radio transmitters that originally broadcast from the campus of United Methodist-related American University in Washington, D.C., is being donated to the Smithsonian Institution where it will represent the first 25 years of FM broadcasting in a display of radio history.

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Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dodge have returned from two years on the staff of Vietnam Christian Service, ecumenical relief agency. They were among 26 persons sent out through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and worked in occupational therapy among mentally and emotionally ill patients at a large hospital in Saigon.

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The Kyodan, the United Church of Christ of Japan, the country's largest Protestant body, has a new head to serve not later than October of 1971 — the Rev. Mitsuho Yoshida. The 195,000-member church is related to the United Methodist Church and other North American denominations.

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In two areas of Africa where there have been no secondary schools, the United Methodist Church is cooperating in the establishment of programs of higher education. Schools at Jalingo in Nigeria and at Maun in Botswana will provide educational opportunity for thousands of students who live in areas where until now there have been only primary schools.

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Fund for Reconciliation Report

Newly arrived Cuban children take part in Vacation Church School at First United Methodist Church, New Orleans.

SPANISH WORK IN NEW ORLEANS

Rev. Robert C. Eaker, Director

Spanish work in New Orleans was strengthened by the coming of Dr. Carlos Perez, former director of Candler College in Havana, Cuba. He conducts worship services in Spanish at Felicity United Methodist Church, visits extensively, and makes the initial contacts with Cuban refugee families arriving in New Orleans on the average of six families a week.

The total program continues with clothing distribution, English classes, assistance in housing and job placement, and help with immigration matters. Cuban refugee children have taken part in the Vacation Church School at First United Methodist Church, New Orleans, and in various play camp experiences.

A Chevrolet van is used for Sunday transportation to services and for collection of clothing and furniture for needy families. A 52-passenger bus is also used for transportation of larger groups.

A church thrift shop "El Ropero" is open three days a week with women from the Spanish congregation in charge.

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LEFT: Lafayette District Superintendent, the Rev. Merlin Merrill, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the W.S.C.S. at First Church, Franklin. He is pictured here with Program Leader, Mrs. Merle Lichtenfels. BELOW: Both members and guests were present for the W.S.C.S. luncheon meeting at Franklin First Church, where Superintendent Merrill presented an inspirational Easter message.

RIGHT: Miss Sylvia Self of Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur and a McNeese University coed, by means of her doll Jerry and her ventriloquism talent presented her Christian testimony during recent revival at First United Methodist Church in Lake Arthur. BELOW: Participants in recent revival services held at Lake Arthur (l. to r.)—the Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, pastor of Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur, evangelist; the Rev. Lester Nance, pastor at Lake Arthur UM Church, and the Rev. Ray Adcock, pastor of First Baptist Church.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. LARRY ROBERTSON, pastor of the Mer Rouge and Oak Ridge United Methodist Churches, was the speaker at the Easter Sunrise Service held in Bastrop at Baron Ball Park. Morehouse Parish Ministerial Alliance sponsored the service.

BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON was the preacher for a special service of worship at the Bunkie Church, March 14, attended by members of the Bunkie, LeCompte, Evergreen, Bayou Chicot and White's Chapel congregations. Sharing in the service were Dr. Clyde S. Clark, the Rev. W. S. Milton and the host pastor, the Rev. James E. Christie.

THE GONZALES LAY Witness mission, to be held the weekend of April 23 in First United Methodist Church, will have Terry Ball from Jonesboro, Arkansas, as coordinator. Don Jacobs is local chairman. The Rev. Charles Humphreys is pastor.

JAMES WILLIAMS directed the Chancel Choir of Munholland Memorial Church in the presentation of "Stabat Mater" and "Seven Last Words." Guest soloists included Sandra Scafide, soprano, and Mrs. Mona Goff Bond, mezzo-soprano. Other soloists were J. Marcus Ritchie, tenor, Thomas Rushing, baritone, and John Joyce, bass. Members of the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony accompanied. Dr. Kenneth McDowell is the Munholland pastor.

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH, Monroe, presented the Chancel Choir in Peterson's "Hail, Glorious King" on Palm Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott were directors; Mrs. Frank Chapman was organist and Mrs. W. P. Stewart, Jr. was pianist.

ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, "The Last Supper" by Ernest K. Emurian, was presented at First Church, New Orleans. The choir was directed by Wayne Hobbs. Rev. Alvin P. Smith read the scripture. The narrator was Peter Davidson. The cast included: Marvin L. Smith portraying Jesus; R. L. Greer as James the Less; James Adams, Matthew; W. P. Breeding, Andrew; Frank Clayton, James; Ron Edwards, Simon the Zealot; James Weeks, Judas; Wm. W. Shaw, Jr., Nathaniel; Albert Loudon, Thomas; Robert F. Dyer, John; William Gafford, Philip; John Engler, Thaddaeus; and Raymond Pendleton as Peter. Mrs. LeRoy Tonkin had charge of costumes, and Robert Granberry, lighting. The Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, pastor, directed the presentation.

HAMMOND FIRST UNITED Methodist Church will be host to a Lay Witness Mission beginning Friday evening, April 23. Mark Solomon, Hammond chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Henry Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKaskle, Mrs. C. B. Sledge, Mrs. Guy Clemons, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, Dick Durham, Mrs. Margaret Alford, Mrs. Louis Wiginton, Katie Wainwright, Vivian Carpenter, Walter Pregeant, and the Rev. Henry Blount, Jr.

THE REV. JOE H. ROBINSON was the preacher during the Easter revival at Harmony Chapel United Methodist Church. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Dennis Owens, furnished special music. Miss Shela Barham was pianist.

AURORA CHURCH officials are making a study of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) on three successive Monday evenings, April 5, 12 and 19. Jon Wimbish is chairman of the Ecumenical Affairs Commission at Aurora. The Rev. L. Ray Branton is pastor.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR FESTIVAL held in the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 18, was sponsored by the New Orleans Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Several United Methodist choirs participated.

THE DERIDDER CHURCH had a Palm Sunday evening program of music and meditations. Devotionals were by Leon Dunand, Alice Nelson, Jim Mann, Mary McLaughlin and Homer Coltharp. The Elementary and Chancel Choirs provided special music. The Rev. J. C. Wallace is pastor.

ON PALM SUNDAY Wesley Bible Class of Trinity UM Church, Alexandria, presented an Easter drama in music, narration and living tableaux. The characters were in Biblical dress and special art props were used. By actions on stage and taped voices, the cast endeavored to take the congregation back in time to the year A.D. 30 and re-live what we call Holy Week in the life of Christ. "You Are There" was written and narrated by Elouise Waggaman. The Rev. David Corley is pastor at Trinity.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK services were held each morning and eveing, Monday through Thursday at the First United Methodist Church, Franklin, with the Rev. Merlin Merrill, District Superintendent of the Lafayette District, as guest minister. The Rev. Bobby Hodnett of the First Baptist Church, Franklin, was song leader. One of the highlights of the week was the service of Holy Communion on Thursday evening. The Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor.

BROADMOOR CHURCH, Baton Rouge, held Holy Week noon services with the following speakers: the Rev. Larry Maxwell, associate pastor; the Rev. Dick Harbison from Broadmoor Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Glen Edwards from Broadmoor Baptist; Father Clarence Pope from St. Luke's Episcopal; and Dr. Barry Bailey, host pastor. On Palm Sunday, the Chancel Choir presented the Easter portion of Handel's "Messiah" under the direction of Gunvard Hansen with Mrs. Charles Rye as organist.

THE PLAQUEMINE YOUTH Fellowship sponsored the Easter sunrise service held behind the levee near the Gay Subdivision. Guest speaker was Lloyd Frye, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at LSU, Baton Rouge. The Rev. Lonnie Sibley is the pastor at Plaquemine.

DR. JAMES TRULY, Methodist layman, and Mrs. Ray Hebert, R.N., Methodist laywoman, led a discussion on Pastoral care at Glenwood Hospital in West Monroe. The subject "Childbirth" was the first of a series in a Seminar on Pastoral Care being held under the direction of Chaplain Don Wineinger for pastors of all denominations in the area. The seminar is being held on six successive months, on the third Tuesday nights.

STEVE SPURLOCK of Minden, president of the Lighthouse Sub-District UMY, was the speaker in First Church, Haynesville, Sunday night, April 4, when young people had charge of the service. The Rev. Jack Winegeart, pastor, was in Houma where he preached for revival services.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Rev. Edward R. Haug, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Lafayette, in the death of his mother, Mrs. F. H. Haug in Marlin, Texas, March 29.

THE WINNFIELD CHURCH Sunday morning services are being broadcast over Radio Station KVCL during April, May and June. The Rev. J. C. Skinner is pastor.

"THE CRUCIFIER," a drama by Bob Fronterhouse, was presented in First Church, Lake Charles, on Palm Sunday evening. Allen Greene directed this cast: Robert Landers, John Watkins, Dorothy Threatt, Ken Hobbs and Sandy Willis. The musical portion of the program was by the Primary, Junior, Youth, Carillon Ringers and New Bell Choirs.

THE REV. JACK MIDYETT, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans, preached in Holy Week Services at St. Claude Heights Church on Wednesday, and at St. Bernard Church, on the same charge, Thursday and Friday nights. The Rev. James O. Evans was host pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

April 25—Sunday	Psalms 72:1-7
April 26	Psalms 85:1-13
April 27	Isaiah 26:1-4
April 28	Mark 9:42-50
April 29	Luke 1:67-79
April 30	Eph. 6:13-18
May 1	Deut. 6:1-6
May 2—Sunday	Josh. 22:2-6

EVANGELISM CLINIC, APRIL 26-27, IN NEW ORLEANS

"What's Going on in New Orleans in the Field of Evangelism" will be the topic of discussion at the Evangelism Clinic scheduled to be held in Oak Park Presbyterian Church, 5134 Paris Avenue, Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27.

The clinic is being sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches Evangelism Committee, of which the Rev. Joe Lovelady is chairman. Dr. A. W. Townsend, Jr., pastor of the Algiers United Methodist Church, will be one of the speakers on "Membership Recovery."

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"A CELEBRATION of Worship" featuring excerpts from the Rock Opera, "Jesus Christ, Superstar," was presented at First Church, New Orleans, by the young people of the church. Special readings were by Robin Deich, Tom Evans, Lisa Williams, Cathy Evans, Laura Williams, Nancy Mattix, Lann Sawyer, DeAnn Balderas, Christine Granberry, Mrs. Betty Tonkin and Dr. Jerry Bagwell. The Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor of the church.

THE REV. K. K. CARITHERS, retired and living in Talisheek, has been occupying the pulpits of the Mitchell, Pelican and Pleasant Hill churches during the illness of the Rev. Jim Constable.

P. K. KORNER

JAMES HAROLD ROBINSON, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe H. Robinson of the Harmony Chapel, Lisbon and Arizona Charge, underwent an emergency appendectomy in the Navy Hospital in Naples, Italy. He is serving with the Entertaining Band of the U.S. Navy. The group travels over Europe and North Africa to entertain Service personnel.

LONNIE MELVIN SIBLEY, Jr., son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sibley of the Plaquemine United Methodist Church, and Gloria Kai Wilson, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Gerald Wilson, were united in marriage in the First Baptist Church of Hammond, April 8.

At a recent Galden Meadaw WSCS meeting, Irene Nichols and Ruth Herrin, center, were hanared with a "This is Yaur Life," presented by Onita Savoie, at right. Laura Adams, left, presented Mrs. Herrin a purple heart far "caurageous efforts."

"News in Brief"

THE APRIL PROGRAM meeting for the Asbury Women's Society was held at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette.

"RELIGIOUS REVIVALS among Youth Today" was the subject when the Rev. Russell Pregeant, associate pastor of Rayne Memorial, spoke to members of the Rayne WSCS, April 6.

THERON DUPREE, lay leader for McGuire United Methodist Church, West Monroe, taught the study on "The Psalms" for the Women's Society, and a separate study for the Wesleyan Service Guild, during the month of March. Mr. Dupree is retired from the state department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

DR. WEBB POMEROY, head of the Religion Department of Centenary College, conducted a one-day session on the Book of Psalms in First Church, Hammond, April 7. The Women's Society held the general meeting at 9:30 a.m. the same day, prior to the study.

MRS. GILBERT BANDEL, conference chairman of Missionary Education, was the speaker for the New Orleans District Meeting held March 31 in the Carrollton Church. Mrs. Edgar E. Cayard, district WSCS president, reported that the New Orleans District was the only one in the conference to pay its pledge in full in 1970. The District Wesleyan Service Guild, of which Miss D. Eleanor Goodman is chairman, overpaid its pledge.

MRS. JAMES WOODS of St. Paul U.M. Church, Monroe, spoke to Unit One members of the Wesleyan Service Guild in First Church on the subject "A Christian and Witnessing" at the April 6 meeting.

THE MONROE DISTRICT WSCS meeting held at Memorial Church, April 15, featured as speakers Mrs. C. B. McGowan, conference president, and Mrs. Juliet Milk, former missionary to Cuba and Mexico.

THE ST. LUKE WSCS of Shreveport has been conducting a survey of multiple sclerosis patients of the area. It is also making arrangements for entertainment for patients.

MY CHURCH

As far back as I can remember, the Church has been a part of my life. In a way, it is entwined with the love and guidance of my family. When I think of the Church as The Body of Christ, I feel that I am a small member of that Body. My relationship with the Church has been a leveler in my life as I chose the direction my life would take. It is to the physical Church that I go to witness my own belief, that I go to worship with others, that I go to gain strength and to renew my own faith, to find the Christian Fellowship which I need. The Church is an integral part of my life. I couldn't do without it.

—Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

← Reprinted from the Batan Rauge First Church bulletin. Mrs. McGowan is president of the Lauisiana Conference A Wamen's Society af Christian Service, and a member of First Church in Baton Rauge.

Scarritt College names trustees

Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader of New Orleans was among the nine named as honorary trustees of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Also named were Dr. Leonard Beach, Nashville; Dr. Evelyn M. Berger, Oakland, Calif.; Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville; Starkey Duncan, Nashville; Clyde W. Hall, New Albany, Miss.; D. Webster Johnston, Nashville; Dr. Lovick Pierce, Nashville; and Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn.

A service of dedication was held for the Sadie Wilson Tillman History and Archives Room in the Virginia Davis Laskey Library, for which Mrs. Tillman was present.

The Board concurred in the vigorous recruitment program of the college now underway; endorsed the inauguration of recommended new types of academic programs; approved a program of continuing education in cooperation with the Glenmary Roman Catholic Order of Home Missioners, consisting of seven weeks of guided home study followed by a one-week intensive workshop on the Scarritt campus; authorized a new "Scarritt Development Council"; also, raises in the tuition and room and board.

John E. Procter, president of The Methodist Publishing House, presented Scarritt College President Gerald H. Anderson with the first copy of a new book edited by Dr. Anderson, titled "The Concise Dictionary of the Christian World Mission."

Eleven new trustees were elected to the Board of Trustees. They are: W. Lane Abernathy, First American National Bank, Nashville; Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn.; Roscoe Buttery, president, The Crescent Company, Nashville; Miss Barbara Campbell, Women's Division, Board of Missions, New York City; A. Jack Hayes, Harbor City, Calif.; Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. Robert T. Lagemann, Vanderbilt University, Nashville; Bishop Roy G. Nichols, Pittsburgh, Pa.; John E. Procter, President, Methodist Publishing House, Nashville; Dr. Earnest A. Smith, Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Horace R. Weaver, Board of Education, Nashville.

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BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON will hold a consecration service in the new parsonage at Hammond on Sunday afternoon, April 25, at 4:30. The Henry Blounts are the parsonage residents.

A PROJECT OF CIRCLE 4 of New Orleans First Church WSCS is the gathering of men's shoes, blue denim shirts and blue jeans for the men of Angola prison.

MRS. CHARLES GOODYEAR, Jr., state chairman of UNICEF, told about her recent visit to Ecuador and the work of UNICEF there, at a recent meeting of the Aurora Women's Society.

THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP of First Church, Lafayette, journeyed to Evangeline Park at St. Martinville on Monday, April 12 for an outing and picnic lunch.

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GENTILLY SOCIETY REPORT

The Gentilly Women's Society of Christian Service, under the leadership of Mrs. A. G. Sobral, president, is fulfilling service to several Methodist agencies in the area.

Seventy-five percent of the members of the Woods Circle work weekly as volunteers at the Methodist Hospital in New Orleans. The society recently placed large pottery planters in the hospital chapel.

St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, receives attention of the Mary Martha Circle, whose members give time in the Thrift Shop.

Society members recently made a visit to Dulac Community Center, near Houma, taking with them drugs, clothing and Easter candy to benefit the children in the day care center, an agency of the United Methodist Church. Mrs. Sobral remarked, "Gentilly members took great pride in the work being done in the Christian mission center, and look forward to being instrumental in the new medical center to open at Dulac in the future."

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Members af the Gentilly Wamen's Society af Christian Service taak supplies far the children at Dulac Cammunity Center, near Hauma, an a recent visit there.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MAY 2: God's Call to Ethical Living

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Amos 5:4-15, 21-24; 9:7-9, 13-15

MEMORY SELECTION: Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you. (Amos 5:14)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover the ethical implications of religious beliefs based on an understanding of the nature of God.

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If Amos had brought the Hebrew nation a message concerning what was needed for their own survival his contribution to our ethical living would have not been so significant. However, the material in our lesson today tells us that he believed God was concerned about all people, not just the Israelites. Dr. Walter G. Williams points out that Amos was a practical monotheist, which means he was the God of all peoples and that the ethical standards he had set for Israel were binding for all nations.

In last week's lesson we talked about the unique way in which Amos defined sin—we might say that was a lesson that accented the negative. Today we want to focus our attention on the high ethical standards which the prophet communicated. As we proceed we will see how this lesson shifts emphasis from the negative—an accent on sin—to the positive — the outlining of a high standard of ethical conduct.

We will be seeing that the prophet issued a loud call for righteousness and justice, and condemned all religion that did not motivate ethical conduct, especially in human relations. Amos has a great deal to say about that great debate which still is going on in some quarters concerning the relationship between the gospel and social responsibility. We hope you will all see this lesson as a means of helping persons to recognize the social obligations of true religion and to respond to God's demand for ethical living.

Many are accusing the church of being the last of our institutions to face up to the challenge of change in our time. In fact, some of her critics are saying that the church is not even an important force to be reckoned with in the establishment of value systems. One recent survey indicated that there are many who feel that the church is not even communicating values to her own members, and therefore is in no position to speak to those beyond the membership concerning their ethical standards and practices. Do you believe that these charges are justified? Do you think Amos has something to say to us?

God does care about everything we do. He did not divide his creation into the sacred and the secular as we have often done. He wants us to see a close correlation between what we profess to believe and how we treat our fellow human beings. Amos told Israel, and he tells America, that God cares about everything we do — the kind of houses we build for ourselves as well as the kind of churches we build to worship in.

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GOD SPEAKS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

In last week's lesson we noted how Amos charged the people of Israel for cheating the poor people in many ways and causing the processes of justice to be blocked. We have material before us today to deal further with the charge of injustice.

"Therefore because you trample upon the poor and take from him exactions of wheat, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them;" (5:11) Amos is speaking here of a widespread contempt for goodness. In this section he speaks of people who "hate him who reproves in the gate." He is referring to a common practice whereby persons with grievances could appear before certain judges who sat in a space near the city gate to hear their complaints. Often the elders would speak out against their own people for their obvious mistreatment of the poor. Amos speaks of the negative response such criticism often brought.

Some authorities tell us that the benches on which these judges sat provided the terminology still used as we speak of "the bench" in referring to the judicial system and its great responsibility.

Our biblical material today speaks of both the sin and the punishment of an affluent society. Amos said these people were able to have fine houses and beautiful vineyards because they took advantage of the poor. When we read of things happening like this, we can see through the eyes of Amos that God cared about everyday life: business and trading, buying and selling, mortgages, beautiful houses in the suburbs and slums in the country and the ghettos. Christians who speak for righteousness in these areas of living today should feel a strong fellow-feeling with Amos.

Voices are speaking out for social justice in our time, and they do not always receive a sympathetic hearing. Amos would sympathize with some of those who have received harsh treatment in later centuries, but he would also encourage them to keep right on speaking.

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INJUSTICE BRINGS JUDGMENT

Amos talks of those who take food from those who do not have enough. Apparently by some process of manipulation quantities of wheat were taken from the poor and given to the rich. The prophet despairs of justice in Israel. However, he indicates his confidence in divine justice and tells Israel that those who have so abused the defenseless will be made to pay for their sins.

Speaking for God, the prophet appealed to the nation to change its ways. We read in verse 14: "Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you . . . hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph."

The kind of good for which God asked was the putting away of injustice. For the people to do this would provide convincing evidence of their change of heart. How convinced of our sincerity God must be when we profess love for him but are lacking in love for our fellowman!

Through Amos, God held out the hope of his blessing for Israel. He would be faithful to his people, but under the condition that he saw evidence of their love of good and their hatred of evil. He would seek such proof in the area of human relations the prophet said. If you felt God's word calling to you to "establish justice" where would you begin?

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WORSHIP THAT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Among the most incisive of all the verses in Amos are those in the 5th chapter which speak of God's reaction to the worship of the Israelites. We read: "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them." Now, it was God who had given them the directions concerning worship. Doesn't it seem strange that he sent them word that he was offended by what they were doing?

Was Amos saying that there should be an end to formal worship and religious ceremonials? Of course, not. What he was saying was that so long as justice and righteousness were absent from people's lives it was inappropriate to have joyous religious services. When Amos saw that the people who were most active in the worship services at Bethel were the same ones who were permitting injustice to flourish in their city, he insisted that daily ethical conduct was more important than proper procedure in the ritual.

At the Methodist General Conference in Pittsburgh in 1964 a high point was a dramatic presentation visualizing the great social challenges that were confronting the church at that moment. All through the presentation an individual played the part of the average church member who could not find time to become involved in these issues because he was too busy "doing church work." In the years since we saw that presentation we have thought about it many times. It seems as if it must have been speaking to Methodists with the force of prophecy.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says: "Whenever worship becomes so elaborate that we think more of the service itself than of God, we are following the example of the people of Amos' day. Ritual becomes a subtle form of dishonesty, intended to lull the conscience to sleep."

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THE GIFT WAS NOT WITHOUT CONDITION

Throughout Amos we find the basic theme which assures the people that they will not automatically continue to receive God's favor just because of who they are. Sinning Israel found a sense of security in national conceit. Their blind complacency was expressed in the words: "Evil shall not overtake or meet us." (9:10)

Amos' method involved a rehearsing of their history — something they were not reluctant to do since they took such pride in recalling those events. What the prophet was trying to help them realize was that the gift was not without condition. Too many of them recalled the covenant with Israel and concluded that the contract was binding only on God.

God had made a covenant, but it was conditional on their obedience. He had been most patient with them as time after time they disobeyed him in open rebellion. Amos was telling them that they were now no better than Ethiopia — probably mentioned because it was so far away from Israel. Israel still clung to the past even in the midst of Amos' words. They were so sure of themselves because God had demonstrated his regard for them throughout their history. One commentator has said: "God's prophets often recalled the Exodus to stimulate the people to gratitude and loyalty. But now the people were misusing this great event as a prop for their pride, thus deserving the severe rebuff which was coming."

Amos proclaimed that God was truly in the history of Israel, but he also affirmed that God was in the history of other peoples because he was the God of all.

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"LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS"

There are many powerful texts in Amos, but surely none surpasses those words we find in 5:24, "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream." They come at the end of that section in which he has been measuring their habits of worship and finding them wanting. Through him God is saying that "justice" is the word that should be receiving the greatest emphasis.

When people are aware that injustice prevails they will do almost anything before they will face its demands squarely. Can you not think of people in our own time who seem to be willing to consider doing almost anything for God except working for justice.

God's call to ethical living comes to us as forcefully today as it did to Israel in Amos' time. Maybe the prophet's voice is not heard in such ringing tones as in the eighth century, but the word is still "justice." Shelley held that the most fatal error that ever happened in the world is the separation of political and ethical science. No nation or people can expect to prosper permanently in defiance of God. God is depending upon a remnant of sincere Christians to keep America alert to the abiding principles upon which our destiny hangs.

"Quote and Unquote"

The analysis of religious giving contained in the 16th edition of **Giving USA,** a compilation of facts and trends on philanthropy, recently warned that religion faces a "financial crisis beyond anything believed possible a few years ago." The report said: "The churches are caught between the extremes in our society. They are damned if they do and damned if they don't. No one seems happy with what they are trying to do or not do."

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Pope Paul VI, in his recent Palm Sunday message, urged young people not to content themselves with "surrogate dreams of false heroics, but to recognize Jesus Christ as your real spiritual guide and work for an active and courageous Christianity."

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Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in a recent Easter-Passover statement, said: "This week, when Christian and Jewish holy days coincide, let us not forget Christianity's emphasis on the renewal of life and Judiasm's thirty centuries of experience that teaches that wherever freedom is undervalued or undermined the doors are open for tyrants and oppressors."

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Gordon B. Hinkley, a member of the governing body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, recently appealed to Mormon parents and youth leaders to "help children develop the 'God-qualities' within themselves." He said: "Stretch your minds and hearts and extend your spiritual capacities to reach out and lift every child in the direction of his God-given potential."

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UM Musicians to hold biennial meet in Houston

HOUSTON, Tex. (UMI) — The Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians, an organization of nearly 1600 members, will hold its international, biennial convocation at the University of Houston August 4-11.

Although specific details have not been announced, a general program has been released which includes special worship services, classes for workers with various age groups, seminars, "action-research" teams, organ recitals, and special concerts on "The Arts and the Church" featuring cinema presentations, drama, creative movement, graphics and painting, and a festival of hymns.

Several well-known musicians will be serving as resource leaders for the convocation including Dr. Daniel Moe, director of choral activities at the University of Iowa, Iowa City,, and Dr. David Johnson, professor of organ at Arizona State College, Tempe, Ariz. Dr. Moe, a widely known composer, lecturer, author, and conductor has been commissioned to do a special work for the Convocation. Dr. Johnson will be lecturing and giving organ demonstrations.

Other resource leaders will be announced soon, according to the Rev. Philip R. Dietterich, Westfield, N.J., president of the Fellowship.

A report on Methodism in Cuba

NEW YORK (UMI) — Either the church in Cuba has increased freedom, or is just now beginning to discover the freedoms it has had, reports a United Methodist mission executive returned from a 17-day visit to Cuba.

Also, there appears to be "a greater openness on the part of the government toward the church," although there are still problems such as tormenting of parish priests in a few small towns, writes Miss Joyce Hill, New York, in a report on her trip. She discusses not only the situation of the autonomous Methodist Church and other churches, but also the general situation in Cuba since Fidel Castro took control in 1959. She tells of progress and problems she observed after 11 years of what Cubans call "the Revolution."

Miss Hill, an executive secretary for Latin America of the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, was in Cuba in March. She attended the General Conference of the 2,700-member Methodist Church, at which Bishop Armando Rodriguez was re-elected head of the church. She saw many parts of Cuba, talking with diverse people and observing church life. She also visited the Isle of Youth (called in pre-Revolutionary days the Isle of Pines) south of the main island.

Miss Hill observed that the Methodist Church in Cuba "continues to play a reconciling role, having within its leadership both progressive and reactionary elements."

Methodism continues to hold its own as a church, Miss Hill said, adding: "Although not growing numerically as members leave, others come in to take their places, maintaining church membership at a constant level."

On her visit to the Isle of Youth (Pines), which she said was "one of the signs of hope I experienced on my trip," Miss Hill found a Methodist pastor performing an ecumenical ministry. She said his parsonage is the meeting ground for six young men engaged in compulsory government service—two Roman Catholic seminarians, a Catholic layman, a Southern Baptist layman, a Southern Baptist seminarian and an American Baptist seminarian.

She wrote: "All are participants in Methodist church services, Methodist being the only active congregation in Gerona. Occasionally a priest comes over from Havana to celebrate the Mass, but otherwise the Methodist pastor is the one full-time religious worker available to the town. We discovered in conversation with both 'religious' and 'secular' people that he has a place of respect because of his consistent kind of witness."

"There is an increased juvenile delinquency in all of the cities which are visited. There is also the beginning of general lack of concern for maintaining property on the part of teenagers. Since most property belongs to the state rather than to an individual, there is no feeling of responsibility to keep it in repair.

"Many people asked about the young people in the U.S. and how the churches were responding to the needs expressed by them. All of those who inquired were quite concerned that the church remain relevant and open to young people."

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Dr. Harry N. Hollis, Jr., of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, speaking recently at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in California, urged churches to "develop and implement a firm theology of ecology to prevent further ravishing of the environment." He said, "The real horror of the future may not be the extinction of homo sapiens, but a mutation into some kind of sluggish human equivalent of the carp which now lurks in the poisoned depths of Lake Erie."

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The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., dean of Washington Cathedral, writing in The New York Times concerning the public outcry which followed the conviction of Lt. William Calley: "The conviction of the young man has touched a raw nerve; it is a moment of paroxysm in the nation's conscience. The reason is plain, though of course admitted by none. It is simply that Calley is all of us. He is every single citizen in our graceless land."

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins

Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

This week has seen the Budget, an annual ritual carried out by the Treasury, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, responsible for the nation's finances.

As the young man's fancy is said lightly to turn to love in Spring, so Britain's mind moves to money, for it is at this time of the year that the economy gets its direction through this method.

Mr. Anthony Barber the present Chancellor has fulfilled his promises. Far-reaching tax reforms are on the way, the old-age pensioners get one pound a week (100 New Pence) more, and the national gamble in premium bonds will have a bigger monthly prize. In looking at the budget, opponents of the Government say that it makes the rich richer and the poor poorer, because of these, no doubt, necessary measures are being made possible through a revision of the way in which the nation's money is spent in other ways. For example, the national health system is now going to be more closely related to man's income — and there are some things which go up in price, while the very poor can get exemption from payment.

It is all part of the Government's announced determination to make the ordinary man capable of deciding for himself where he wants to spend his money. It is generally acknowledged to be a "clever" budget, by which people mean that it appears to satisfy a large number of people. I have always been satisfied that the construction of the economy and tax situation of any country is primarily a theological question—it has mainly to do with what we mean by the doctrine of Man. It would be quite simple for any government to tell us that the amount of money we need at any given time to run the country is **X.** He could then go on to suggest that the number of earners is **Y,** and ask that one number be divided into the other to get the amount of tax each man would pay.

We all know that would not work —the moment we get into such a situation people begin to talk of such things as equality, and need, and ability to pay, and so on. In fact there are moral factors as well as political and monetary factors at work. Even Budget Day is an illustration of the way in which men must look at the moral factors in the life they live — and then there are people who want to tell us that religion and morals are irrelevancies we can do without in the twentieth century! No comment.

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COMMERCIAL RADIO

One of the greatest opportunities for Christians in the mass media is turning out to be Local Radio. Run the BBC, the local radio stations, about twenty in number, provide a diet of music, news and local affairs for city-size communities. In this programming — only really completely achieved at this moment, religion has received generous treatment. Very many people are being given an opportunity about their faith in a variety of ways.

Now the Government has produced a White Paper in which it sets out the conditions upon which it is prepared to consider ways and means by which commercial radio may come into being in this country. It may come as a surprise to many Americans to realize that up to about twelve years ago broadcasting (and that includes television) was in the hands of a non-commercial BBC. Then the ITA (Independent Television Authority) was created for commercial TV. Now the possibility is that some 60 commercial stations are envisaged, to be controlled by the ITA. The BBC will keep the twenty stations they have already.

In the days of the advent of commercial TV the church was very slow to see what participation it could have. I personally hope that when and if the commercial channel for sound broadcasting comes in, we shall be there at the beginning in the same way that we have been in BBC Local Radio. The effectiveness of the local station is undoubted, especially in its use for the spread of the gospel.

Dr. Alex Boraine

Government keeps pressure on church in South Africa

NEW YORK (UMI) — A picture of increasing pressure by the South African government on Christian churches was recently portrayed here by Dr. Alex Boraine, president-elect of the Methodist Church of South Africa.

He said in interviews during a recent visit with church leaders in New York that there has always been friction between church and state in South Africa because "a great deal of what the church stands for contradicts government policy."

Describing as a "collision course" the present conflict between the apartheid government and attempts by the churches to live out the Gospel, Dr. Boraine predicted the situation "will probably get a lot worse." Since the beginning of the year, 30 foreign missionaries and other church workers have been expelled by the South African government, he said.

The president-elect, who is general secretary of the Christian Education and Youth departments of his church, said he doesn't see hope for improvement in the situation. "I can't see the government backing down. I hope the church will withstand intimidation and interference with its work; so far as I can read it, there has been no backing down so far from any of the churches concerned."

The Methodist leader said the government does not seem to recognize that there "is such a collision course between church and state," maintaining that the actions it takes—such as expulsion of missionaries—are moves against individuals. "But you can't attack an individual within the church without attacking the church as well, because the very nature of the church is that it is a corporate body," he said.

Dr. Boraine linked current difficulties to the controversy that erupted in his country last fall when the World Council of Churches gave funds through its Program to Combat Racism to liberation movements that have been outlawed by the South African government.

The Prime Minister has given permission, Dr. Boraine reported, for a consultation, to be attended by representatives of the World Council of Churches and WCC-member churches in South Africa sometime this summer. He said, "My guess is that the Prime Minister is hopeful that as a result of this consultation, when the churches see the WCC will not change its policies, they will then be in a very difficult position and will have to withdraw because of pressure from membership." He said he was convinced this would not happen, that the churches will not withdraw from the WCC "no matter what happens." This, then, will precipitate "further steps" on the part of the government, he predicted.

Dr. Boraine cited the economic situation in South Africa as a key area which might precipitate some loosening of the apartheid laws. "There is far more opportunity to change there than 10 years ago," he said, adding that, "the government seems to be determined to stand at every point except this one." He cited recent government rulings which opened up jobs in the construction industry and in nursing to South Africans classified as "Colored." They had previously been barred from such positions, but because of labor shortages the government, over some very vocal objections of white labor unions, revised its regulations to open up these jobs to non-whites, he said.

New directions aim of "Symposium '71"

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla — Nine outstanding religious leaders from across the nation will participate in a "Symposium on the Church: A Dialogue in Diversity," at Oklahoma City University, April 29-May 1, 1971.

Speakers include a United Methodist bishop, a Catholic theologian, a civil rights leader, a controversial peace advocate, a pastor, an educator, a female leader in renewal, the creator of the Lay Witness Mission, and an exponent of new approaches in overseas missions.

The intent of the Symposium is to present as many representative voices as possible of persons committed to finding new directions and resources for the church.

Featured speakers on the three-day program will include:

Bishop James Armstrong, Dakotas Area of the United Methodist Church; Dr. William Sloane Coffin, Chaplain, Yale University; Dr. Gregory Baum, Professor of Theology, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto; Dr. Robert Raines, pastor of First Community Church, Columbus, O.;

Dr. J. E. Lowery, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Joe Mathews, director of internal life, Ecumenical Institute, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Ben Johnson, director of the Institute for Church Renewal, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Robert MacVicars, president of Oregon State University; and Dr. John Peters, president of World Neighbors, Oklahoma City.

Advance registration is $10 which covers participation for the entire meeting. Checks should be mailed to: Symposium '71, Suite 250, 2809 N.W. Expressway, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73112.

Inter-denominational attendance is expected from churches of the United Methodists, Roman Catholic, United Presbyterian, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ and Lutheran churches. Any others who are interested are welcome.

The Rev. Wayne A. Robinson, a minister of the United Methodist Church, is directing the Symposium, and the Rev. Robert W. Noever, creator of the Christopolitan Parish, is serving as co-ordinator.

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MT. SEQUOYAH ASSEMBLY

Church. A seminar section is planned for persons approved by the general Board of Education and the annual conference program directors. This seminar will be for those working toward certification or recertification as laboratory leaders.

Laboratory training is a concept which allows participants to plan, execute, and evaluate learning experiences with the guidance of trained leaders in specific age groups. In addition to age level opportunities, classes will be offered for workers in week-day kindergartens and workers with the mentally retarded.

Two one-week events are scheduled July 5-9 and July 12-16 to train annual conference leaders in every work area and age level within the Council on Ministries, chief program unit of every local United Methodist Church. Sessions are planned for district superintendents, chairmen of administrative boards, and other officers concerned with the program needs of the local church. Deans for the two events will be Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Shreveport, La., program director of the Louisiana "A" Conference, and the Rev. Bruce Blake, Wichita, Kans., program director of the Kansas West Conference.

Each conference has been assigned a specific week. Training will be done on a team basis. Purpose of this approach, according to Dr. Morris, is to have each conference team return home able to provide Council on Ministries training within the reach of every local church in the South Central Jurisdiction.

Another major summer event at Sequoyah will be a Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Enterprise to be held July 26-30. The event, involving teams of youth from each conference, will be directed by the Rev. A. Barton Smith, Dallas, Tex., youth ministry coordinator of the North Texas Conference.

Brochures giving detailed information on leaders, schedules, purposes, and registration have been mailed to all annual conference program councils, according to Dr. Morris. Inquiries can be addressed to the Jurisdiction office: 201-203 Bixler Building, 2400 N.W. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73107.

The South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church includes 19 annual (regional) conferences in Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, including the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference and the Spanish-speaking Rio Grande Conferences.

Mt. Sequoyah is a training assembly for "leaders of leaders" owned and operated by the Jurisdiction.

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Two UM women honored by Korea

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two United Methodist women who have given many years to the cause of overseas missions, and to the cause of education of women in Korea, have been honored by the government of the Republic of Korea (ROK).

Receiving citations at a dinner in New York March 27 were Mrs. W. Earl Ledden, Washington, D.C., and Miss Margaret Billingsley, Scottsdale, Ariz. The citations were presented by the ROK Consul General in New York, Sung Wook Hong, in recognition of what were described as their contributions to higher education of women in Korea and their work in behalf of Ewha Womans University in Seoul. Attending the dinner were Ewha alumnae and friends; it was sponsored by the New York chapter of the International Foundation for Ewha Womans University.

Both Mrs. Ledden and Miss Billingsley have been related to Ewha Womans University (with 8,000 students said to be the largest women's university in the world) for more than 25 years in various capacities. They continue to serve as members of the board of directors of the Ewha International Foundation.

Mrs. Ledden, the former Miss Henrietta Gibson of Albany, N.Y., and New York City, was married in 1964 to Methodist Bishop W. Earl Ledden, who retired from the active episcopacy in 1960 and has been teaching at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington. She was treasurer of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions for 13 years before, and for eight years was comptroller of the Japan International Christian University Foundation. Born in Albany, she is a graduate of Vassar College and has attended many national and international Methodist and ecumenical meetings. She received the doctor of laws degree from Ewha.

Miss Billingsley was a Methodist missionary and missions executive for 41 years. From 1964 until retirement in 1968 she was executive secretary for Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong of the World Division of the Board of Missions. She also served as executive secretary for Japan and the Philippines. Miss Billingsley was a member of committees in the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches. Before joining the Board of Missions staff in 1947, she was a missionary to Korea for 20 years. Miss Billingsley was born in Duncan, Ariz., and was educated at the University of Arizona and Scarritt College. She received honorary doctor of humane letters from Ewha.

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MENTAL TRAPS

by Dr. Sam Nader

(from Noel Memorial Church bulletin)

How desperately hard it is to think through our problems and come to rational conclusions that are valid. No wonder. The way is so thickly beset with all sorts of mental traps.

We are enjoined to "think without confusion clearly." Bu how can we when we are confronted with so many subtle snares ready and waiting to trick or betray us?

Consider some of the most common devices whereby we are entrapped:

Most prevalent of all is Prejudice. How it does rile our reason, warp our judgment, twist our thinking, distort our opinions. It is as unreasoning as it is unreasonable. It puts out our eyes, inflames our emotions, arouses our fear, hatred and violence.

Mob-mindedness is another mantrap. A peculiar psychic change takes place in a people when they become a mob. There is always an "issue" that furnishes the element of conflict, abuse, denunciation. Discussion ceases, and instead catch phrases and slogans are shouted, names and shibboleths are called, and bathos is bellowed. All judgment is suspended. Delusions of infallibility and persecution develop. Hate eventuates in homicidal obsession.

Rationalization. We conjure up good reasons for doing what we want to do, or are going to do anyway, instead of the real reasons – and thus beguile ourselves with our clever plausibilities.

Expediency. How easily we fall into the delusion of accepting an opinion because it seems to work well, or because it is safe, or because it will help "the Cause," rather than because we think it is true. This is the basic immorality of the intellect.

Authority. The sanction of a great name is given to some bit of nonsense or to some cleverly commercialized claptrap, and how fatuously and uncritically it is accepted.

Propaganda. A perfectly stupid statement, or even a palpable lie, reiterated often enough and loudly enough becomes as strong as a self-evident truth with not a few people. Then over-simplification of any problem by reducing it to a slogan is a common practice of propagandist . This leads to deliberate distortion of the truth to achieve compliance, and if that fails, resort to coercion ensues.

Partizanship. How many mortals are prone to give up their intelligence to some sort of organization which will do their thinking for them and relieve them of responsibility.

Respectability. A good many of our opinions we hold, not because we really believe them, but because the expression of them gives us a certain standing among our fellows, our social set, our little clique.

Contention. Quite a number of people hold views simply because they are opposed. If there were no one to contend with them they would soon abandon these notions, which are useful only for strife.

Passion. Many of our convictions arise from our intense feelings about some issue, rather than from our judgment.

To be truly loyal to the truth as we see it, and to follow it with both courage and humility, is the only way to avoid the treacherous traps of the mind.

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

by the Rev. Lea Joyner

(from Southside, Monroe Church bulletin)

We do not have all of the answers in the church nor do we have all of the news, but I think it would suffice to write in bold letters: "Not all the news, but we have the best news."

Many times there are dark valleys and steep mountains. Our sorrows are so great, and we are unable to control our emotions. So often we hear the words, "I cannot go on—tomorrow seems so empty and the burdens are so heavy. . . I am so weak that it is impossible to face another sunrise.

As Ministers and Christian laymen, we are called on to show those who are walking through the dark and dreary valleys that they can emerge victoriously. All of us face mountains that are too steep for human strength, and dark valleys that cannot be conquered by human logic and reason. There is only one answer—the news from God's Word.

Sometimes when we ask people if they believe God can bear their burdens, we hear the reply, "Of course, He can, but I am not God." How true this is, but each of us are children of God, and He will not forsake us. The thing we need to do is hold out our hand and let Him take it, for He walks through the dark valleys with us. This is not all the news in the world, but it is the best news I know. What better news could we receive than to hear a voice from the dark shadows of some inevitable valley with the assurance that God is holding us by our hand.

It is a wonder that we can march in perfect confidence leaning on the affirmation of faith, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me." This is not all the news, but it is the best news.

God helps us to face the inevitable experiences of life. When we experience disappointments, lose our purpose for living, face a great sorrow, or are hurt by someone who supposedly is living close to Him, we are brought very low, and yet, God helps us and sees us through.

Many things bring us low and cause us to lose our perspective of life, but when we are assured that God will help us, that He stands by us and offers the divine strength that we need, any problems can be faced with courage. This bears out the fact that the church does not have all the news, but it has the best news.

There comes to us fresh hope through prayer. As we are ushered into the presence of God, we find the help we need in order to be triumphant in any problem. Faith in God is essential to triumphant living. If we could understand all the experiences of life, we would not need faith, but you would march through life keeping perfect step with the music of logic and reason, but there are days when the drums of logic and reason are silent and we can do one of two things: admit defeat and settle down in despair or trust God and walk by the light of faith.

We all live by faith. Each morning we turn on the light switch believing that immediately the room will be filled with light, as well as many other things we do by faith. Faith is believing that God will provide the light by which we walk when the way is dark. A banker must have faith in the integrity of his employees. A professor or teacher must have faith in the honesty of his or her students. A wife must believe in her husband. A husband must believe that his wife will be faithful to him. There is no way for us to be happy unless we have faith in one another. If we lose faith in God, life loses its purpose and the sunshine of hope fades into a starless night.

Some of us have a shallow faith and when problems come, we fold up. It is unrealistic to expect God to keep the path of life free from the painful thorns and jagged rocks. The dedicated person will see the footprints of God on the rocks of disappointment and will find sustaining power in the storms of life. God will make us triumphant if we are faithful to Him. To exercise the faith in God that Jesus expressed will sustain us. This is not all the news, but it is the best news I know.

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Dr. Jolly B. Harper, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Natchitoches, is shown with what is believed to be the largest group of young people in that church to join at one time following participation in a membership class.

Eight Benevolence funds show increases in first quarter

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Financial support of general United Methodist benevolence and administrative funds showed a mixed pattern for the first quarter of 1971, according to a report released here April 8 by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church.

Eight funds showed an increase over the same time a year ago, while seven showed decreases. Included in the latter is World Service, the church's basic benevolence fund, with total support through March of $2,727,387, down 10 per cent from a year ago. For the month of March alone, however, World Service was up $440,000 from March of 1970.

The complete benevolence report for January through March is:

World Service — $2,727,387, down 10 per cent;

World Missions General Advance Specials — $1,925,042, up 13 per cent;

National Missions Advance Specials — $518,949, up 10 per cent;

Overseas Relief Advance Specials — $502,486, up 48 per cent;

One Great Hour of Sharing — $44,755, down 30 per cent;

World Communion Offering—$41,286, down 25 per cent;

World Service Specials — $19,490, down 74 per cent;

Temporary General Aid — $118,549, up 18 per cent;

Fund for Reconciliation — $207,530, down 55 per cent;

Ministerial Education — $733,224, up 139 per cent;

Race Relations — $116,926, down 32 per cent;

United Methodist Student Day — $20,985, down 2 per cent;

Youth Service Fund — $30,355, no comparison available.

The report for administrative funds is:

Episcopal Fund — $455,455, up 22 per cent;

General Administration — $221,085, up 31 per cent;

Interdenominational Cooperation—$92,403, up 30 per cent.

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Although the early morning sun was obscured by a dense fog, Cecil Bland managed these candid shots from the Easter Sunrise Service held at Hodges Gardens, midway between Shreveport and Lake Charles. The program, which began at 5 a.m. included drama, participation by ministers of the area, and the Centenary choir along with the combined church choirs of western Louisiana, under the direction of Dr. A. C. Voran. The climactic moment came during the presentation of the story of the Resurrection, just as the sun arose over the 225-acre lake illuminating the floral splendor of the gardens.

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United Methodist Men at First Church Franklin recently heard Wilbur Gillespie (3rd from left), a retired Franklin resident, speak about his recent African Safari. His talk was illustrated with slides of the expedition. Others in photo (l. to r.): Merle Lichtenfels, president; the Rev. C. R. McCammon, pastor; (Gillespie), and Roger Robinson, a member of the church's Administrative Board.

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Youth witnesses who participated in April 2-4 Lay Witness Mission at Jonesboro United Methodist Church.

Adult witnesses at recent Jonesboro Lay Witness Mission. Thirty-three witnesses from other communities attended the mission coordinated by John Tubb of Pineville. Howard Hearne of Jonesboro was general chairman.

BELOW: These young ladies are serving as ushers at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Shreveport during the month of April, as a part of that church's program to involve the young folk in the functions of the Church. FROM LEFT: Galen Windham, Patsy Dauzat, Glenay Windham and Peggy Keller. Shown with them is the Rev. W. E. Nolan, pastor.

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Dr. G. Lean Netterville, Canference B, and the Rev. Bab Crichlaw, Canference A, officiated at the meeting recently in Batan Rouge af the joint World Service and Finance Cammissians meeting. Dr. J. Waodraw Hearn is shown at left, standing.

Annual Conference delegates reminded of important District Training Sessions

Training sessions to provide information about legislation at the upcoming 1971 Annual Conferences have been scheduled in each District of Conference A during the first two weeks in May. All delegates to Conferences A and B are invited to attend these meetings.

This year, each pastor and each lay delegate will receive **two** Pre-Conference Reports booklet. The first one will be for the last annual meeting of the Conference A and the Conference B annual meetings. The second one will be for the merged Louisiana Annual Conference which will take place starting the day following the uniting ceremony at Centenary College.

Lay delegates and their pastors are reminded of the following dates and places where the District Training sessions will take place. Each meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 3 — Monroe District (A) — St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Monroe.

Tuesday, May 4 — Alexandria District (A) — First United Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Wednesday, May 5 — Lafayette District (A) — First United Methodist Church, Franklin, La.

Thursday, May 6 — Lake Charles District (A) — First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles.

Friday, May 7 — Ruston District (A) — First United Methodist Church, Arcadia, La.

Monday, May 10 — Baton Rouge District (A) — Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Tuesday, May 11 — Hammond District (A) — First United Methodist Church, Hammond, La.

Wednesday, May 12 — New Orleans District (A) — Lake Vista United Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.

Thursday, May 13 — Shreveport District (A) — Morningside United Methodist Church, Shreveport.

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Miss Langford to attend Women's Division Seminar

Miss Elizabeth Langford, of Monroe, Louisiana, has been invited by the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church to participate in a World Development Seminar at the Methodist Center in New York, May 2-9, 1971. She will be one of thirty women representing United Methodism throughout our Church.

This seminar will be the first of several to be conducted throughout 1971-72. The Women's Division has as its objective to explore and challenge the values and assumptions about development and all that it implies with reference to justice, human rights, dignity, liberation and our concerns of and for all mankind.

The women invited to participate will be privileged to work with leaders from both the developing countries of the world. New insights will be gained as participants help to set the social machinery in motion through the educational process which will attempt to critically and analytically think through problems, issues and involvements.

The Women's Division seeks to seriously involve women of the Church in the many facets of world development as it becomes an integral part of our daily lives.

Miss Langford is a member of First United Methodist Church, Monroe and has been an active participant in Wesleyan Service Guild work in the Louisiana Conference since its inception in

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Early lodging reservations for Annual Conference urged

All persons who plan to attend the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at Centenary College, May 31—June 4, are reminded to make reservations for their rooms as soon as possible.

Grayson B. Watson, Director of Church Relations at Centenary, is in charge of the reservations this year. Watson said that college dormitory rooms are filling up fast and urged all who plan to stay on the campus to make their reservations immediately. He reminded delegates that a $3 deposit is required with the reservation this year, but will be applied to the first night's lodging. All inquiries should be addressed to Grayson B. Watson, Director of Church Relations, Centenary College, Shreveport, La. 71104.

The Centenary official said that all reservations will be honored as they are received so long as there is available space.

He said that all visitors will be required to furnish their own pillow, linens, towels, and toilet articles. A light blanket is also necessary, he said, since the rooms are all air-conditioned.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, May 31, in the Moore Student Center and the dormitory rooms will not be available until that time.

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Pre-Canference repart time has came again! Mrs. Donald M. Risinger, Mrs. Carsan Jones and Miss Nan Strong, members of the Office Staff af the Pragram Cauncil in Shreveport work an the stacks of materiols going into the Pre-Canference Reports for 1971. Mailing af the pockets of booklets to the pastars begon an Mondoy, April 26.

This is Jomes Darmitary an the Centenary College campus, one of the focal paints of the Annuol Conference. Reservations in Jomes and the other college dormitories are now being token.

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Lake Charles-Lafayette Ministers' Retreat

Porticipants in Ministers' Retreot ot Loke Chorles District Comp, April 14, 15. FROM LEFT: the Rev. Merlin Merrill, Lafoyette District superintendent; Dr. John Wesley Hardt, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Beaumant, Texos, guest preacher; the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, Lake Charles District superintendent.

FROM LEFT: the Rev. George Ross, who illustrated by means af a poster "preaching themes" that can come from present-day novels; Mrs. R. R. Branton, wha reviewed the current navel, "The Learning Tree"; Jae Salamon, layman fram Manroe District, who spake an the theme "Haw the Laymon Sees the Minister."

Graup af ministers discussing with Layman Jae Salomon relationships between minister and layman.

Ministers of the Lake Charles and Lafayette Districts gave attention to the place of the modern novel and to the role of the minister as interpreted by a layman and another minister during their two-day retreat at the Lake Charles District Camp, April 14 and 15.

Mrs. R. R. Branton of Lafayette began the activities with a review of a contemporary book. The Rev. George W. Ross of Asbury Church, Lafayette, used posters to illustrate to the group how a current novel can be used in preaching. Following this he preached a sermon that had been built on the main theme of the book, "The Learning Tree" by Gordon Parks.

Joe Solomon, a layman from the Monroe District, led the group in the Vesper Service after which he spoke on the subject, "How the Layman Sees the Minister."

Dr. John Wesley Hardt, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Beaumont, Tex., spoke on "The Role of the Minister" and brought the message for the closing worship service of the retreat.

Louisiana stations to carry TRAFCO spot announcements

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A 60-second television spot seeking to bring together sons who have chosen non-military approaches to peace and fathers who have grown up through two world wars, Korea, and Vietnam, is being offered to television stations in the United States and Canada by three Protestant bodies including the United Methodist Church.

The spot, narrated by Greg Morris of **Mission Impossible** fame, asks fathers and, by implication, others in the viewing audiences: "If your son, like God's son, takes another way to peace, will you understand?"

Sponsoring the spot with the United Methodists are the Mennonite and Brethren Churches. The spot, along with another dealing with polarization, were produced in the Nashville studios of the Division of Television, Radio and Film (TRAFCO) of the United Methodist Church. The spots have already been scheduled on more than 300 stations on public service time.

Louisiana stations scheduled to carry the spot commercials include: New Orleans—WDSU, WWL and WVUE; Shreveport—KSLA and KTAL.

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Refugees double in last six years

NEW YORK (UMI) — Within only the past six years, the total number of refugees in the world has more than doubled—climbing from a 1964 figure of 7,910,309 to 17,318,320 in 1970—and the astronomical rise in the numbers of homeless has caused church officials to raise pointed questions about their immigration and refugee policy.

This was reported by Matthew Giuffrida, chairman of Church World Service's Immigration and Refugee Program, National Council of Churches at a meeting of overseas mission executives. As churchmen break down the latest refugee figures, they estimate that of the more than 17,000,000, seven million are in Asia, two million in the Middle East, five million in Africa, one million in Europe and two million in the Western Hemisphere.

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Baton Rouge-New Orleans Lay Retreat

Participants in Baton Rauge-New Orleans District Lay Retreat held at Comp Istrouma recently. FROM LEFT: Dr. George W. Pameray, New Orleans District superintendent (Canference A); Dr. J. Woadraw Hearn, directar, Pragrom Council (A); Richord Herrin, Baton Rouge District lay leoder (A); Dr. Alfred Stewart, Batan Rauge District lay leader (B); Truman Ward, New Orleans District lay leader (A); Allen L. Brown, New Orleans District lay leader (B), ond Cecil Bland of the Canference A Pragram Office. Dr. Hearn ond Mr. Bland presented the Retreat progrom.

Members of four districts who were present far the Baton Rauge-New Orleans District Lay Retreat at Comp Istroumo near Boton Rouge. Postors and laymen from bath Canference A and Canference B were present fram the Districts.

Editorial

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK, 1971

In a very excellent article in the April issue of The Interpreter, program journal of the United Methodist Church the question is asked, "Can the church bridge the generation gap?" Dr. Francis C. Wilson of the staff of the General Board of Education answers, "No, the church cannot. But people — inside and outside the church — can." The church may help and many of them will be emphasizing National Family Week, May 2-9.

This writer points out that in the complexities of today's world, patterns of living have developed that tend to accentuate the gap between generations. None of us would doubt that for a moment. Families are finding it more difficult to cope with the friction and tensions and consequently are looking to the church for more guidance. Family Week is just the beginning, but it is a start. Many local congregations have moved on from a successful program during this week into a whole new perspective which merits the designation, "Family-Centered Church."

No one can seriously suggest that the generation gap is something that has developed in our time. From the beginning of recorded history families have known conflict because of the differences in ages and because of changing interests. These natural differences in perspective have been accentuated in our day by several factors — the general reaction against authority, the widespread permissiveness, and experimentation with drugs.

Families are crying for help, and local churches that are alert to the tone of the times have placed this need high on their list of priorities. As they dig in on this program they are discovering that the more serious barriers between generations in our day are in the areas of sensitivity and communication. Perhaps it has ever been so, but we are all aware that the price of failure in this area has never been so high.

Meaningful communication is hard to find. Many young people are rebellious and many of their parents are symbols of phony images of misplaced values. Mothers and fathers are often at odds with each other because of their own marital difficulties. They may be "uptight" because of their own inabilities to get through to their children or to solve other family problems. These things we must understand as we seek to plan a family ministry in the church. The beginning is in the recognition that the need exists.

Dr. Wilson points out that the strength and well-being of the family is gauged by its ability to cope successfully with inevitable differences within the home. He quotes from Dr. Evelyn Duvall, who points out in her book **Faith in Families** that "good families are not those in which there are no differences, but rather those that live with their differences harmoniously." He goes on to say that the normal differences between ages can provide the means for growth of all members of the family.

We are discovering the positive contribution that the younger generation is making in many areas of church life. General boards and agencies of United Methodism are feeling a refreshing breeze as these fine young people take their places as members who have a real contribution to make. Young people do want to have a share in decision-making and do not want to be preached at by their elders. The fact that some teen-agers do not seem to trust anyone over 30 is not due so much to the difference in age as to the diversity in styles of communication. A little more patient listening can bring word through from one of the most dedicated generations of youth the world has ever known.

Dr. Wilson also points out that a local church has many of the characteristics of the family. It, too, must learn how to live in harmony with differences arising out of the variety of ages, educational levels, economic status, social strata and the like within the congregation. As they discover new styles of ministry to serve the whole family, churches are discovering that it is possible to bring members together more often. The church too often has tended to fragment the family through its age-level activities. These are being supplemented with opportunities across the age span.

"Recent experiments in a family-centered educational setting indicate that children and their parents can relate meaningfully with other families in both worship and learning," says this article. Family camping for years has provided happy adventures in the out-of-doors. There is no reason why educational opportunities in church and home should not be utilized to bring generations closer together.

We know that many of you will be participating in programs in the next few days that will demonstrate the feasibility of this approach.

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the Editor's Corner

AN ANONYMOUS LETTER

Normally we do not print anything which comes to us anonymously—we withhold the name on request but we feel we have the right to know the source. However, we are making an exception here and printing this letter which was signed "A Minister's Wife."

"As Conference time approaches and the prospects of moving are great, I can remember back to times I have scrubbed and cleaned a house before I left it, only to find one that was so filthy dirty I had to scrub out the bathtub before I could bathe my children for bedtime.

"Moving day is really a tiring event, and I feel some attention should be given to the parsonage by the persons leaving it.

"A minister and his family should not have to carry off another family's litter and junk; neither should church members be responsible. I think one of the goals of a family should be to leave the parsonage in better condition than they found it.

"Now I am aware that we only have a week or less in which to pack after the Bishop reads the appointments, but I am also aware that we Methodists are appointed for one year at a time, and every year we are subject to transfer. We should have a spring cleaning every year. Then, if we are not moved we will have a clean house to come back to.

"This letter is written to whomever it concerns! Start now on your house and garage and yard. I may move in there this year and I don't want to find a dirty house to clean up when I get there!"

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Groups of lay Roman Catholics in Worms, West Germany are reported to have asked Pope Paul to reconsider the papal order of excommunication issued against Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther almost five centuries ago. The request was sent to the pontiff in a registered letter and copies appeared on church doors in Worms on Easter — coinciding with the beginning of a celebration of the 1521 Diet of Worms. Following the custom of the late Middle Ages, Luther as an accused heretic —was summoned before the Imperial Diet of the Holy Roman Empire, which sat in 1521 in Worms under Emperor Charles V. It was on April 18 of that year that Luther refused to recant and uttered the historic words, "Here I stand. I can do no other." Sentiment favorable to the lifting of the excommunication against the Protestant founder has grown in recent years.

Hallmark Cards, late this year, will publish a series of inspirational greeting cards featuring the messages of evangelist Billy Graham, according to Webster Schott, vice-president and editorial director of the Kansas City firm. Graham has agreed to supply sentiments for Easter, Christmas and non-seasonal greetings. Other American religious leaders whose writings have been published by Hallmark include Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Catholic Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, and Francis Cardinal Spellman.

The week of April 18-24 was observed as the 26th annual Youth Temperance Education Week with a series of special projects by various state youth groups. The observance is sponsored by the Youth Temperance Council, young people's affiliate of the Nat'l. Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In a proclamation representative of those issued by governors in other states, Gov. Reubin Askew of Florida said "education should be intense and widespread in order that young people be indelibly impressed of thc evils of alcohol, narcotics and tobacco . . ."

Dr. Blahoslav S. Hruby, Religious News Service special correspondent, predicts that future church historians will probably be puzzled by the fact that American and Canadian churches were so little concerned about the plight of Christians, Jews and other believers living in the USSR and other Communist countries between 1950 and 1971. Hruby, exiled native of Czechoslovakia and a foremost authority on church-related affairs in Eastern Europe, says it is "significant that there were no international ecumenical conferences devoted to the problems of religion in Communist nations, while scholars interested in this field had several meetings in the U.S. as well as in Europe."

With the coincidence this year of the Christian Good Friday and Easter observances with the Jewish Passover celebration, the Council of Christians and Jews issued a statement from London pointing out that both the World Council of Churches and Vatican II have stated that the historical events which led to thc Crucifixion should not be so presented as to fasten upon the Jewish people of today responsibility which bclongs to "our corporate humanity" and not to one race or another. The special statement from the Council was issued by its general secretary, the Rev. William W. Simpson, a Methodist.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America has recommended that Gov. Nelson Rockefeller sign the bill passed by the New York State legislature permitting a brief period of silent prayer or reflection at the beginning of each school day. The UOJC said it was "committed to safeguarding the cherished doctrine of separation of church and state" and "have opposed in the past and continue to oppose public school sponsorship of prayer recitals, even when such prayers are labelled nonsectarian." "At the same time, we are deeply dedicated to efforts to combat the widespread moral decadence in modern society," the organization noted. "We therefore see unobjectionable good purpose if the school were to start with a period of meditation."

The concern of nine churches in the Stillwater-Bayport area (in Minnesota) for 425 elderly residents in six nursing and retirement homes has led to establishment of a unique cooperative ministry. Two part-time chaplains visit the homes in behalf of the supporting churches, implementing the work of local pastors and lay volunteers. The chaplains are the Rev. E. F. Menger, who has spent 47 years in the United Church of Christ ministry, and the Rev. LeRoy Klaus, a veteran of 40 years in the United Methodist ministry. The chaplains bring devotional and other reading material to the residents—most of it in large print. They take their turns with some 15 clergymen of the area in conducting worship services.

A leading journal on American philanthropy has warned that religion faces "a financial crisis beyond anything believed possible a few years ago"—despite the fact religion still receives the largest share of giving in the U.S. Religion received 44.8 per cent of the total national giving in 1970. The figures for religious giving are based on funds given by individuals, foundations and other sources to the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant Churches and Jewish congregations in the U.S. It does not include giving to religious organizations. "The churches are caught between the extremes in our society," the report noted.

A provision making it possible for baptized children of church members to receive communion before confirmation has been approved by a majority of the presbyteries (regional units) of the United Presbyterian Church. The change in the denomination's Form of Government makes authorization for reception of communion before confirmation a matter to be decided by the local governing board (session) of each congregation. The communion change is one of several proposals designed to upgrade the role of the laity in governing presbyteries.

The Greater Portland Council of Churches has started a series of "urban probes" to gain first hand awareness of the so-called "seamier side of life" in the city. One participant said "we were forced to look at ourselves when confronted with the city and some of its special people. The impact will not soon pass away." The Rev. Rodney Page, director of the probes, said the project "is a vehicle for bringing human resources and needs together in the crisis of the cities; for enlisting not only the concern but the resolution of the Christian public to act on the problems."

Dr. Joseph Burgess, a Lutheran pastor, was installed at Regent, N.D. as a minister of the United Church of Christ. He is serving as pastor of two American Lutheran Church congregations as well as of the Congregational Church of Regent, which is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Believed to be the first clergyman in North Dakota to have ministerial standing in two denominations, Dr. Burgess uses different vestments and a different order of service in the Congregational church than in the Lutheran churches, "but the sermon is the same because," he said, "I preach from the Bible."

Religion was one of the "big things" on the beach as tens of thousands of students spent the Easter holidays in the Florida area sunning, where a decade ago young people tore the towns apart. The impact of religious groups was the greatest to date, according to Pete Hammond, a director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The evangelical organization was one of the first groups invited to the beach at Easter by Fort Lauderdale officials following the riots of 1960. "Jesus is a popular folk hero this year," Mr. Hammond observed. "But the Jesus many of them talk about is not the Jesus of the Bible. You have to be careful to describe Who He Is."

A Vatican recommendation that some traditional wedding music, including the popular recessional march from Wagner's "Lohengrin," be replaced by more sacred compositions is not new or surprising, according to several U.S. liturgical specialists. Actually, in many areas of the U.S., pastors and liturgists have been phasing out such traditional secular music at weddings and other rites for several years. The new recommendations by the Vatican Congregation, which are not binding, suggested that "more sacred music" also replace such selections as Mendelssohn's wedding march, Handel's "Largo," Gounod's and Schubert's "Ave Maria," which it said were unsuitable for ritual celebrations.

"Snake cutlets" was among the recipes published in a provincial New Zealand "Hostess of the Week" column by Mrs. Beryl Budd, a former medical missionary to Borneo's Dyaks. The recipe: "One snake, onion and garlic, several slices of green ginger. Method: Skin the snake and cut into cutlets. Fry onion and garlic and throw in the cutlets with salt and brown. Cover with water and add several slices of green ginger and cook slowly till tender—about five hours. Serve with rice." "In the jungle things got to the stage where we would eat anything to get protein," said Mrs. Budd.

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(RNS Photo)

NEW YORK – Singer Kate Smith halds her Freedams Faundotian National Recagnition Award after it was presented ta her in New York by Gen. Harald K. Jahnson, president af the Faundation and farmer U.S. Army Chief af Staff. Miss Smith, honared for "exemplifying constant love and devotian ta her country through patriatic music works and deeds ond far presenting wholesame entertoinment during her 40 yeors af show business," clased the owards ceremony with o sang – "Gad Bless Americo." Farty-three awords were presented at the New Yark oreo meeting of the Volley Forge-based Freedoms Faundation.

Oliphint a representative to Structure Commission

Dr. Ben Oliphint, pastor of University Church, Baton Rouge, has been appointed by Bishop Francis E. Kearns, Chairman of the Division of Curriculum Resources of the Board of Education, to represent the division in conversations with the Structure Commission.

In March Dr. Oliphint met with the Commission's Task Force on Discipline Formation in Columbus, Ohio. Other meetings are scheduled for Chicago in May and Nashville in June.

As a result of a series of task force meetings of the Commission, a new three cluster model is being proposed to replace the present boards and agencies of the church. The clusters are Local Church Ministries, Global Ministries and Support Services. The Local Church Cluster will have work units corresponding to the work areas of the local church council on ministries. The Global Ministries Cluster would include missions and evangelism, development and social justice, health and welfare and the work of women and youth. The Support Services Cluster would be composed of planning and research, communications, fiscal, publications, pensions and personnel.

Dr. Oliphint represents the Board of Education on the Interboard Committee on Enlistment for Church Occupations. He is Chairman of the South Central Jurisdiction Board of Education and the Louisiana Conference A Board of Education.

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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT YOUTH ELECT OFFICERS

Youth officers elected recently at the Alexandria District Youth Rally were: Deborah Deane of First Church, Alexandria, president; Gary McNeal of Horseshoe Drive Church, vice-president; Dianne Grissom of Eddy Justiss Memorial Church, Trout, Youth Service Fund secretary. The Rev. J. C. Skinner is District director of Youth Work.

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1940; she presently serves on the Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board of First Church as Chairman of the Commission on Missions. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is the minister.

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THE DERIDDER MINISTERIAL Association sponsored the stage production of "A Man Called Peter" in DeRidder on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 16, 17 and 18. The performances were presented by the drama department of McNeese State University, Lake Charles.

WANTED – From all Methodists, one Betty Crocker Coupon for a bus, – Young People's Choir, First United Methodist Church, Box 164, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

A letter from the Holts —

We are printing this informative letter from the Holts as a matter of interest to Louisiana churches which contribute to this ADVANCE SPECIAL in the Philippines. It comes to us through the courtesy of Elizabeth Langford, chairman of the Commission on Missions at First Church, Monroe.

"Ray Holt
19 Constellation
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The Parker-Wossman Class
The First United Methodist Church
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Dear Friends:

Please forgive the delay in writing to you, but I was waiting for the meeting of our committee to determine how the money you so graciously sent in memory of my parents would be used. We decided to use it to buy a back-pack type sprayer for the use in our agricultural work. There was some left over which we used to send our agriculturalist to a seminar on recent trends in rice cultivation which helped him to upgrade his own skills. The members of the committee have asked me to also express their appreciation for this kind thought of yours. We have recently presented a complete project proposal to the World Council of Churches in Geneva with the hopes that it will be accepted by them. If this materializes we will then have the necessary funds to really establish a program that will be meaningful to these forgotten peoples of the Philippines.

We in the Philippines are moving through some very trying times. Prices have risen astronomically with the devaluation of the peso last year and are still going up. Many of the prices of necessities are completely out of the reach of the common Filipino, whose minimum salary, if he has a job-and many, many people do not-is only $1.20 a day--eight pesos. There is much dissatisfaction with the present situation with strikes by the transportation workers, demonstrations-many violent-by the students, and the vast majority of the people beginning to demand basic changes in the social structure which sees 90 per cent of the wealth in the hands of five per cent of the people. There will be a constitutional convention beginning in June. We are hoping that necessary changes can be written into the new constitution. If people are disappointed by the results of the convention then other routes to change might become more and more attractive to them. Pray for the Philippines and the Church here as we pass through these perilous times together.

Please give our regards to each member of First Church and especially give our thanks to all who so graciously wrote expressing their condolences at the time of the death of my parents. It was very hard to be so far away and unable to come home during the time of their last illnesses. Your letters helped me find the strength needed for those days as they reminded me once again that in the Christian Church we are truly "members one of another" and in times of grief and sorrow we support each other with our concern. Thank you very much.

In His Name

Ray Holt"

The ladies of the Brown-Shields Church School Closs at First United Methodist Church, Minden, model clothing suitable for the coming celebration of the founding of Webster Parish. The Webster Parish Centenniol Celebration, Moy 2-9, will include o community-wide worship service in the Minden High School Stodium, on Sunday evening, May 2 at 8 o'clock. Dr. Henry A. Rickey, choirman of the Minden Ministerial Associotion, will preside over the interdenominotionol, inter-racial event. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, will preoch. The choir of the St. Rest Baptist Church in Minden will provide the special music.

NEWS and NOTES

THE MANGUM MEMORIAL Youth Department is sponsoring the revival to be held in the church from May 5-9, with services each day at 7 p.m. The Rev. Conrad Edwards of Hosston has been invited to preach. Jerry Ross will be song leader. The Rev. Alfred M. Brown is the pastor at Mangum Church, Shreveport.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS in Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, were honored at the annual banquet held on Wednesday evening, April 21. The Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., pastor of First Church, Hammond, was guest speaker. Special music was by the Senior High Choir. Dr. Barry Bailey is pastor.

ED GRAHAM, U.S.-2 worker who is a member of the staff of St. Mark's Community Center, led the program "Rock Music and Christianity" for the April 18 meeting of the Single Adult Fellowship of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans.

NAPOLEON AVENUE United Methodist Church was host to the Black/White Clergy Dialogue sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, April 20. Mrs. Millie Charles, assistant professor of the Department of Sociology of Southern University, led the dialogue.

THE REV. HUBERT GIBBS, retired, has been added to the staff of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, as minister of visitation. He will be working with the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, pastor, and the Rev. Joseph F. Carlisle, associate pastor.

THE MEN'S CLUB of University United Methodist Church in Lake Charles held a "crayfish" dinner on April 13. President Leonard Robinson presided. Curtis Price, vice president in charge of programs, led a discussion of projects and activities. Roy Robinson is 1st vice president in charge of membership and Dan Simpson is secretary-treasurer of the group.

THREE NIGHTS of Holy Week services at Vinton First United Methodist Church were climaxed by the Easter sunrise service, when the altar was banked with lilies placed in honor or in memory. Names of persons being honored were read by Nora Lee Parish, chairman of the Council on Ministries. Children were received into the church in a candlelight ceremony Easter evening. The Rev. W. W. Bevill is pastor.

HAYNESVILLE UNITED Methodist Church will observe "Four Nights for God" on May 2, 3, 4 and 5, with the Rev. Odell Simmons, pastor of the Homer United Methodist Church, bringing the messages. The Haynesville minister is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

JOHN JOPLIN, winner of the Shreveport Optimist Club Oratorical Award, delivered his winning speech, "This I Believe" in the North Highlands United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, April 18.

MRS. PAUL HILDRETH of Shreveport gave a review of the book "The Whole World is Watching" at the Broadmoor Church Night in Baton Rouge, Wednesday, April 28. Special entertainment was by the "Lia Sail" of Tara High School, and a performance of the Baton Rouge Gymnastic Club. Dr. Barry Bailey is pastor.

THE BATON ROUGE First Church Adult Fellowship Hour on April 18 had as guest speaker the Rev. John M. Winn, Jr., pastor of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, Shreveport. His program on the Gospel according to Judas was based on the rock opera "Jesus Christ: Superstar." Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. was host pastor.

THE JENNINGS MINISTERIAL Association sponsored a Community Vesper Service on Easter, held near the lake on the airport property.

WILLIS TYRRELL is general chairman of the Lay Witness Mission being held this weekend, April 30-May 1, in the Aurora United Methodist Church, 3300 Eton Street, New Orleans. The Rev. L. Ray Branton is pastor.

THE SLAUGHTER UNITED Methodist Church had special Holy Week services. On Palm Sunday, nine children were received into church membership, after preparatory training of 12 weeks under the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Zerangue, Jr. Holy Week sermons by the pastor were on "Words from the Cross." A musical program was presented on Good Friday evening by the choir with Mrs. J. M. Beauchamp as director. A sunrise service on Easter was followed by regular Sunday services.

A MIGRANT MINISTRY bus tour to Hammond was made by a group from New Orleans on April 23. The bus left Carrollton United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. and returned at 4 p.m.

THE SENIOR HIGH RETREAT for youth of Lake Charles First United Methodist Church was held at Camp Brewer, April 23-25. Carolyn Pullen was retreat leader and led a study of "Out of Darkness: A Study of the Meaning of Christ's Death." Will Dublin is the educational worker at First Church; Dr. George Pearce is pastor.

Vinton High School seniors who attend First United Methodist Church were honored at a seafood dinner on April 18 by the Women's Society of Christian Service. Seniors are, from left: Cynthia Granger, Jeanie Brown, Ednadeen Breaux, Mary Baldwin ond Christy Futch. The Rev. W. W. Bevill is their postor.

At Groce Church, Ruston, members of Wesley Chopel Fellowship are shown at the first session to study the Holy Spirit in the church, the "50 Doys to Pentecost" progrom. The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. is their pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

May 2—Sunday	Joshua 22:2-6
May 3	Psalms 31:19-24
May 4	Daniel 9:3-9
May 5	Matt. 22:36-40
May 6	I John 4:1-7
May 7	Neh. 1:4-9
May 8	Psalms 145:8-20
May 9—Sunday	I Cor. 2:1-9

MRS. GEORGE SEXTON was honored by the Lucile Sexton Class of First Church, Shreveport, on Sunday, April 18. April marks the 50th year that Mrs. Sexton has taught the class which bears her name. A tea in her honor was given in the home of Mrs. W. J. Hill, Jr. Mrs. Sexton is widely known and loved outside of Shreveport for her work with Methodist women, having served as conference president and jurisdiction president of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

THE LIGHTHOUSE UMY Sub-District held the April meeting at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Minden on Monday, April 19. Marie Minh Nhat, Centenary College student from South Vietnam was the guest speaker.

THE REV. C. E. HENKEL of St. Joseph, Louisiana, will deliver the Memorial Message at Harmony Chapel Cemetery, at 11 a.m., May 8. He is a former pastor of the Harmony Chapel, Lisbon and Arizona Churches where the Rev. Joe H. Robinson is the present pastor.

JIM BOPP, worker with the Dulac Community Center, was guest speaker in the Ingleside United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, on Sunday night, April 25, presented by the Commission on Missions. The Rev. Donice W. Alverson is pastor.

LAKEVIEW UNITED Methodist Church of Minden held a revival the week of April 18 with the Rev. James A. Jones, retired minister of Gibsland, as guest preacher. The Rev. Paul Cassels of Heflin was the song leader. The Rev. Louis M. Coppage is pastor.

BATON ROUGE CHOIR VISITS THREE STATES

A Baton Rouge youth choir visited three states during the Easter holidays and presented performances of Kurt Kaiser's folk musical entitled "Tell It Like It Is." Members of First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, the "Tell It Like It Is Choir" is directed by Mrs. Gwen Redding. Concerts were given at the Garnett, Kansas, United Methodist Church; in the Broadview Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri; and in First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Leaders attending the Manroe District WSCS meeting in Memarial Church, Manrae, included the graup above. Fram left are: Mrs. Jack Rushing, president of the host society; Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, district president; Mrs. Richard Milk, missionary; Mrs. C. B. McGawan, conference president; Mrs. L. C. Aycock, canference secretary; and Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, conference treasurer.

MONROE DISTRICT

The Monroe District Women's Society of Christian Service held the third annual meeting at Memorial United Methodist Church, Monroe, April 15.

Mrs. Richard Milk, a Methodist missionary for 24 years, told of her work in Cuba, Viet Nam and Miraflores, Mexico. Miraflores has received some of the Week of Prayer and Self Denial offerings. She is a home economist who has worked in family planning and nutrition. She wore the costume of the Viet Nam station where they worked. She and her husband now live in Monroe.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan of Baton Rouge, president of Louisiana Conference A, spoke to the group. Her talk on "Pressing Toward the Goal" concerned new developments in the work of the women in the church. This was also the theme for the district meeting.

Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, president of the Monroe District, introduced other conference officers attending the meeting: Mrs. L. C. Aycock, conference secretary, from Ruston; and Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, conference treasurer, from Mooringsport. Three members from Conference B were introduced as guests. The Rev. W. D. Boddie, superintendent of Monroe District, was also present.

Mrs. Jack Rushing of the host church gave the welcome. Mrs. A. D. St. Amant gave the devotional and memorial service. Mrs. J. Herbert Walker, district treasurer, reported on last year's giving and the first quarter of this year.

Mrs. St. Amant announced the Spiritual Growth Retreat will be held at Chemin-A-Haut State Park May 7 and 8.

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BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

The Annual Meeting of the Baton Rouge District Women's Society of Christian Service, held March 17 at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, was attended by 140 members and guests, with Mrs. Harris D. Copenhaver, Jr., president, presiding.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference A president, gave the main address at the meeting of her home district, telling of the new style of the Board of Missions, and the pressure points it is confronted by and dealing with. A question and answer period brought out points concerning her attendance at the Board of Missions meeting in Los Angeles, and her coming attendance at the World Methodist Conference in Denver, Colorado.

A Service of Commemoration and a challenging Membership Dialogue were among other highlights of the program.

The election of officers included Mrs. Walter H. Brock, president, and Mrs. H. W. Kirkpatrick, vice president. All other officers were re-elected.

An Honorary Membership pin, representing a gift to missions, was presented the outgoing president, Mrs. Copenhaver. Love gifts were also sent to missions as expressions of appreciation for the service and leadership of Mrs. C. B. McGowan, conference president, and Dr. Luman E. Douglas, district superintendent.

Members of the host society (Mrs. Murphy Roberts, president) were gracious in their many services, including preparing and serving lunch.

Dr. Barry Bailey, host minister, the Rev. Larry Maxwell, associate minister, and Dr. Luman E. Douglas, district superintendent, attended with their wives.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED NOTE MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

Since the first May Fellowship Day observance in 1933, it has been traditional for church women across the country to use the first week of May to lift an emphasis on the creative and healing relations among people in every community. Hence each year, Church Women United have found new ways to express God's love for all men through just relationships in society.

May Fellowship Day will be celebrated this year by Church Women United across the state and nation on May 7 (with some communities selecting the date May 15). This year's theme, "Focus on the Family in a New Era" will explore the qualities which can make the family a "family for others."

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of New Orleans will hold the May Fellowship Day celebration on Friday, May 14, at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 2700 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans. The morning session will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the evening program at 7:30 o'clock.

JURISDICTION WEEKEND FOR EMPLOYED WOMEN TO BE IN JUNE

Employed women will be given an opportunity to have a mountain-top enriching experience and to discuss common interests the weekend of June 11-13. Mt. Sequoyah at Fayetteville, Arkansas, will be the setting for the "Enrichment Weekend for Employed Women". Attendance will be from several states and it is not necessarily confined to those who are "church related."

Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., of York, Nebraska, (formerly of MacDonell Community Center, Houma, La), will be the Process Chairman for the weekend. She will be assisted by Miss Freda Betts, Chanute, Kansas, and Mrs. Farrett Gray of Kansas City, Missouri. All are members of the Core Planning Group.

Each conference has been given a quota, due to limited housing facilities. Conference registrars will handle applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration fee of $3.00 and housing fee of $20.00 (which covers lodging, meals, grounds fee and insurance) should accompany advance registration through conference chairmen. Registration fees should be payable to Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson, and housing fee to Mt. Sequoyah Assembly.

Conference registrars for Louisiana and Arkansas, are these: Louisiana "A" — Miss Mildred Evans, 2 Chatham Drive, New Orleans, 70122; Louisiana "B" — Mrs. Elizabeth N. Thomas, 2848 Tanner St., Baton Rouge, 70807; Little Rock Conference — Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, 1914 Dudley St., Texarkana, 75501; North Arkansas — Mrs. Truman Stephens, 504 N. 25th Ave., Ft. Smith, 72901; Southwest Conference, Mrs. Kitty Pickens, 41 G., S.E., Ardmore, Okla., 73401, or Mrs. Alice Preston, Box 98, Murfreesboro, Ark.

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Mrs. Donald Coffin

WSCS RETREAT WILL BE AT CHEMIN-A-HAUT PARK

"Come, Let Us Walk in the Light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5) is the theme to be presented by Mrs. Donald Coffin of Council Grove, Kansas, at the overnight Retreat of the Monroe District Women's Society of Christian Service. This will be at Camp-Chemin-A-Haut State Park on May 7 and 8.

A native of Georgia and graduate of the University of Kansas, Mrs. Coffin's time now is involved in religious teaching and counseling prayer group leaders and in conducting spiritual retreats.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, May 7, and the Retreat will conclude with lunch on Saturday, May 8. Mrs. J. H. Walker, 3908 Blanks. St., Monroe, 71201, is in charge of registration. The entire cost will be $5.00.

Mrs. Elsie Terral and Mrs. Margaret St. Amant are co-chairmen for the event, with other district leaders involved in the planning.

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A TEA HONORING ALL CAREER women of Munholland Memorial United Methodist Church was given on Sunday afternoon, April 25, in Metairie.

Leaders at the Rustan District WSCS Retreat for Spiritual Grawth shawn at left. They are: Mrs. I. W. Raland, district president; the Rev. Ralph Cain, district superintendent; Dr. Benjamin A. Petty of Dallas, retreat leader; Mrs. Pat Kneipp af Shreveport, sang leader, and Mrs. Ralph Cain, district spiritual growth leader.

Members of Grace Church WSCS, Rustan, paused for picture before attending the Spiritual Grawth Retreat at Caney Lake, April 14. Fram left, they are: Mrs. W. O. Lynch, Mrs. L. D. McGehee, Mrs. Leroy DeFreese, Mrs. Fairy McBride and Mrs. J. R. Strozier.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MAY 9: "Needed: Leaders Under God"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Hosea 1:1; 4:1-9; 7:5-10; 8:4-8

MEMORY SELECTION: They sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. (Hosea 8:7)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand something of the nature of God's love as illustrated in the love of Hosea for his wayward wife, Gomer; to see in the context of Hosea's own material experience, the depth of God's love for Israel and for all of his sinful children.

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Hosea, the second prophet in our study, gives us some indication of the depth of the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Eight centuries before our Lord's birth, the story of Hosea speaks to us of the extent to which God suffers to redeem lost sinners.

He lived in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and was one of the few prophets of that region who did not come in from another country. Some authors and actors have said that persons do not succeed in those professions until they have suffered deeply. There is no doubt that Hosea's personal suffering enabled him to discover a vitally important religious principle—that God wants men to respond to him in love.

Dr. John Mauchoine points out in the **Interpreters' Bible** that there are three kinds of prophetic literature—poetic utterances, biographical prose and autobiographical prose. The latter two are found in Hosea—in part of the book someone is writing about the prophet and his tragic life, and in the rest he appears to be writing about his own experiences.

Hosea preached a little later than Amos, but in the same century. Amos has underscored the sins of Israel and has pleaded with them to repent to spare their nation from destruction. He told them that their penalties would be greater than upon the neighboring peoples because Israel had enjoyed greater privileges of tradition and training. Hosea comes calling attention to many of the same social sins that Amos had spoken about. He compares the unfaithfulness of Israel with that infidelity he has seen in his own wife, but there is a certain message of hope throughout the book based on the forgiveness the prophet had demonstrated and his unwillingness to let his loved one go even though she had strayed so far from him.

In the first 3 chapters of Hosea we read of his marriage to Gomer and the birth of their children. Each of the three children was given an ominous name indicative of the tragedy that lay ahead for the household. Then when the children were still young, Gomer was attracted by the sensual life—apparently becoming a temple prostitute in the sex-mad worship of Baal. It was not long before her beauty faded with the excesses of religion and her usefulness to the temple came to an end. She was sold into slavery, and it was from this life that Hosea recovered her and brought her back to be his wife again. It would do an injustice to the story to imply that Hosea could do all of this without knowing grief and suffering. So he tells us that God also feels grief as he sees the infidelity of Israel.

In this first of two lessons from Hosea we will be asking ourselves, "What were the sins of Israel that took her so far from God?" Next Sunday we will be placing major emphasis on the love of God represented by Hosea.

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"THE LORD HAS A CONTROVERSY WITH THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND"

As we move from the story of the domestic tragedy recorded in the first three chapters we read the opening words of chapter 4: "the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land." He indicates that the Israelites are strangers to faithfulness and kindness, and have no knowledge of God.

The controversy which God had his people centered about their moral condition. Here was a nation that had just about collapsed morally. Notice that Hosea does not place his major emphasis upon the economic and political shortcomings of the people. He wants us to understand that the moral breakdown of a nation is the primary source of its collapse, since it usually precedes and causes economic and political decay.

As we read the catalogue of Israel's sins in 4:2 we see plenty of reason why the vitality of the kingdom was being drained away. Hosea believed that the covenant between Israel and God had been sealed with the ten commandments. He felt that all of the poison that was destroying the land grew out of these infidelities—an evidence of disregard for the love of God that makes the figure of Gomer's infidelity so effective.

Throughout the Bible we are told that man's disobedience involves the whole natural order in disaster. Israel was as far from her original spiritual foundations as it could get, according to Hosea. We have been told again and again by many since Hosea's time that a nation cannot turn its back on morality and survive—that self-destruction follows the decision to play the role of Gomer. In many areas of our life today one finds signs that our land is far from the spiritual foundations on which it was founded. Permissiveness and immorality have become commonplace and many who are concerned cry out that there is really nothing we can do to turn the tide. What do you feel are the most serious aspects of these signs of moral decay in our own time? Where do you think Christian people can take hold to try and turn some of the tides?

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"NO KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IN THE LAND"

IN the first verse of chapter 4 Hosea gives a simple explanation of the decline of morality among the people and leaders of Israel. He said, "there is no knowledge of God in the land." He was saying that the moral decadence stemmed from the religious illiteracy of the people. All of the deterioration had come about because the people did not know God.

Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips tells us in **Interpreter's Bible** that when Hosea spoke of the knowledge of God he was not dealing primarily with the intellectual. It was more of the idea that there was no personal communion between the people and their God. He said: "Knowledge of God is intimate communion with the God in whom we live and move and have our being. Such knowledge is more than belief."

Methodists have always made a distinction between intellectual knowledge and the knowledge of God that is experienced. When John Wesley was traveling to Georgia in the period just before his Aldersgate experience he was disturbed during the storms at sea because a number of simple people on the ship seemed to have such a deep experience of God that they did not become frightened. He knew about God, but he was aware that he did not know him. It was his determination to seek that kind of knowledge that made him a receptive vessel for the moving of God's spirit through the experience of Aldersgate.

We are constantly seeing evidence that the people of America are getting farther and farther away from their experiential knowledge of God. At the same time we can see that we, like ancient Israel are being caught up in a wave of moral decay. Surely nothing on the agenda today should hold a higher priority than our need to know God.

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THE PRIESTS HAD REJECTED GOD

What follows in chapter 4 seems to represent a grumbling by the people concerning Hosea's accusations. They seem to feel that the prophet is being unfair. Hosea says that man cannot force God into his mold, he cannot bring God down to his level. However, he affirms that man must answer for his transgressions against God's holiness. Verse 5 indicates that it is the priests who are contending with the prophet because of his charges.

Instead of opening doors through which God might enter into the life of Israel, Hosea charges the leaders of official religion with closing these doors. He said that the blind were endeavoring the lead the blind. Instead of being sources of illumination the light in them had become darkness. It is so easy for us to read the history of the Eighth Century B.C. and say that the alien influence of the religion of Baal was responsible for all the moral degradation of Israel. We should keep in mind that the prophet is talking about weaknesses within Israel's own religious leadership. Dr. Phillips says: "The depths to which the religious leaders of Hosea's day had sunk is seen not only in the shameless indulgence in evil, but also in the fact that they encouraged their people to sin. This they did because the sin offerings increased with the sins of the people and thus added to the wealth of the clergy."

One wonders what produced this appalling collapse of religious leadership in Hosea's day. The answer is not hard to find. Religion had become formal and ceremonial rather than moral and spiritual. Whenever religion exalts the ceremonial above the ethical, one of two evils inevitably results—either ecclesiastical ineffectiveness or religion that accents the wrong emphases.

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WHEN THE FOUNDATIONS ARE DESTROYED

Hosea places great stress on the commandments of God as the essential foundations upon which leadership is established. Living so far into the Christian era, we forget that the people of Israel were tied so closely to the Mosaic Law.

Included in what was called "the Law" were the Ten Commandments and what was known as "the traditions of the elders." These included interpretations of the details of the commandments as applied to daily living. When the priests and those who followed them got away from this symbol of their covenant with God, there was not much of a possibility for real leadership. When the religious leaders forgot the laws of God, they were denying that which made the Hebrews the people of God.

Although we build our religious and spiritual life on more than the commandments—we stand on the life, and death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ—when the fundamental foundations are destroyed the whole structure is weakened.

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ISRAEL'S PRIDE WAS HER DOWNFALL

In Hosea 4:10 we read: "The pride of Israel witnesses against him." This was an additional testimony of the extent to which sin had corrupted the national life of the people. There was still a king in Israel, but as far as God was concerned he had abdicated his responsibility. Keep in mind that in Israel the king was the spiritual as well as the political leader.

The prophet said that the reason the king was weak was his failure to call upon God. Turning to God would have meant a return to moral standards. One commentator reminds us that "Israel's kings from Jeroboam I on had followed a mixture of pagan worship, had ignored and flouted God's law, and constantly turned to other nations for help rather than to God."

There are remarkable parallels between the history of Israel and that of the United States. Both came to a new land in search of a better life for themselves and their children; then there was that period in which the dominant culture was agricultural; finally there was the period of industrialization and urbanization with an increasingly heterogeneous population and a pluralistic culture. The tremendous increase of wealth and power in both countries created pressures that led to the questioning of old moral standards. Here we stand with Israel in the judgment of God. We will be destroyed unless we recover our knowledge of God and the moral standards.

"Quote and Unquote"

Dr. Harvey Cox, writing on prayer in a recent issue of Pageant magazine, said: "Prayer is not a requisition form, nor can it be limited to a conversation with a supernatural being called God."

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Pete Hammond, southeast director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, referring to the religious dimension of the groups of young people in Florida for the Easter holidays: "Jesus is a popular folk hero here this year. You can talk to anybody about Him this year. But the Jesus many of them talk about is not the Jesus in the Bible. You have to be careful to describe who He is."

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The Christian Century, commenting editorially on the wave of public reaction to the recent trial and conviction of Lt. William L. Calley, Jr., said: "Neither making Calley a hero-victim nor making all of us 'war criminals' can be permitted to destroy the conviction that there is a higher law of humanity to which every individual is accountable for his conduct."

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Dr. Sydney Simon of the Center for Humanistic Education, University of Massachusetts, recently called on schools to take a more active part in clarifying values. He said: "Before something can be of value, it must be prized and cherished, part of a pattern, chosen from among alternatives, freely chosen, chosen after due reflection, publicly affirmed and acted upon. To clarify values may be one of the most significant things a teacher can do for students in this confusing and conflicting world."

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Archbishop Iakovos, Greek Orthodox primate of North and South America, in his recent Easter message, called upon Christians to rise above "the muck of materialism." He said: "At a time when humanity is grasping for new, lasting, and saving spiritual, moral, and even cultural values, we Christians cannot afford to remain mired in the golden muck of materialism, making no attempt whatsoever to arise and walk aright."

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Father Theodore M. Hesbaugh, president of the University of Notre Dame, speaking recently to the National Catholic Educational Association, said: "Catholic education is better off today than ever before because the opportunities that face and challenge Catholic education today are greater and more important than ever before."

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Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, speaking on the need for relevance within the Christian community, said: "When we worship God and have religious institutions, we ought to bring into them all the naturalness of everyday life. The worship of God is something that ought to be carried with us into any and every human situation."

Regional Family Life Conferences suggested as new approach

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UMI) — Three regional conferences on family life instead of one large national meeting are being suggested for 1974 by the United Methodist General Committee on Family Life.

Meeting here April 16-17, the 32-member Committee voted to try a new approach to the national family life conference program which began in 1951 in the former Methodist Church. The sixth national conference was held last fall in Chicago.

"We have had good geographic representation at the national conferences but we are hoping to involve more people with the regional approach," reported Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of ministries to parents for the United Methodist Board of Education. Attendance at the national conference has ranged from 1400 to 3300 with 1600 attending the 1970 conference.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N.C., is chairman of the General Committee on Family Life which includes representatives from the major program boards of the church, six persons appointed by the Council of Bishops and six persons selected by the Committee.

In other action during its meeting here the Committee authorized its executive committee to establish a task force to study "family advocacy systems", described by Dr. Staples as a committee or individual who "shepherd's family legislation, concerns and interests in local communities." The task group will work with other national religious and secular agencies on what is involved to establish a national family advocacy network.

"Social Health and Family Development" is the theme of a meeting scheduled by the Committee for the spring of 1972 primarily for seminary professors who work in the area of family life. Participants will include about 20 professors, 10 persons from various church agencies, and six area counselors of family life.

The Committee also agreed to sponsor with the United Methodist Board of Education and Methodist Publishing House a series of annual conference training meetings on preparation for marriage. A major resource for the meetings to be held during the next two or three years will be a new manual, **To Love and To Cherish.**

A statement on family life for presentation to the 1972 General Conference is being prepared by a subcommittee headed by Dr. Allen J. Moore, Claremont, Calif.

Next meeting of the Committee will be November 19 in Kansas City, Mo.

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Improved ministry to deaf, physically handicapped, developing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Coordinated, interdenominational curriculum resources for persons who are deaf may be developed at some future time, but the greatest task at the moment is to sensitize local churches to the special needs of these handicapped individuals.

This is the consensus of United Methodist Board of Education staff members Florence Lund and LaDonna Bogardus who have participated in a national interdenominational task group exploring the religious education needs of the deaf.

Mrs. Lund, from the Division of Curriculum Resources staff, and Miss Bogardus, from the Division of the Local Church staff, said plans are underway for studying methodology and media used in deaf education so that awareness can be created in the churches of the special needs of these persons. Both agree that current materials prepared for persons with normal hearing are not adequate for persons who are deaf.

A self-instruction book produced by Abingdon Press for third and fourth graders entitled **Finding Your Way Through the Bible** has been reviewed by the task group and plans are being developed for field testing of it in religious education programs for the deaf.

A special kit is now being prepared to help local church education leaders be aware of the special needs of persons who are physically handicapped. In a related area, the denomination produced a "first" last year with a curriculum series for the trainable retarded. A series for the educable retarded is to be released this summer.

How many deaf persons are in the United Methodist Church? No one knows but a recent report from the U. S. Office of Education indicates that there are 45,000 children between the ages of five and 19 who are deaf. There are programs serving these children and young people in some conferences, districts, and local churches. There are at least four United Methodist congregations in the nation who minister almost exclusively to the deaf.

A third United Methodist member of the task group is the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, executive director of the Division of the Local Church Section of Training Enterprises.

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Furman University Pastors' School, July 5-9

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Personal and professional renewal will be the objective of the annual Pastors' School at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., July 5-9.

Designed as an experience in continuing theological education, this year's school will present lectures by Dr. Gerald Kennedy, bishop of the Los Angeles area of the United Methodist Church; Dr. Dale Moody, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Carlyle Marney, director of the Interpreter's House, Lake Junaluska, N.C.; Dr. George Webber, president of New York Theological Seminary; and Dr. L. D. Johnson, Furman University chaplain.

The five men represent contemporary thinking in New and Old Testament scholarship, Christian ethics, and pastoral ministry.

The Pastors' School is open to all ministers. Furman's recreational facilities—golf, tennis, swimming, boating, and fishing—will be available without additional fee to registered participants.

Furman Chaplain L. D. Johnson urges ministers to make the Pastors' School week a family affair. Supervised fun and activity programs will be provided each day for children ages six and up.

Costs of the school will include a $4 registration and study material fee for each participant, $24 for room and meals for each adult, and $12 for room and meals for each child under age 12.

Last year's Pastors' School attracted nearly 400 ministers, wives and children from a dozen states and representing as many denominations.

A brochure and further information is available from the chaplain's office, Furman University, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

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A "sign of the times." This was the message outside Park United Methodist Church at Wernersville, Pa.

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■ In April 13-15 meeting . . .

Council of Bishops enumerates eight "enemies of peace"

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (UMI) — The preliminary outline for a possible emphasis on peace for the United Methodist Church was accepted here April 13-15 by the denomination's Council of Bishops.

The document was prepared by a task force headed by Bishop James Armstrong of Aberdeen, S.D. It now will be further refined and up-dated for presentation to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

In another action, the bishops expressed their "deep gratitude" for "evidences of relaxation of tension between the United States of America and the Peoples' Republic of China" and voiced their "appreciation to the President of the United States for his leadership in this direction."

The preliminary outline for a peace emphasis spells out eight "enemies of peace," including poverty and hunger, economic exploitation, racism, the population explosion and "nation worship." Also included are a number of "sources of peace," both "theological and practical."

In other actions, the council heard a two-man delegation representing American Indians, received a telegram of greetings from former President Lyndon B. Johnson, appointed a committee to draft a paper on the functioning of the Council of Bishops in relation to proposed changes in general board and agency structure, unanimously endorsed a five-months emphasis on the quadrennial Fund for Reconciliation beginning with Thanksgiving this year, installed Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of Columbia, S.C., as president, and chose Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio as president-designate to take office a year from now.

The two Indian representatives asked the bishops to support efforts for a "greater voice" in church affairs of the approximately 15,000 Indian members.

"Everything has been done for the Indian and to him, but never with him," said the Rev. Raymond G. Baines, a member of the Tlingit tribe of Alaska now directing the Phoenix (Ariz.) Indian Center. Appearing with Mr. Baines was the Rev. Homer Noley, a Choctaw on special assignment in Norfork, Nebr.

The committee to draft the paper on the function of the Council of Bishops in relation to other church structure grew out of papers heard by the council here. The group will be comprised of two bishops from each jurisdiction and will report at the council's autumn session, November 16-18 in Des Moines, Iowa, according to Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., secretary of the council.

Details of the emphasis to be given the Fund for Reconciliation during the final months of the 1968-72 quadrennium will be developed within the next few weeks. The program was adopted in 1968 with a goal of $20,000,000 to meet the "crisis in the nation."

During a memorial service, the bishops marked the death during the past year of Bishops George Edward Epp, Raymond L. Archer, Glenn R. Phillips, J. Ralph Magee, and Everett W. Palmer. All except Bishop Palmer were retired.

Bishop Slater and San Antonio Area were hosts to the council for a "fiesta" along the San Antonio River, and S. E. McCreless, prominent layman in the area, was host at a breakfast.

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March investments set record for Development Fund

NEW YORK (UMI) — The United Methodist Development Fund (UMDF) received its largest monthly total in investments in March, $1,104,000, according to the Rev. Marvin A. Leist, New York, UMDF executive secretary. That brings the amount in the UMDF to a record $33,500,000, he said.

UMDF is a national fund in which United Methodist individuals, churches and agencies can invest, and from which loans are made to congregations for building purposes so as to enable them to carry out their mission more effectively.

Mr. Leist reported the net gain in the UMDF for the first quarter of 1971 (ending March 31) was $1,584,000, with the record of $1,400,000 received in March coming from 147 investors. The UMDF executive attributed the investment upsurge to two factors. First, he said, current economic conditions, especially the downward trend in interest in some commercial lending institutions, have "made the UMDF and its 6½ per cent interest more attractive to investors." Second, there is increased awareness of the UMDF among United Methodists, partly because of an active cultivation program, he added.

Indications are that the upward trend in investments is continuing, and "of course, we hope the increase will enable the UMDF to augment its services to United Methodist churches in the vital area of church extension loans," Mr. Leist said.

(Inquiries about the UMDF may be addressed to: United Methodist Development Fund, Room 335, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027).

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News in Brief

"Art for God's Sake" was the theme of the 32nd National Conference on Religious Architecture held in Los Angeles, Calif., April 19-22. United Methodists were among participants.

Christian Advocate announces new multi-media service

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (UMI) — The **Christian Advocate,** official United Methodist journal for pastors and other churches, is announcing a new multi-media service in its edition of April 29, released here April 26.

In the April 29 issue, a six-page interview with the chairman of the church's Structure Study Commission, the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick of Evanston, Ill., is being published and at the same time the interview is being made available in cassette form.

"We hope that this will be a continuous program of blending the print media with audio media," said the Rev. James M. Wall, editor of the **Advocate.**

The recorded form of the interview plays one hour and was recorded earlier this spring by Dr. Wall and Dr. Kirkpatrick. Information on price of the cassette and other details of the program can be obtained from the **Advocate** editorial offices here.

In the interview, Dr. Kirkpatrick discusses at length the mandate of the Structure Study Commission, how it has proceeded with its work, and the rationale for its preliminary findings. The commission's final recommendations will be drawn up later this year and sent to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

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COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES NAMES BURGESS AS HEAD

CHICAGO, (UMI) — Dr. Roger Burgess, general secretary of the United Methodist Church's Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, was elected president of the denominations Council of Secretaries at its recent meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Lois C. Miller, associate general secretary of the Board of Missions' Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, was elected vice president, and Dr. Ernest A. Smith of the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns was elected secretary-treasurer.

The Council approved a progress report from a committee exploring with national leaders of Project Equality the possibility of a national sponsorship fee for all general units of the denomination.

The group also heard its own members report on a number of developments including proposed new structures in the National Council of Churches and developments in the planning of interdenominational work for education in mission.

Considerable time at the meeting was devoted to a question-and-answer period with representatives of the Structure Study Commission — Dr. Don Kirkpatrick, chairman, Dr. Paul McCleary, staff executive, and Mrs. Porter Brown, a member of the commission.

YEAKEL HEADS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

CHICAGO (UMI) — Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, was elected president of the Continuing Coordinating Committee of the United Methodist Church at its recent meeting here.

This is a coordinating unit of the church's Program Council and is comprised of members of the Council of Secretaries, staff members of the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning, the chairman of the Fellowship of Annual Conference Program Directors, the executive secretary of the Commission on Worship and two members assigned by the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries.

During its meeting, the CCC supported a plan offered by its task force on draft counseling for increasing job opportunities for young men doing alternative services as conscientious objectors and endorsed an interagency task force on ecology.

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Rolando Zapata, a Methodist layman and audio-visual specialist, has been named chairman of a new fellowship of church-related communications personnel in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Prayer keeps the Christian's armor bright.

Need for increase in Student Day offerings emphasized

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — "We've had it with students! And we've had it good!" is the positive affirmation and theme of the 1971 United Methodist Student Day to be observed throughout the denomination June 13. In addition to an emphasis on the student and higher education, offerings taken on that day are administered by the United Methodist Board of Education for scholarships, loans, and grants.

According to Dr. E. Craig Brandenburg, director of the United Methodist student loan program, the 1970 United Methodist Student Day offering totaled $218,444. Last year the church made 2,793 loans totaling $1,412,940 including $512,195 to students attending United Methodist colleges and universities and $900,745 to students in non-United Methodist schools. Grants during 1970-71 were awarded to 484 students totaling $232,197 including 42 graduate and 442 undergraduate students.

To keep pace with the increasing costs of college education, Dr. Brandenburg said the amount from the annual Student Day offering must increase significantly. The Student Loan Fund which can provide a total of $4,000 to a qualified student during his college career is critically important, Dr. Brandenburg explains. "The Fund has played a key role in the career of almost every professional church leader today and it assures the future vitality of the church through the training of tomorrow's leaders."

Loans are made to United Methodist students attending accredited junior or senior colleges or universities. Grants are awarded to qualified United Methodist students in United Methodist related colleges and universities.

Each year the United Methodist Church makes available 500 grants of up to $500 each. Loans are made in varying amounts: $500 for freshmen; $550 for sophomores; $600 for juniors; $700 for seniors; $750 for graduate students and theological students; and $500 for students of nursing.

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lmcf in Ville Platte

by Wallace Long

Pick up any paper and you read about the drug and alcohol problem. Many areas and communities are being assisted by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. Recently in Ville Platte, Louisiana, eoneerned parents and teenagers listened to some answers to these and other moral problems as Bob Anderson and Mark Tullos presented a program that was entertaining, educational and helpful.

LMCF's motto "Seeking a Christian solution. . ." is carried out in an interesting way. Christian speakers and entertainers always end up pointing to Christ as the ultimate answer. Christian influence was exemplified by the very dedicated "New Mind Singers" of Alexandria. Eaeh onc in this group is anxious to tell anyone at anytime what Christ means to them . . . Also LSU's All-American football player, Tommy Casanova, Miss Louisiana, Carol Lynn Almond, Dr. Maek Thomas of Houma, Dr. Margaret Wheat and two inmates of Angola prison gavc talks and testimonies.

This program was attended by over 700 parish teenagers and some 400 adults. The youth rally was under the direetion of Mark Tullos and the adult program was conducted by Bob Anderson. LMCF is indeed fortunate to have these very fine, dedicated, Christian leaders who have given their lives to helping young people and adults with moral problems and associated evils. These two men are constantly holding meetings, discussions and eounseling with young people in the schools, churches and even in jails and hospitals.

Some important points brought out in the program: All Drug Users have one thing in common . . . They will wind up in jail and will have damaged themselves in the process. Almost every confirmed ex-drug addict has stated he started with marijuana and went on to other things to get a bigger kiek. It is a felony under both state and federal law to either sell or supply marijuana and ean result in a jail sentence. If convicted, he loses the following rights for the rest of his life:

The right to vote, the right to hold many public offices, loss of eligibility for security clearanees required in many jobs involving government contracts, serious impairment of job opportunities, sinee a felony indietment is made a part of the credit referenee and police reeords, loss of eligibility to enter many areas of postgraduate training such as law, medicine, etc., loss of eligibility for a veteran's administrative pension, loss of eligibility to be an officer in a small business investment eompany, loss of eligibility to work as an investment advisor, loss of eligibility for a civil service pension or annuity and loss of eligibility to hold office in any labor union.

Add to this list the fact that in Louisiana and most other states, a person eonvicted of a felony cannot obtain a license to work in the following trades and professions: Aecountant, Architeet, Attorney, Barbering, Hairdressing, Cosmetology, Dentistry, District Clerk, Engineering, Funeral Director or Embalmer, Nursing, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physieian or Surgeon, Plumbing, Real Estate and Business Brokers, Veterinarian and Watchmaker.

What can parents do? Bob Anderson insists we do not have a Generation Gap but a Communication Gap . . . Talk to your children. Your best weapon is knowledge. Learn everything you ean about the uses and abuses of drugs, and help your children to be informed. Set a good example.

Many experts in the field believe that the basic reason ehildren experiment with this sort of thing begins in the home. A good home life, and especially a firm belief in God, seem to be a eontributing factor among young people who have not taken this way out. Miss Louisiana, Carol Lynn Almand, and Tommy Casanova, All-American athlete at LSU both publiely thanked their parents for the example they set and for instilling in them a deep religious training. They considered these important factors in keeping themselves straight.

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The "New Mind Singers" from Alexandria entertained at the Drug Rally.

Miss Louisiana, Carol Almand, and football star, Tammy Casanova, were among the participants at the Ville Platte Drug Rally.

Two Angola inmates, serving time on drug related sentences, during an interview at Ville Platte Drug Rally

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT LMCF AND ITS PROGRAM

"The work of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation is great and it was helpful for me spiritually."

Mrs. C. G.

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"1100 attend Drug Rally, are shoeked, educated."

"Young people and adults, 1100 in all, according to estimate, paeked the Winnfield Senior High Auditorium and the eafeteria, to get the true faets about abuse of drugs and narcotics, Saturday night, February 6."

Winnfield Parish Enterprise

Drugs Get Most Attention But Alcohol Still Real Killer

WASHINGTON-UPI — Louis Cassels — UPI Senior Editor

"Drugs are the fair-haired child. They are getting all the gold. Yet there are more than 10 times as many alcoholies as there are drug addiets."

That eomplaint happened to come from Willard O. Foster, coordinator of alcoholism programs in the state of Maryland. But it might have come from any one of hundreds of federal, state and private authorities on alcoholism.

They don't begrudge the attention politieians, legislative bodies, the press and the public are giving to the drug menace.

"I would like to express my gratitude to your organization for making arrangements to have Bob Anderson of the Moral and Civie Foundation appear at our school. I do not believe we have ever had a program that was more interesting, informative and entertaining. Rev. Anderson and his assistant were able to relate to young people in such a beautiful way."

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But they ean't understand how a nation that gets so wrought up about heroin and marijuana ean be so eomplaeent about alcohol.

"It is ineredible that we eannot faee realistieally the aleoholism epidemic in this eountry, which costs us more lives eaeh year than the Vietnam War," says Senator Harold E. Hughes, D.-Iowa, a former aleoholie who now leads a special Senate subcommittee on aleoholism. "If we were willing to spend a tenth of what we spend on Vietnam to save people from this eontrollable disease, we could aeeomplish miracles."

The American Psyehiatrie Association estimates at least 9 million Americans are afflieted by alcoholism in the sense of being so dependent on aleohol they are ruining their eareers and wreeking their homes.

Reports from eoroners indicate more than half of the nation's highway deaths result from drivers trying to handle a ear after drinking. There are more than 50,000 highway deaths a year, so the toll from drunken driving alone is upwards of 25,000 lives annually.

Excessive intake of aleohol is the main (though not the only) cause of eirrhosis of the liver, an ailment that ranks as the third most common eause of death among young and middle-aged adults.

Many alcoholies do not wait for the disease to complete the slow destruction of their bodies. Studies show the suicide rate among aleoholics is about 50 times greater than that of the general population.

Aside from its cost in wreeked lives, alcoholism is a serious economic problem. The National Counеil on Alcoholism estimates that U.S. Industry loses more than $4 billion a year through employee absenteeism resulting from excessive drinking.

This group of ten girls and five boys was received into the membership of Pharr Chapel United Methodist Church at Morgan City on Palm Sunday. The Rev. G. Eldred Blakely, pastor, is pictured with the class.

Visitors who attended the April "Pressure Group" (senior adults) meeting at Montgomery United Methodist Church in Alexandria District. Dr. Jolly Harper, (second from left, back row) was guest speaker for the meeting which featured an Easter motif.

Lay Witness Team which assisted with the April 16-18 Mission at Love Chapel United Methodist Church, Haughton. Witnesses came from El Dorado, Arkansas, West Monroe, Zwolle, Blanchard and Benton—paying their own expenses. James M. Carter of Benton was the coordinator. The Rev. Lewis Ovenshire is pastor of Love Chapel (in Shreveport District).

FROM LEFT: The Rev. Ralph Cain, Ruston District superintendent was the speaker for Holy Week services at the Montgomery Church; Dr. Jolly Harper, pastor of First Church, Natchitoches, and the Rev. George McVay, pastor of Montgomery-Mt. Zion-Atlanta-St. Maurice Charge.

Members of cast for Good Friday production of "I Find No Fault In Him" presented at Indian Bayou United Methodist Church at Rayne. They are: Kathy Laningham, Debby Foreman, Ben Blanchet, Carolyn Gary, Bill Blanchet, Leon Foreman, Mary Ann Foreman, John Guyre and Harry Blanchet. The production, based on the Biblical account of Pilate, was directed by Pastor Robert Peterson with Mrs. Dolly Perry serving as coordinator. Others responsible for the staging included Mrs. Vernel Morgan, properties; Mrs. Wanda Faulk, music; Mrs. Culver Cain, costuming; and Ed Blanchet, narrator.

Boys and girls at Iowa United Methodist Church who took part in an Easter egg hunt and party on Good Friday. Mrs. Carolyn De Wolf is church school superintendent; the Rev. Raymond Crofoot is pastor.

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Officers for the newly outhorized Notchitoches interim District Board of the Loity for the soon-to-be-merged Louisiano Conference were selected ot the recent joint meeting of the Conference Boords of the Laity. Shown, left to right, ore: J. D. Grohom of Notchitoches, ossociote lay leader for Stewordship; John J. Jockson of Winnfield, District loy leoder, ond Joe G. Key of Jonesboro, ossociote loy leoder for Lay Life ond Work. ("Sonny" Evons of Notchitoches wos chosen to serve os secretory of the District Boord).

THE FIRST MOVE OF THE NEW CONFENCE YEAR! Dr. Jock Cooke, Shreveport District superintendent, is shown cleoning out his shelves in preporotion for moving downstoirs in the Smith Building ot Centenory College. Assisting ore Peggy Bolton (trying to hide from comero) ond Mrs. Madge Jones, Dr. Cooke's secretory. The move is made necessary due to the need for more office space following merger in June.

New Centenary facilities dedicated

The formal dedication of the new administration building at Centenary College, Hamilton Hall, and an Open House at the new domed physical education complex, on the south campus were held Monday, May 3.

Hamilton Hall is a gift to the college from Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hamilton of Shreveport who were present for the brief ceremony to officially present the building to the Board of Trustees. George D. Nelson, Chairman of the Board, and President John T. Allen accepted the building from the Hamilton family.

Chaplain Robert Ed Taylor and Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, Chairman of the Department of Religion, presided at the service and the Centenary Choir directed by Dr. A. C. "Cheesy" Voran provided appropriate music.

Dewey Somdal, representing the architectural firm of Somdal, Smitherman, Sorenson, Sherman and Associates, and B. J. Whitaker of the Whitaker Construction Company turned the keys to Hamilton Hall over to President Allen to signify the completion of the construction.

The Hamilton family has been associated with Centenary College for many years. Mrs. Hamilton is the former Lucile Atkins, the daughter of J. B. Atkins, one of the men instrumental in moving Centenary to Shreveport from Jackson in the early 1900's. She was the first woman to graduate from Centenary following the move to this city. Mrs. Hamilton serves as a Life Member of the Board of Trustees.

Hamilton Hall is Georgian architecture to blend with the rest of the campus and contains 26,000 square feet of floor space. It is a two-story building with a half basement and a circular staircase connecting the first and second floors. The offices of the presi-

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Dedication held at Nesom Church

On Sunday, April 25, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton officiated at the Service of Dedication for Nesom Memorial United Methodist Church, Tickfaw, and led a service of Blessing for the new parsonage of the Hammond-Tickfaw Charge in Hammond.

The Rev. James Caraway, Hammond District Superintendent, and the Rev. Henry Blount, pastor, assisted in the services.

Others who took part in the Nesom Memorial dedication were the Rev. A. D. George, a former pastor, and Dr. Russell Pregeant, assistant pastor of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, grandson of a former minister, the late Rev. George P. White. The formal presentation of the building for dedication was made by Carlton Faller.

The Tickfaw church was named in memory of the late George W. Nesom and late wife, Cornelia Arbutnot Nesom, whose leadership and faithful service kept the church alive during its early existence. Following the loss of the first building by fire, services were held in the Nesom home for many years.

During a memorial prayer led by the pastor special tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Clara Bankston whose memorial fund made possible the final payment in full.

In the service at the Hammond parsonage, the building was presented to Bishop Walton by the chairman of the Parsonage Committee, Mrs. Margaret Alford. Mr. Caraway and Mr. Blount assisted in this service also.

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LEFT: Nesom Church, dedicoted, Sundoy, April 25.

RIGHT: Participants in dedicotion, left to right, the Rev. A. D. George, Bishop Aubrey Walton, the Rev. J. J. Coroway, Hommond District superintendent, ond the Rev. Henry Blount, postor.

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John W. Trotter (left), treasurer of Conference A Board of the Laity, receives a $50 check for the H. W. Daughenbaugh Scholarship Fund from Willie Hartline who makes the presentation in behalf of the Men's Club of First United Methodist Church, Vivian. Dr. C. O. "Corky" Henneman, Conference chairman of the Howard Daughenbaugh Memorial Scholarship Fund looks on approvingly.

Members of the Lake Charles District Resource Team for Curriculum Planning and members of the Conference Program Council who assisted in training the volunteer team which will be on call by local churches in the district to provide help with children, youth and adult educational programs. FROM LEFT: (seated), the Rev. Garland C. Dean; Mrs. Madelyn Bowman; Mrs. Margie Landshof; Alice Flint; Mrs. Peggy Davis and Mrs. Mary Compton; (standing), the Rev. Leland Wade; the Rev. Bob Lawton; Henry Gillett; the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, District superintendent; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Program director; Will Dublin; Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir, and Mrs. Helen Cooke.

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dent and his administrative council and staff occupy the second floor, while those offices directly serving the needs of the students, business office, registrar, financial aid officer, admissions office, the dean of students, and the dean of women, are located on the first floor.

The new gold geodesic dome which will house the physical education facilities of the College, contains 51,000 square feet of floor space on three levels. The dome is self-supporting and affords a clear span, without pillars or posts, for the entire 195 foot diameter of the facility. The P.E. facility features indirect lighting off the pure white interior of the dome and a Tartan composition playing floor. It will seat 4,000 for athletic events.

Following the dedication ceremony at Hamilton Hall, both facilities were open for public inspection.

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WESLEY UNITED METHODIST Church of Sulphur held special services each Sunday evening during the Lenten season. Guest speakers were the Rev. Harvey Williamson, superintendent of the Lake Charles District; the Rev. Rodney Loose, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church; Rev. Royce Sylvest, pastor of the Houston River Baptist Church; and the Rev. Roy McCown, a Presbyterian minister living in Sulphur. The Rev. Deen Thompson was host pastor.

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Dr. Perez speaks at New Orleans Second Church

Dr. Carlos Perez—formerly of Chandler Methodist College near Havana, Cuba—is now pastoring many Cuban refugees in the New Orleans area, under sponsorship of the Program for Reconciliation of the United Methodist Church. On Sunday, April 18, Dr. Perez spoke at the 8:30 a.m. service at Second United Methodist Church in New Orleans—preaching in English for the first time.

Dr. Perez has been conducting divine services at Second Church's Spanish Mission on Sunday evenings. The congregation of Second Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Cleveland B. Herr, Jr., pastor, began the ministry for Spanish-speaking people a year ago.

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EVANGELISTIC SERVICES were held at Trinity United Methodist Church of Jennings the week of April 18-23. The Rev. Joe McClain pastor of First Church, Amite, was the speaker and Bob Hart, layman from Westlake United Methodist Church, was song leader. Mrs. Bob Hart was the accompanist. Offerings were designated to the Oklahoma Indian Mission work. This program climaxed a five-week thrust of spiritual enrichment and evangelism The Trinity pastor is the Rev. Calvin Lapuyade. Mrs. Howard Seagraves is chairman of the work area of evangelism.

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Bishop Aubrey G. Walton (center), assisted by Hammond District Superintendent the Rev. J. J. Caraway (right), officiated at a Service of Blessing for the new parsonage at First United Methodist Church in Hammond on Sunday, April 25. The Rev. Henry Blount, pastor, is shown at left in photo.

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Hammond District Lay Retreat

Participants in annual Hammond District Retreat held at Camp Istrouma. FROM LEFT: Cecil Bland of the Program Council Office; Nick Saladino, Hammond District lay leader; W. A. "Buster" Baker of Slidell, who presided over the morning devotional period, and Robert "Bob" Lay, featured speaker.

District Superintendent James Caraway and District Lay Leader Nick Saladino (at left, front row) with some of the 30 men who attended the April 23-24 overnight Retreat at Camp Istrouma.

Editorial

THE FAMILY AND HUMAN VALUES

Frequently we hear the question, "Whatever happened to human values?" Some conclude that their transiency means that they are disappearing. It seems to us that we are really in an in-between period and that there is every reason to believe that a new set of values will emerge and that the family will have a great deal to do with their coming. There are some who sing every note concerning human values in a minor key — a pessimistic tone. In answer to these we would like to quote the heading of the last Chapter in Bishop Hazen G. Werner's new book, **Look at the Family Now.** In that chapter he affirms that "The Family Has What It Takes."

Alvin Toffler in his current best-seller, **Future Shock,** devoted a chapter to "The Fractured Family." Here he speaks of the moral and scientific developments of a traumatic nature that are pulling the family apart. None of us is prepared to seriously deny that this is so. Bishop Werner begins his book in something of the same vein when he declares: "The American home is ill. Any rationalization of parental failure will not fit the facts. The home is ill of immaturity and goallessness . . . We will always need the family. But it will have to be a better family than it is now."

Toffler says: "The family has been called 'the giant shock absorber of society' — the place to which the bruised and battered individual returns after doing battle with the world — the one stable point in an increasingly flux-filled environment. As the super-industrial revolution unfolds, this 'shock absorber' will come in for some shocks of its own."

The pessimists look at a statement like that and declare that the family is racing toward oblivion. However, they cannot tell us what will take its place. The optimists, in contrast, contend that the family, having existed all this time, will continue to exist. Some even insist that the family is in for a Golden Age, in which increased leisure will throw families together more—"The family that plays together stays together."

A more sophisticated view holds that the very turbulence of tomorrow will drive people deeper into families. Dr. Irwin M. Greenberg, professor of psychology at the Albert Einstein College of medicine says, "People marry for stable structures. The family serves as one's 'portable roots.' "

There are several comments we would like to make about the theme "The Family and Human Values."

First, the family that is strong in building human values will refresh itself concerning its roots in the past. Let us hasten to say that this is not being "old fogey" That is as illogical as claiming that the astronauts are worshipping the earth when they want to make sure of a solid base for their launching pad. A successful landing on the moon is dependent on a strong launching at Cape Kennedy. Yes, and it involves a knowledge of the experiences of every previous astronaut.

This does not involve an attempt to turn family life back to any "good old days," but it recognizes two things, both of them essential in maintaining our integrity in family living. One is that every family unit that ever came into being had serious problems. This is suggested by a current popular song which says, "I beg your pardon, I didn't promise you a rose garden." Then, every positive human value — all those ties that have bound our hearts in Christian love — have been handed down from one generation to another like a baton in a relay race.

Secondly, the family that is honest will recognize that values which have been inherited are being constantly re-evaluated. We should not make the mistake of assuming that value changing is exclusive with any generation. It is all too easy for adults to jump to the conclusion that only the young have been engaged in altering of patterns of values. We of today's adult generation can take every fault that we see in today's youth and make direct connections with some of our own shortcomings. If we are sincere about building bridges across the chasm which separates the generations, we must begin by listening to the young and saying, "Maybe you're right."

Finally, we would say that the raw material for the new set of human values for which we strive is found in the old, old story—restructured and retold. The Bible is still the guidebook; the church is still the community; the Sermon on the Mount is still the homily through which we will arrive at a new standard of values. If we are serious about having the family and the church work together in this building process, we must recognize that both institutions are being changed and restructured. We should thank God that the church is changing, because therein is our hope for guiding the family — and other contemporary institutions — into a new life and new values that speak to our present day.

In conclusion, we would make three observations which are at the heart of what we are trying to say. First, the family is going to survive through any period of storm and trial it faces. Then, through all the processes of restructuring and rebuilding the church is going to last. Finally, this new family and this renewed church will be closer allies in shaping human values tomorrow than they have ever been. The sheer necessity of the future will make it so!

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the Editor's Corner

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

As this editor travels about through Louisiana and Arkansas he seems to receive the warmest greeting from those who belong to what might be called "The Fellowship of the Sunday School Lesson." Members are those who are readers and users of the weekly material we write on the International Lessons.

For about eight years now we have undertaken this weekly interpretation of the lesson. The decision to do this was made after Dr. E. T. Walyand found he would be unable to continue in that capacity.

Through the years we have served in this editorial post we have discovered an increasing number of persons wha are loyal to **The Methodist** because of this feature. Just during the last two weeks we have been in four different localities and in each the warmest reception has been from those who use our paper as an aid to their teaching each week.

Many ask about the time consumed in the preparation of these materials. We estimate that it takes about 10 to 12 hours of study and writing each week, and the work is done in the evening at home. There is a downstairs room in our split-level home in Little Rock, and some evenings the light burns rather late there.

There are really two observations we would like to make about this "fellowship." First, involvement in this writing has a way of keeping our calendar confused, since each week sees one lesson in print for lessons ten days in the future, another lesson at the printers, and a third in the typewriter in the study.

The second observation is that we appreciate the opportunity that occasionally is our to teach one of the adult classes at St. Paul Church in Little Rock. This gives us a real opportunity to see if the written material will teach. I am convinced that every lesson writer should keep himself available for teaching as a means of checking out his writing.

This is a warm fellowship of which we speak, and we are most happy to be a part of it.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A Korea-style cessation of war without a formal peace was forecast by the Rev. Samuel F. Longbottom, Jr., a Baptist minister who has served eight years as a missionary in Vietnam. Addressing a missions conference in Miami, Fla., Longbottom said "Both sides are getting so tired of the mess they are in that I think they both will just quit fighting without signing any official peace treaty." The U.S. policy of "Vietnamization" is working, according to the missionary, who has taught at the Catholic university in Dalat and served as pastor of the Baptist congregation. "We've bought time for all of Southeast Asia," he believes.

North Vietnam will probably allow some group to visit Hanoi in the near future, predicts Dr. J. A. O. Preus (president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) who with other American church leaders was rebuffed when they recently sought permission to visit prisoner of war camps in North Vietnam. He said he could only conclude that the North Vietnamese "had something to hide" by refusing to admit the delegation he headed. Dr. Preus said that although the mission failed in its primary purpose he believed the Hanoi government would soon allow someone—"besides the extremists they have let in in the past"—to visit North Vietnam.

In what is considered by observers to be the most dramatic desegregation order since 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that busing is a constitutional means which can be used to "dismantle the dual school systems" in Southern states. The ruling does not require all schools in a system to have the same racial balance, and it leaves the way open for "some small numbers" of schools of one race, or virtually one race. Churchmen active in the civil rights movement have generally supported busing as a means of overcoming desegregation caused by tradition and statute.

In what appears to be a reversal of position, some 45 church bodies in Rhodesia have yielded to government pressure and registered as "voluntary organizations" under provisions of the controversial Land Tenure Act. The Act aims at the strict geographical separation of Rhodesia's black and white societies. Under the Act, churches are required to register as voluntary organizations to be able to operate as multi-racial institutions on land allocated to either racial group. Deadline for registration was April 2.

Dr. Krister Stendahl, dean of the Harvard University Divinity School, reminded an audience at Vanderbilt University that Christians make up only 15 per cent of the world's population. He said Christians must weigh the possibility that a minority role for them in the world may "be more congenial" in the plan that God has than a majority stance. "Remember, the whole world is in His hands, not only the Christian world," the Lutheran scholar said.

An unprecedented bill, allowing Vermont's local school boards to loan teachers, texts and other services to parochial schools, was signed into law by Gov. Deane C. Davis. The measure will go into effect this Fall. Under the new law, local school districts can set up a lending program of teachers, texts and other non-financial services, and then receive up to 50 per cent of the cost back from the state.

A number of United Methodists took part in various inter-religious peace activities in the nation's capital during Holy Week. Bishop James Armstrong of the Dakotas Area and the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the Bd. of Christian Social Concerns, joined five other nationally-known religious leaders in a "fast against the war." The Right Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, Episcopal bishop of Pennsylvanit, organizer of the fast, labeled the demonstration as a "meaningful, traditional religious expression" of his feelings against the war.

"Life and preparation for the year 2000" was the chief topic for the recent assembly of Church Women United held in Wichita, Kans. Mrs. James M. Dolbey, president of the ecumenical group mentioned the need for younger leadership as one of the key concerns of the organization. Expressing, however, a note of optimism concerning the future, the CWU president said "We're zeroing in on the age situation."

Dr. Leighton Ford, an associate of evangelist Billy Graham, speaking on "How to Be Happy Though Married," during his recent Philadelphia Crusade, called the "home the most important business you will ever have." The home is also the children's business—the greatest school a child will ever have," the evangelist said. He continued, "The home is also the nation's business . . . and the home is the world's business." "When our homes begin to break up and decay, the nation becomes a very shaky affair." Citing selfishness as a basic problem in family life, Dr. Ford urged "surrender to Christ" as the remedy, saying "As you surrender to Christ, you begin to surrender to each other in your home." "Our responsibility as parents is to have a strong sense of discipline towards our children. If we don't give that, they will not feel security and love," he added.

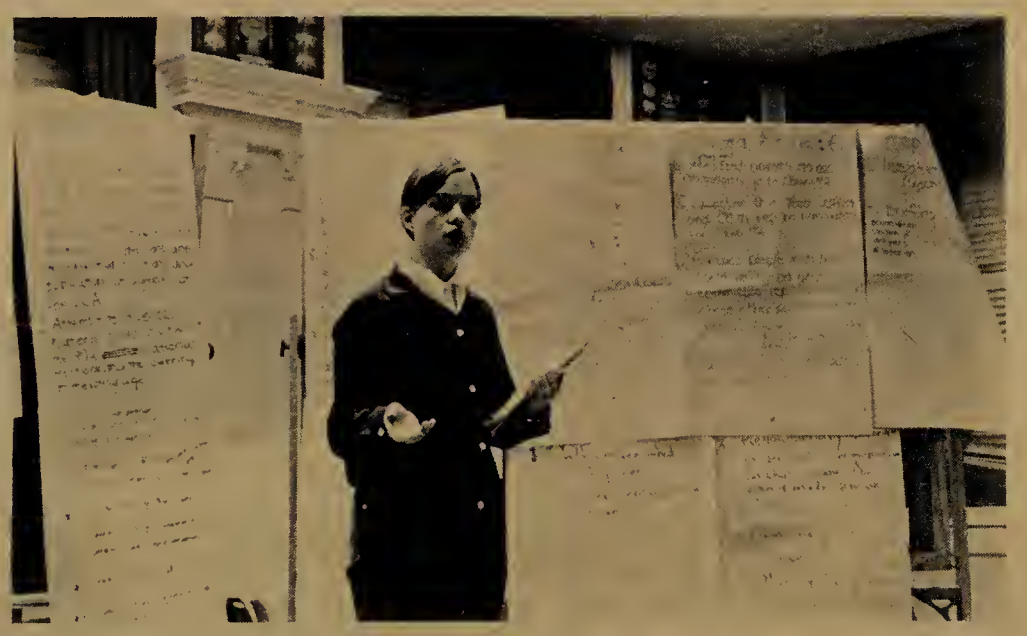
Whatever American Protestantism is—or isn't —can largely be attributed to the Sunday School, conclude the authors of The Big Little School, a history of the Sunday School movement on American churches. Authors Robert Lynn and Elliott Wright assert that the Sunday school is "American Protestantism's training ground . . . the 'big' school in matters religious . . . and an important 'little' school in the rearing of the whole nation." Lynn is professor of religious education at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Wright, a Religious News Service staff member, is the author of two other works and numerous articles.

An Episcopal pastor in Houston, Texas says that his congregation is considering listing in a local newspaper advertisement the names of members who have not attended church in the past year. The Rev. James Tucker of St. James Episcopal church cited frequent complaints that churches list members who never come to church after joining. Their names on the membership rolls, he said, often serve no purpose other than to make the church look larger than it really is.

Addressing the 29th annual convention of the Nat'l. Assn. of Evangelicals meeting in Hollywood, Calif. Evangelist Billy Graham said it is incumbent on evangelical Christians to "get in step with God" in a time of unprecedented spiritual quest in America and many parts of the world. He said the "most encouraging sign" in the U.S. that spiritual revival is on its way is that "the young people are questing, searching and concerned as no other generation in American history, and untold thousands are turning to Christ." "Millions are rejecting the materialism, the secularism, the skepticism, and the agnosticism of their elders. They are on a gigantic search for reality, purpose and meaning," he said.

Leading experts on worship participating in a Christian liturgical workshop in Detroit are reported to have said that places of ritual in the 1970's should be "flexible, temporary, and secular as well as sacred in appearance" and should be patterned after the home as much as possible. A Methodist, the Rev. Don E. Sailers, who teaches practical theology at Yale Divinity School, said that mere "space occupation" on Sunday in a pew is "irreconcilable" with the Gospel message of commitment and involvement. "It boils down to this," he added, "worship, if it is to be authentic, cannot be systematically isolated from ordinary life."

An 18 per cent increase in giving to the general mission of the United Presbyterian Church was reported for the first quarter of 1971. Mission giving includes all contributions to the Church's work beyond the local level. Income at the local level has also increased with synod funds showing a 24 per cent rise and presbytery receipts running about 50 per cent above those for the same period in 1970. "This news is another signal of a return to confidence in our denominational mission," said the Rev. William J. Wiseman, chairman of the Council on Church Support, the denomination's fund-raising agency. He said "Our council hopes that this trend reflects something good happening all through the Church."



ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. – Cheryl Ashick of Sudbury, Ont., reports recommendations from her study group during a Lutheran Church in America youth conference in Atlantic City. Eighty young people, 18 through 25, met to develop strategy for getting more youth involvement in the Church. They voted to send 300 young persons to the 1972 biennial convention in Dallas to convey their concerns and their interest in the future of the Church. (RNS Photo)

Gov. McKeithen visits MacDonell Center in Houma

Louisiana's Governor John McKeithen and Mrs. McKeithen of Baton Rouge were among distinguished guests at an Open House held at MacDonell Methodist Center at Houma on Sunday, April 18 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Board members, parents and friends of the Center were also among those honored.

More than 150 persons came from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, New Iberia, Thibodeaux and Houma. The reception was held in McCoy Hall, administrative building, with Mrs. J. E. Miles of the staff heading the hospitality committee. Lady members of the board and wives of board members presided over the serving table.

Guests were conducted on tours of the residence halls where boys and girls acted as hosts and hostesses — both of the buildings and of individual rooms. The houses include Keener Hall, for younger girls; Downs Hall for older girls; Laskey Cottage for adolescent boys, and Hooper Cottage for older girls.

Governor J. McKeithen and four residents in the living room of Hooper Cottage.

MacDonell Methodist Center was founded as a French Mission School 50 years ago by Miss Ella K. Hooper, a Methodist deaconess. After the school was no longer needed for French-speaking children the program was alerted to serve Indian children and adults who needed educational experiences. In 1953 public schools began to serve Indian children, and MacDonell Center again adjusted its services to help children who came from broken homes, "dependent and neglected" and those who needed a group living experience.

The need for money for operational expenses and for endowment is continuous. Emphasis is now focused on serving children and families needing counseling in the larger community as well as those housed at the center.

In addition to the individuals pictured here, honored guests included Dr. D. C. Matthews, and N. Leo Farber, board members; Gilbert Bandel, Walter Brock and Mrs. Robert C. Carter of Baton Rouge, and the Rev. Jerome Cain of Houma.

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Gov. John McKeithen and administrative assistant receiving greetings in front of Administrative Building from Director Jerry Bridges, children at the home, and Senator Claude Duval of Houma-Terrebone Parish.

In front of Keener Hall, residence for younger girls: Board Member Ronnie Surpass; Mrs. Gay, mother of Mrs. Merlin Merrill; Mrs. Merrill, and Lafayette District Superintendent Merlin Merrill.

Downs Hall, one of three two-storied frame residences at the Center.

Ladies at Open House reception (l. to r.): Mrs. A. N. McIntyre, Board member; Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Board member; third lady (not identified); Mrs. Walter Brock, Baton Rouge District W.S.C.S. president; Mrs. Elsie Cain, Houma; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Board member, and Mrs. Baron Riggin, Board member.

The Rev. Clark W. Bell and family are the occupants of the recently purchased new three-bedroom parsonage located at 102 Clinton Street in Tallulah. Situated on a double lot, the residence is of buff-brick and has a two-car garage and covered patio.

NEWS and NOTES

DR. ALLAN JOHNSTONE, psychiatrist, spoke on "The Value of the Family in Molding an Individual" at the monthly fellowship dinner in Denham Springs Church, April 25. The Rev. Edward O. Pickens was host pastor.

THE REV. DOUGLAS McGUIRE, pastor of Trinity Church, Ruston, was guest evangelist during the revival held in Amite United Methodist Church the week of April 25. The Rev. Joe W. McClain is the Amite minister.

THE COMBINED GROUP of United Methodist Men of Patterson and Bayou Vista Churches elected officers at the March meeting. They are: George Landry, president; Dean Faidley, vice-president; Bill Mario, secretary-treasurer; and James Premeaux, program chairman. The Rev. John R. Johns is pastor.

THE SPRING FIESTA in First United Methodist of New Orleans on April 25 was presented by the Children's Division. Adults promoting the special were Mrs. P. J. Zollinger, children's coordinator; Mrs. LeRoy F. Tonkin, director of Christian Education; and Mrs. Margaret Carpenter, family life coordinator. The Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor.

DR. GEORGE JONES, Jr., gave a program on "Primitive Africa Today" at Baton Rouge First Church at the Sunday evening Adult Fellowship, April 25. It was based on his recent picture-taking safari in East Africa.

LOUIS COPPAGE would like to express his appreciation to those who have preached for him at Lakeview, Minden, and McIntyre Churches during his recent illness (a severe case of mononeucleosis). Those who have filled the pulpits include: the Rev. James A. Jones, March 14; the Rev. Paul Durbin and the Rev. Paul Cassels, March 21; Marcus Wren, March 28; the Rev. Ralph Cain, April 4; and the Rev. Garland Dean, April 11.

CHOIR NUMBERS PUBLISHED BY FORMER LOUISIANAN

Don Tyler, a former member of the Jonesboro United Methodist Church, has recently had another piece of music which he arranged published by Smith, Hall & McCreary Company entitled, "This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made." Also, he is soon to have a piece released by Abingdon. It is a new melody for "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus." These should be especially useful for Youth Choirs. The company that published the first piece is soon to release an arrangement of "Wrestling Jacob."

Mr. Tyler is presently a professor of music at The Central Florida Junior College. He and his wife, Doris, and their three sons make their home in Ocala, Florida. He is the son of Mrs. Theresa Tyler of Jonesboro.

THE ROANOKE UNITED Methodist Youth Fellowship sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the younger children of the church, Saturday, April 10. Approximately 30 children attended. The UMYF sponsored Bake Sale on Saturday, April 24, to raise money for their summer trip.

THE WESLEYAN BELL Choir of First Church, Lake Charles, gave concerts in New Orleans on Sunday, April 18. The group played in St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Metairie, at 4 p.m., and in the Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans, at 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEN of Louisiana Memorial Church, Opelousas, met in the home of Gordon Bordelon for a covered dish supper on Tuesday, April 27.

DR. BEN OLIPHINT, pastor of University U. M. Church, was the speaker for the April 26 meeting of United Methodist Men in Ingleside Church, Baton Rouge.

TYPE D MID-HIGH LABORATORY ENTERPRISE HELD AT WEST MONROE

A Type D Mid-High Laboratory Enterprise was held at the First United Methodist Church, West Monroe on April 16-18. The purpose of the laboratory was to help each participating leader-in-training become a more competent worker with youth and to share in the ministries of the church.

Dr. Brady Whiteheard, Jr., Chaplain, Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn. was the laboratory leader. Jerre Gault was the coordinator. The laboratory itself was actually a training situation in which adults worked with a group of youth in a controlled situation. The 30 participants included 16 youths and 14 adults.

The Rev. Robert L. Peyton was host pastor.

A PULPIT EXCHANGE was made by the ministers of two New Orleans Churches on April 25. The Rev. L. Ray Branton, pastor of the Aurora United Methodist Church preached at the Westside Christian Church, while the Rev. Dalton Burch occupied the Aurora pulpit.

PHILLIPS MEMORIAL United Methodist Church, Conference B, observed a Men's Day celebration on Sunday, April 25. Thomas H. Matheny, Hammond attorney and lay leader of Conference A, was the speaker. Theme for the day was "The Christian Man's Encounter – Religious Concepts and Contemporary Issues." The Rev. Howard Milo is the Phillips minister.

MISSION POSSIBLE: Phase III in Noel United Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the recipient of proceeds from the "Family Fashion Fiesta" held last Saturday, May 1. Dr. Sam Nader is the Noel minister.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

May 9—Sunday	I Cor. 2:1-9
May 10	Jer. 31:3-9
May 11	Hosea 11:1-4
May 12	Rom. 8:32-39
May 13	II Cor. 5:10-15
May 14	Eph. 3:14-19
May 15	I Thessa. 5:1-8
May 16—Sunday	Rev. 3:14-19

MICHAEL CLARK, member of the Tunica United Methodist Church and a ministerial student at the University of Southern Mississippi, has been elected first vice president of the Wesley Foundation at U.S.M. Michael has also been accepted into Phi Alpha Theta, international honor society in history, recently.

JENNINGS UNITED Methodist Men of First Church had as guest speaker, April 19, Don Gravett of Orange, Texas, who previously visited the Jennings Church during the Lay Witness Mission. The Rev. Angus Lee Carruth is the pastor.

THE YOUTH CHOIR of Memorial United Methodist in Monroe presented "Joy is Like the Rain" at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour on April 25. The music is a collection of Bible-based songs with a Spanish flavor, written by Sister Miriam Therese Winter. Mrs. James T. Davis directed the 24-voice choir and five instrumentalists. Soloists were: Marvin Adams, Diane Caraway, Ann Cox and Shelby McDuff; pianist, Gail Clark; guitarists, Ronald Dana and Joe Pierron; maracas, Janet Brown; and wood-block, Jimmie McIlwain.

MISS LILLIAN KENNEDY, president of the Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild, is conducting the study on "The Americas" in North Baton Rouge United Methodist Church, May 4 and 11, from 7-9 p.m.

THE SPRING COFFEE for all women of Asbury Church, Lafayette, was held on May Day in the parsonage. Mrs. George Ross was hostess, assisted by the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mary Allison Simmans, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Odell Simmans, was baptized recently by the Rev. Ralph Cain while he and Mrs. Cain were guests far the morning warship hour, April 18th, in the Hamer United Methadist Church.

Thirty children of the Merryville Church were treated to an Easter egg hunt by ten teenagers and six adults. The graup traveled to a roadside recreation park in Newton, Texas. The Rev. Walter Clarke is their pastor.

The Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Cady, former missionaries to Brazil, showed pictures of their work in that country, at the concluding session of the study of "The Americas in Transition" in Louisiana Memorial Church, Opelausas. Mr. Cady is naw pastar of the Centenary Church in Rayne. Shown at right are, from left: The Rev. and Mrs. Cady and daughter; Ivo Dutra—a young man they knew in Brazil who is now staying with them; the Rev. Fred O. Shirley, Opelousas pastor, and Mrs. Rose, hostess. ⟶

Church Women United call for action

WICHITA, Kansas—The changing and the changeless— in life styles, worship, science, human relations, and Christian faith — were seen, experienced, and discussed at the Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women United, April 22 through 25.

Over 2,000 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women, including a hundred women from overseas, met in a many faceted experience to strengthen their movement, give it direction for the coming three years, and choose new officers and 140 members of a Board of Managers.

Peace was on their minds and they expressed their feelings in a mass prayer for peace.

Clarie Collins Harvey, a black, fourth-generation Mississippian, was elected their new national president. She is a prominent church woman, civil rights leader, international peace consultant, and is active in the economic development of Mississippi.

Stimulating discussions were encouraged through the use of a "Think Tank" composed of Jean Houston of New York, who discussed mind research; Ruston Roy, new living patterns; Alice Mary Hilton, social changes; and William Hubbard, the changelessness of life.

Also participating in the Assembly were a "Theological Team" who met with the women mainly through the courtesy of a downtown educational TV studio (Channel 8). Their discussions were available not only to the Assembly registrants, but to all in Wichita who wished to hear as well.

After each TV session, the women broke into groups to discuss further and to think through what their faith compelled them to do in coping with the future.

At an agape breakfast on Saturday, April 24, pleas for help were made by representatives of senior citizens, young people, girls in the Job Corps, farm workers, and those working for worldwide peace.

The Assembly participants adopted three Calls to Action for the coming triennium, with a Christian perspective presented as the basis for each. Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women and director of the Office of Racial Justice of the National Board of the YWCA, presented the first Call to Action. Describing work as "love made visable," she asked the women to lead in the shaping of new structures, to look honestly at their country, to be willing to work toward "empowerment of minorities" and toward self-determination.

Olive Tiller, a member of Church Women United's Commission on Economic Justice for Women, presented the second Call to Action: a call to open new opportunities for women in transition. In the new era of technical change, women are encouraged to seek public office and other leadership in the community.

Sister Mary Luke Tobin, a member of the Commission on Justice and Peace of the United States Catholic Conference, challenged the women to explore in their units how to act innovately and courageously to fulfill their calling to peace building, the third Call to Action. Sister Mary Luke urged women to be guided always by a concern for human dignity, beginning in the communities in which they live.

These themes will dominate the study and work of more than 2,300 units of Church Women United throughout the country.

The Assembly closed Sunday evening with a 30th Anniversary celebration of the movement of Church Women United. Participating in the ceremonies were four former national presidents of CWU: the outgoing president, Mrs. James M. Dolbey, Mrs. Stewart Sinclair, Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel and Mrs. Harper Sibley.

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Mrs. E. D. Chandler, Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader and Miss Emma Burris at dedication ceremony.

THE INGLESIDE Wesleyan Service Guild of Baton Rouge held the April 22 meeting in the church annex. Mrs: J. L. Bagley opened the meeting with prayer. A business session was conducted by Mrs. Mary Faulkner, president. Mr. Stan Routh, guest speaker, explained the proposed additions to the church plant and showed drawings of the plans.

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Cadwallader and Burris at dedication

(reprinted from May '71 issue of response)

ON A BRIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON last October when the mountains of Western North Carolina were clothed in their most brilliant colors, United Methodists from many parts of the nation gathered at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, N.C., for the dedication of the new Jones-Cadwallader Apartments.

The new building is a beautiful two-story, 22-unit structure of cream brick and will provide a home for 24 additional retired missionaries and deaconesses. Twenty of the units are efficiency apartments, the others are two-bedroom units.

Mrs. Charles N. (Ruth) Cadwallader of New Orleans, La. and Lincoln, Neb., whose generosity had made possible this new addition to the Brooks-Howell Home, was an honored guest at the occasion.

In presenting the building for dedication, Mrs. Arthur Styron, Atlanta, Ga., said, "There comes a time in one's life when one feels that mere words are inadequate to express a genuine feeling of appreciation for one who has given so freely of her time, her talent and her gifts for the joy and comfort of others. She has given back to God that which he has so freely given her. May those of this home live a life of contentment, peace, joy, happiness, serenity and security because a lovely lady by the name of Ruth has passed this way."

Mrs. Styron is a member of the Board of Missions and is chairman of the national Committee on Homes for Retired Workers. She presented the key of the apartments to Mrs. Wayne Harrington, Omaha, Neb., president of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions.

Mrs. Harrington replied, "On behalf of the Women's Division it is a pleasure to accept the key to the Jones-Cadwallader Apartments. We are deeply grateful to Ruth Cadwallader. I remember an organ in the chapel at Scarritt College given by Ruth . . . and an organ in a chapel in the Far East . . . and another in the chapel of a school. It seems that wherever Ruth has been, music has been. Now a dream has been transferred, for she gave her home that this building might be possible. Truly this is a gift to provide a home for those who have labored in 'Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth.' Brooks-Howell Home," she said, "is a great depository of missionary experience and a great treasury of memories. We can come for inspiration and for renewal of our spirits and go forth for greater achievement. . . . Service, thy name is woman!"

Miss Reva McNabb, deaconess and director of the home, accepted the keys from Mrs. Harrington, saying, "We hope that the music that comes from the apartments will be as pleasing as the music you have mentioned!"

The first apartments erected in 1966 were officially named the Chandler-Burris Apartments in honor of Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville, N. C., who served as chairman of the building committee for each of the structures on the Brooks-Howell property, and in honor of Miss Emma Burris, under whose administration the project was planned and completed. Miss Burris was executive secretary of Medical Work of the National Division of the Board of Missions, retiring in April, 1970, after 42 years of Christian service. The Bancroft-Taylor Health Unit at the home was officially given this name in memory of the Bancroft-Taylor Home in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, closed in the summer of 1970.

In her dedicatory address for the occasion Miss Burris traced the history of Brooks-Howell Home from its earliest beginnings in 1956 in Milwaukee, Wis., at the meeting of the Fourth Assembly. The Conference presidents came bearing gifts of over $100,000 which were used for tne new home for retired missionaries and deaconesses.

Miss Burris told how Asheville was chosen as the site of the new home and plans were made to create a facility that would meet the needs of all stages of the aging, from those in early mature years who cherish an opportunity for continued service and independence, to those who may need constant nursing care.

The new home was completed in 1961, she said, at a cost of about $750,000, providing rooms for 60 retired workers with beautiful assemblage areas for the group. Miss Burris told how the committee "stepped off" the dimensions of the new structure and how it was named Brooks-Howell, in honor of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, then president of the Women's Division, and in memory of Miss Mable K. Howell, missionary and professor at Scarritt College.

A waiting list of those who wished to enter the home triggered a project to build the first apartments, completed in 1966. This building contained ten units, eight efficiency units and two two-bedroom units. Within a couple of years there were other applicants and plans for another apartment were made possible by the generous gift of Mrs. Cadwallader. Another source of income for the project came from the sale of the property of the Bancroft-Taylor Home in Ocean Grove, N. J. When this home was closed some of its residents chose to come to Brooks-Howell.

Miss Burris concluded her history by saying, "The meaning of life is found solely in man's relationship to God . . . and this is what you are making possible in having this home in Asheville." ■

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MAY 16: God's Love for People

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Hosea 11:14

MEMORY SELECTION: I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. (Jeremiah 31:3)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To see through the message of Hosea to an understanding of God's love and its meaning for us.

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The emphasis of this lesson is on God's seeking love for man. If we understand the dramatic presentation of this love through the Book of Hosea we will come to see that God is not a distant concept to be thought of in abstract terms. The writer knew that God's love was more personal than that, and he was trying to save his nation from destruction by telling them about him.

Last week we discussed the very personal way in which Hosea bared his tragic life in an effort to save his people from a greater tragedy. His love for Gomer was so deep and abiding that when she was unfaithful to him he did not indulge in the drug of self-pity, but went in search of her in order that she might be restored to the former relationship. Hosea did this, not to prove anything, but because it was his very nature to love this deeply.

In today's lesson we find the prophet using the metaphors of the unfaithful wife and the ungrateful son to help him tell Israel just how deep God's love was for them. One of the commentators says: "a key idea in the theology of Hosea is that God is a passionately active, seeking God, who is not turned away even by widespread disobedience." It is only when an individual or a people comes to the realization that God loves them that much that there is any possibility of their being redeemed.
time of the deep need for true understanding of love that Hosea stands out in his descriptions of the nature of God. I remember that Dr. W. A. Smart said in a seminary class on the prophets that Isaiah spoke of the perfect majesty of God, Amos spoke of his perfect power, but Hosea told us of his perfect love. It is this perfect love that saves.

In Chapter 11, Hosea shifts his simile for God from that love affair between man and wife to the relationship of father for son. It is a rich, full chapter — one of the finest in speaking to our time of the deep need for true understanding of parental love. In this emphasis Hosea stresses a love that guides and enables the loved one to grow into the stature of a true child of God.

We should see at the begining of today's lesson that the major emphasis is God's seeking love and the power it has to call for a response in love. Here in the Old Testament we find an anticipation of the message of the New Testament — that it was not the object of the cross that brings salvation to man, but rather the love which is thereby symbolized. Each time we see the cross we should be reminded of this.

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GOD IN HISTORY

As one reads the 11th Chapter of Hosea with its story of all that God had done for Israel throughout her history, he is reminded of something else about the New Testament. It sounds so much like the sermons that Paul preached before so many Jewish congregations. When Paul sought to tell them who Jesus was he went back into their history and listed all of the things God had done to deliver Israel. What a moving text is Hosea 11:1-9, "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son."

Speaking as a father who must have had more than his share of responsibility for the rearing of his own children because of the unfaithfulness of their mother, Hosea sketches those moments when he tenderly guided each of them in their efforts to learn to walk. Every father who heard him knew what he was talking about. A parent gladly moves through all this period of training because he loves his child. This is also the nature of God who moves through the history of the nation, never too distant or too mighty to reach down and pick up the fallen child and say, "Try it one more time."

The great Broadway play **Green Pastures** tells of the many times when "De Lawd" returned to his heavenly abode greatly discouraged by what he had seen his children doing on the earth. The play develops around the continued suggestions from the angel Gabriel that God give up the human family as a hopeless situation, with the divine love within his being dictating the course of seeking time after time to bring man back. The climax of the play is identical with the story of the New Testament as the seeking love of God comes at last to earth in Jesus.

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THE DELIVERANCE FROM BONDAGE

One of the greatest expressions of God's love for the Hebrew is symbolized in the event of the Passover — the deliverance of the captive people from their bondage in Egypt. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says, "The deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt has been pictured as being for the Jews what the cross is for the Christian. In both cases the love of God was openly and dramatically revealed; in both instances one must say, 'Behold, the love of God!' "

This lesson emphasizes the love of God as revealed in the covenant relationship with Israel. A covenant is a contract or solemn promise made by two parties with the purpose of bringing them closer together. Hosea, who has first talked of this covenant relationship in terms of the marriage vows, shifts in this lesson to the figure of parent-child relationships. However, the main theme is the same —love which will not let the loved one go. Even though Hosea uses the legalistic language of the covenant relationship between God and his people, he also lets it be known that this is a bond that is stronger than that of the contract. We read in 11:4, "I led them with cords of compassion, with the bands of love."

The Hebrew told all the rest of the world that God loved him, citing the experience of the Passover as his proof. Had he not brought them into a land flowing "with milk and honey," and been responsible for all her victories and successes? Hosea tried to bring together the love which was underneath this covenant relationship with the discipline which was threatened. He wanted to show that the suffering to be inflicted was also a part of this love.

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THE HEARTBREAK OF A LOVING GOD

Hosea speaks poignantly of the suffering he has known because of love. Parents have all had this same experience if they have truly loved their children. Even when the child rebels against his father and seems to be trying to repudiate that love, he is still the child. The father may disown the child and cast him out, but he is still the father. In most cases the impelling force in the relationship continues to be love that is pure grace.

If we draw a picture of God that does not allow him to know the heartbreak and the disappointment of a father like Hosea, we are moving away from the real love that is the central reality of his being. Some would think of him only as an abstract idea of perfection that cannot know heartbreak, but this was not the God that Hosea described.

I recall a long theological discussion with a Roman Catholic chaplain during World War II. I spoke of the heartbreak in God's heart because of the death and suffering of the war, and my Catholic friend was quick to affirm that, "God is perfect. God cannot feel heartbreak, since that is a mark of imperfection." I replied, "It depends on the kind of perfection you are thinking about. For me, God is best seen as a perfect father — the father of all men — and he cannot look down on their slaughter of each other without knowing heartbreak." Surely the loving God described by Hosea knew such emotions.

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THE LOVING FATHER AND THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

In Hosea 11:5 the mood changes, perhaps for effect. The time for patience seems to be gone, and the idea of punishment enters the message of the prophet. We read: "They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to turn to me." The loving father is now the righteous judge. Both capacities are combined in the nature of God and their conflict makes this a most impressive passage.

Hosea speaks of the penalty for the rejection of love. The nation which had once been brought out of captivity in Egypt faced a new bondage, and the prophet says that Assyria is to be the instrument of God's judgment. Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips says of this change in mood, in **The Interpreter's Bible:** "Hosea suddenly changes his mood from tenderness to severity. This is one of those swift revulsions of feeling, which we have learned to expect in Hosea. His insight again overtakes his love. The people will not respond to the goodness of their God; it is impossible to work upon minds so fickle. Discipline is what they need."

The prophet had high moments when he was lifted up by a consideration of God's love and grace. but these moments were kept in balance by his realization of man's rebelliousness. Jesus, too, emphasized both sides of the love of God. In many passages he spoke of the tenderness of the love of God, but he also kept in mind the reality of judgment.

Again let us quote from Dr. Phillips: "A religion that sees God only in the sunshine, but not in the shadows; only in blessings, but not in woes; only in prosperity, but not in tragedy, is not the Christian religion. The symbol of Christianity is a cross; a cross which symbolizes the meeting of the ideal and the actual, God's love with man's sin, and so becomes the gateway of man's redemption."

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GOD'S SEEKING LOVE

Behind the images of the unfaithful wife and the disloyal son is the more solid image of the husband whose love cannot be diverted and the father who cannot be turned off from his love. The prophet's main idea is that of a passionately, active, seeking God, who is not turned away even by widespread disobedience. What does this mean for the people to whom Hosea spoke? It means that God is concerned to preserve the community with and within Israel. This concern mirrors his true nature —love.

So is revealed the love that moves the world along. It is the essence of divinity. A man of faith is borne along on its currents. It is the ground of the Christian's incurable optimism. It says to us that God will not suffer us to be tested beyond that which we are able to bear.

Humanism leaves us stranded. The gospel of divine love turns the darkest valley into a glorious pilgrimage. The Eternal walks beside us. No catastrophe can put us beyond his concern. No matter how far we may stray from his loving presence he is forever in pursuit of us as the poet Francis Thompson so vividly describes it in "The Hound of Heaven."

Book Reviews

by AAK.

(Editor's Note: The following review of Franklin Wilder's new book is copied from **The Methodist Churchman,** publication of New England United Methodists.)

Father of the Wesleys by Franklin Wilder, $6.00, Exposition Press, 220 pp.

Samuel Wesley—clergyman, writer, poet and wit—was born in 1662. Weighty volumes have been written concerning his methodical spouse, Susanna, but little concerning the father of her nineteen children.

Samuel was a man of unorthodox convictions. Franklin Wilder compares him with the restless population on today's college campuses. There is an assessment of the reasons which caused his rebellion against the then traditional-ridden Church of England. His role as a Dissenter was short-lived however.

We have underestimated Samuel's influence over his two sons, John and Charles. Wilder catalogs instances of that influence. In a sense, therefore, Father Wesley is a spiritual ancestor of the 18th Century spiritual awakening and the 44 million Methodists now in 64 countries.

Samuel Wesley did counsel John to be responsive to "the inner witness, my son, that is the proof, the strongest proof of Christianity." This admonition was never forgotten.

This is a long overdue full length study of a cleric of many accomplishments. But although he was a hymn writer, Old Testament scholar, spiritual advisor to the founder of Georgia, social critic and wit, yet history remembers him especially because of his inability to pay his debts, hence his bouts with the debtors' prison.

Samuel died at Epworth, Lincolnshire, three years prior to John's conversion. The elder Wesley is author of the seldom sung Lenten hymn, No. 248, in the present **Methodist Hymnal.**

The author is an active Methodist layman in Fort Smith, Ark., the author of **Immortal Mother,** a biography of Susanna Wesley. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas Law School, former special agent of the F.B.I., and former Chancery and Probate Judge for the 10th District of Arkansas. Currently he is a member of the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Arkansas Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers' Association.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Harris Franklin Rall, 97, widow of the widely-known professor of theology at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., died April 11.

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United Methodists were among 350 U.S. and Canadian women who met April 7-9 in Toronto, Ontario, with six women from Indochina in a conference aimed at finding ways of ending the war in Southeast Asia.

. . . . . Quadrennial Emphasis . . . . .

CHICAGO (UMI) — Confidence that the United Methodist Church's $20 million Fund for Reconciliation will be paid in full by the end of 1972 was voiced by church leaders at a meeting of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee here April 22.

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass., chairman of the QE Committee, made a moving appeal that massive efforts be launched to carry the program to a successful conclusion.

"I am convinced," the bishop said, "that we are going to go forward in full confidence that the $20 million will be oversubscribed."

The Quadrennial Emphasis, adopted at the denomination's 1968 General Conference in Dallas, Texas, not only involves the raising of the $20 million Fund for Reconciliation to help meet "the crisis in the nation" but also involves church-wide Bible study and voluntary service programs. Headquarters for the movement is in Dayton, Ohio.

The committee was heartened by the recent unanimous action of the Council of Bishops in endorsing stepped-up promotion of the Fund for Reconciliation and was stimulated by executives of the Roman Catholic Church's Campaign for Human Development who shared with them some of their promotional resources and techniques.

Acting on a proposal brought forward by Bishop W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse, N.Y., chairman of the Fund for Reconciliation Committee, the group endorsed a five-step program calculated to bring in the full amount needed to reach the quadrennial goal of $20 million.

In his statement, Bishop Ward called attention to the fact that $16,552,994 had been pledged toward the Fund for Reconciliation and that, as of Dec. 31, 1970, $9,171,696 had been paid.

Church leaders, he said, have the dual responsibility of seeing that the balance of the pledged amount is paid and that at least $3,500,000 in new money is contributed in order to complete the $20 million goal for the quadrennium. The program calls for half of the money contributed to be retained by the annual conferences for special projects in those areas. More than 780 such projects are currently receiving support from the one-half retained by the conferences.

Out of the one-half going for general purposes, the Fund for Reconciliation has supported some 35 projects in this country and seven rehabilitation projects in South Vietnam. The fund also supports the voluntary service program and the on-going work of the church's Commission on Religion and Race.

In a discussion period, Roman Catholic leaders expressed their readiness to share promotional programs and resources with the United Methodist agency. Both the Roman Catholic and the United Methodist funds will be promoted heavily in advance of the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

In other actions, the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee approved a proposal for assistance to a National Rehabilitation Institute for the Blind in Vietnam, with a maximum contribution of $115,000, adopted a plan which provides for proportionate payments to the various projects already approved as the money becomes available, and declared that if funds are available all current commitments will be paid in full.

Dr. Harry B. Gibson, Jr., New York, reported for the committee on voluntary services. The Rev. Randle B. Dew, New York, staff executive in the Department of Voluntary Services of the National Division of the Board of Missions, indicated that 745 persons had served as volunteers, with 332 of them still actively at work.

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"ABINGDON AUDIO-GRAPHICS" SERIES INTRODUCED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Abingdon Press, traditionally the book publishing division of The Methodist Publishing House, has joined the switched-on, tuned-in age with the introduction of cassette tape and record series.

Initial productions of the "Abingdon Audio-Graphics" program have included "RAP" and "SOS" cassette tape series developed by Dennis Benson, Presbyterian minister who wrote the book, **The Now Generation.**

Richard Loller, Audio-Graphics editor/Abingdon, said the purpose of the new tape series is to "wake up" religious education programs across the country. He said "trusting, caring, sharing are the keys to what Benson is doing in the two tape series he has created."

The first series, RAP, uses spontaneous, portable, and retrievable attributes of cassette tape to encourage experimental teaching in the classroom. Each tape furnishes material for a six-weeks course. Subject matter is Now, Today, and Modern Life. Each of the six cassettes in the series will deal with a single subject such as tension, change, ecology, or drugs.

The other series known as SOS (Switched On Scripture) encourages the same class dynamics as RAP but is based on books from the Bible. The Acts, Jonah, and First John are some of the books covered.

Abingdon also has introduced a 33⅓ rpm record series called DISCO-TEACH. The series uses popular music in a class situation and encourages young listeners to find the deeper meanings of the lyrics.

A printed leader's guide is provided with each record and tape.

United Methodists and United Presbyterians to cooperate in use of curriculum resources

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — United Methodist and United Presbyterian children and youth will soon be using some of the same church school publications.

According to Thomas K. Potter, Jr., Methodist Publishing House vice-president of publishing, elementary weekly story papers **One/Two, Three/Four, Five/Six** and **Accent on Youth,** a general monthly magazine for junior high use, will be included in the selection of supplemental curriculum resources for the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. beginning with September, 1971 issues.

Editors of the United Presbyterian Board of Christian Education and the United Methodist Board of Education will cooperatively plan the content of the publications originally published as a part of the United Methodist church school curriculum series, Mr. Potter said. UPUSA Churches will order these and other Presbyterian educational resources through their Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia.

The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has 8,877 local congregations with approximately three million members. The United Methodist Church has 40,000 congregations and more than 10 million members.

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United Methodists support CLD

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists are active in membership and support of the new international Agency for Christian Literature Development (CLD), which held its first meeting recently in Holland.

The chairman, the Rev. Emilio Castro, president of the Methodist Church of Uruguay, presided at the meeting where $284,000 was approved for 20 literature projects. Among them are a publication and distribution program in Mexico in which Methodists are closely involved, a new Christian magazine in Zambia and provision of popular reading material in various tribal languages in north India.

CLD in 1970 assumed the work of the former Christian Literature Fund, which had been started by the World Council of Churches in 1963. Reports indicate that a total of $1,700,000 may be available for CLD's program in the next five years. Membership of the main CLD committees is designed for parity in numbers between representatives of Western churches and churches in Third World countries.

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Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C., third from left, was installed as president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops in San Antonio, Texas April 15. He will serve a one-year term and be succeeded by Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, third from right, who was named president-designate at the session. At left is Bishop John Wesley Lord, Washington, D. C., president of the council the past year, and at right Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., secretary of the council.

CONTACT ministry shows rapid growth

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. (UMI)— "There's no college or seminary in the world where courses in insight and love are taught—yet these are the basic requirements for counseling troubled people," declared Dr. Norman Vincent Peale in a keynote address at the first national CONTACT Telcministries conference held here April 17-19.

Dr. Peale, pastor of Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, told more than 1,000 delegates and visitors that the CONTACT teleministry movement is "one of the greatest ideas embraced by the Christian Church in decades."

The 350 delegates from a dozen different denominational teleministries were told by the Rev. Ross Whetstone, Nashville, Tenn., national director of CONTACT, that "at the present rate of growth, there will be 50 CONTACT centers by 1973, answering more than one million calls a year." Mr. Whetstone is assistant general secretary of the Local Church Section for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

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● Merger of Georgia Conferences ruled constitutional

Judicial Council postpones MCSA decision

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (UMI) — The United Methodist Judicial Council unanimously voted here April 24 to seek an advisory opinion from a church court in India before ruling on a challenge of the denomination's apparent rejection of participation in the newly-formed Church of North India.

At issue is whether or not the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (MCSA), as the denomination is known there, had actually voted to participate in the new united church.

In other actions at its semi-annual meeting, the United Methodist "supreme court" ruled constitutional a merger of conferences in Georgia, but stressed that placement of 17 black charges in a separate district is a temporary and transitional measure, dismissed a case in Texas in which agreement has been reached, overturned a ruling of the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer concerning participation in the Alaska Mission meeting, ruled unconstitutional an action of the 1970 General Conference relating to annual conference organizational changes, and spoke concerning rights and obligations of a minister.

The India case dates from January of 1969 when the Southern Asia Central Conference at its regular quadrennial session voted by more than a two-thirds majority to "commend" the plan of union for the proposed united church to the annual conferences for their consideration. At the time, the action was interpreted to mean approval of union.

However, Bishop A. J. Shaw, senior United Methodist bishop in India, reported later that further study showed the action was one of transmittal only, not of approval, and thus, he said, a formal vote would need to be taken by an "extra" 1970 session. The "extra" session rejected the plan.

Between the two Central Conference sessions, the annual conferences approved union by a 69 per cent vote, three per cent more than the two-thirds majority apparently needed.

It was the calling of the "extra" session and its subsequent vote against the proposed union that spurred the appeal to the Judicial Council by 36 members of the Southern Asia Central Conference.

In its action here, the Judicial Council asked the Judicial Court of MCSA for an opinion as to whether the second vote was permissible, and whether it was legal for the Executive Board of MCSA to add the vote to the agenda after the call for the extra session had been issued.

One of the contested points in the case was whether the 36 members of the Central Conference had a right to petition the Judicial Council after the bishop presiding at the time did not permit the motion to come to a vote in the conference.

"(These members) have a right to move referral of an issue to the Judicial Council," the opinion asserted, "and this right is not lost by refusal of the presiding officer to let the motion come to a vote."

The case will be continued on the Judicial Council docket pending advice from the MCSA Judicial Court.

In dismissing the proceedings in the Texas pensions case, the nine-member panel said that petitions asking a declaratory decision had been withdrawn and the issues had been resolved by legislative action and agreement of the parties involved. The case involved the legality of pension provisions in the merger agreement of the Gulf Coast and Texas annual conferences.

The Alaska mission meeting case grew out of Bishop Palmer's ruling that ministers on special appointment for work within boundaries of the mission had full privileges of membership in the annual session. The Judicial Council held that the only persons eligible for membership must be home missionaries by definition and must be engaged in work approved by the Board of Missions' National Division.

In an 8 to 1 decision, the Judicial Council said that the Discipline paragraph adopted in 1970 relating to possible alterations in annual conference structures "is so vague, unclear and devoid of defined standards and guidelines as to amount to an impermissible delegation of legislative powers by the General Conference."

Leon E. Hickman dissented, saying that in his judgment the paragraph (665.1) did provide the necessary guidelines.

The case arose out of proposed changes in the Central Illinois Annual Conference structure.

In a case relating to the South Indiana Annual Conference, the Judicial Council held that ministers in the United Methodist Church are entitled to the rights and privileges they had in either of the denominations represented in the new church, but this does not in any way relieve a minister from the fulfillment of the "regular obligations and responsibilities of his classification."

According to the Rev. Murray H. Leiffer, president of the council, the group's next session will be held October 6-9 in Lake George, N.Y.

United Methodist publications receive Merit Awards

PHILADELPHIA (UMI) — Several United Methodist publications were among those receiving Awards of Merit at the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press here April 14-16.

Two publications which received the award of merit for general excellence were: **Face to Face,** a youth publication edited by Kenneth A. Winston, Nashville, Tenn., and **new world outlook,** edited by Arthur J. Moore, Jr., New York.

An award for excellence of editorial advocacy also went to **new world outlook.**

Together, edited by Dr. Curtis A. Chambers of Park Ridge, Ill., won an award for best use of photography in the general church magazine category. **Together** also received honorable mention for general excellence.

Mission magazines receiving honorable mention included **American Bible Society Record,** edited by Benjamin A. Bankson, New York, for best article or series, and **new world outlook,** New York, for best use of photography.

In the category of regional news journals, the **South Carolina United Methodist Advocate,** edited by Dr. A. McKay Brabham, Columbia, S. C., won an award for best reportage, and the **Texas Methodist,** edited by the Rev. Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III, Dallas, Texas, received honorable mention.

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• Fund for Reconciliation project

SHREVEPORT METRO HOLDS SECOND INNER-CITY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Twelve teams took part in the Second Inner-City Basketball Tournament of the Shreveport Metropolitan Ministry held recently at St. James United Methodist Church in Shreveport.

Maurice Monroe was the director of the Tournament, which is a Fund for Reconciliation Project designed to give inner city youth the opportunity to develop skills in sportsmanship and intergroup communications, and provide them fundamentals of basketball.

The teams were: the Sprague Street Jets, the Lakeside All Stars, the KOKA All Stars, Johnson Chapel Team, St. James Methodist Church, St. Paul Methodist Church, the Dominoes Junior and Senior Teams, the Allendale Junior and Senior Teams and the Butler Street Team. These played in two divisions, Junior and Senior.

Senior division winners were the Dominoes and the KOKA All Stars were runners up. Junior Division winners were Allendale first, and Butler Street runner up.

First place winners in Senior Division of Dominoes Basketball Team. FROM LEFT (front): Capt. Robert Lincoln, Looney Bates and Anthony Jones; (back): Sam Brooks, Albert Jackson, Co-Captain Charles R. Wilson.

Winning basketball team in Junior Division of Tournament. LEFT (rear): Mrs. Rebecca Miller, coordinator of Allendale Neighborhood Center, CAPCAB. Coach Ronnie Patterson, at right of Allendale team.

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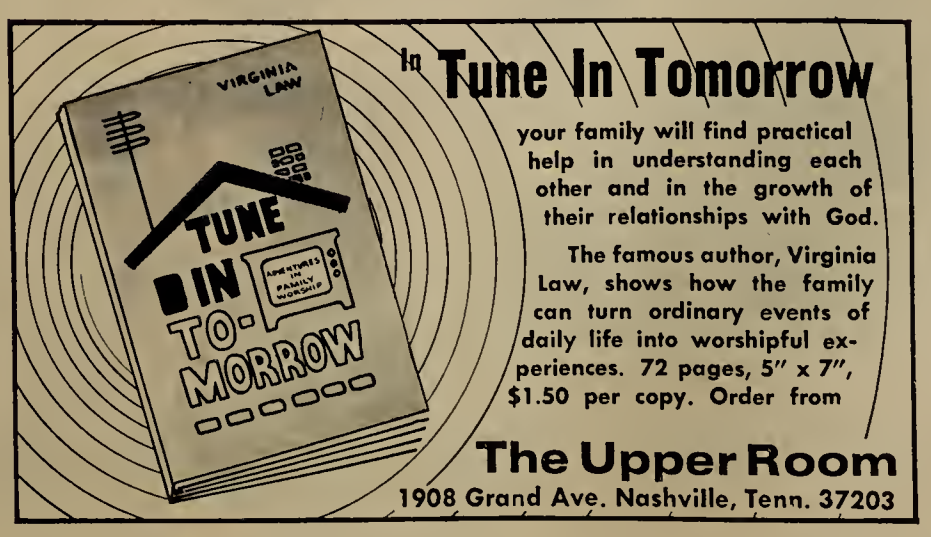

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Any feeling of satisfaction a producer may experience, must await the reaction of the viewing audience. Only then can he determine how good a steward he has been of investors' funds and the talents of cast and crew.

Recently, I've been hearing from concerned citizens who live in the smaller cities where we cannot afford to send our field staff. They ask when the picture will be coming to their community or what they can do to help make it happen by giving their time and effort in a "labor of love."

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Youth Retreat held at Gulfside Camp

by Cecil Bland

Thirty-seven youth accompanied by six adults took part in a Junior-Senior Easter Weekend Retreat at Gulfside Campgrounds near Waveland, Mississippi. The youth and their counselors were members of the Shreveport District of Conference B, United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The Rev. J. C. Bibbons, Shreveport District superintendent was in charge.

The group arrived at 3:30 a.m., Friday, April 9 at the campgrounds, and after registration and assignment to rooms, went to breakfast. Following morning worship and assembly, the young people broke into small groups to have a field survey. The purpose of the survey was to discover incidents of a real living God.

Alvin R. Kirk of Shreveport, who reported on the Retreat, said that the Gulfside area was itself proof of a real living God. Recent hurricane damage all but destroyed the camp area, but he reports that "Gulfside wasn't just being rebuilt, it was being renovated from top to bottom and will in the near future be a larger and more beautiful Gulfside than ever."

The Rev. James Graham, director of the Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries presented programs on United Methodist Program ideas and their meaning and contemporary worship. The second and final day of the retreat featured "The Role of the Black Man in the Methodist Church, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," led by Dr. Graham.

A talent show followed by an agape meal completed the retreat. There were also quiet times, swimming and fellowship.

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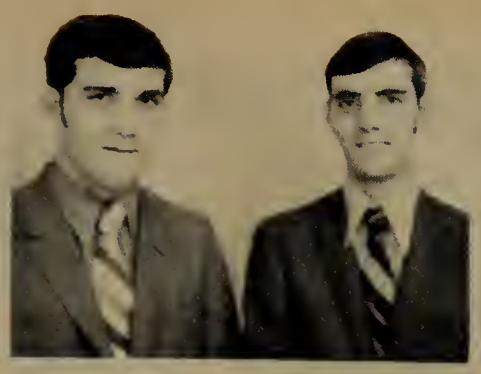

LEFT: Jimmy Cogle (l.) was Moster of Ceremonies and Bobby Newcomer (r.), of Northeast Louisiano University was speoker for the April 22 bonquet honoring graduating high school seniors ot First Church, Bostrop. RIGHT: Some of the youth ond counselors ot senior bonquet. The Rev. Cleburne W. Quoid is postor.

The Junior High Church School Closs at Wesley United Methodist Church in Sulphur, sponsored on Eoster outing for the children shown in two pictures obove. The class is tought by Hubert Blonchard; class president is Jock Hansen. The Rev. Deen Thompson is postor.

SECOND PHOTO ABOVE: Leoders ond witnesses for the Youth Renewal Mission held ot Lokeview Church in Minden recently. Witnesses come from Bradley, Ark., Gibslond, Blanchord, Groce Church in Ruston, ond from other churches in Minden. Mr. ond Mrs. Jock Seney ore counselors ot Lakeview; the Rev. Louis M. Coppoge is postor. In other picture obove, ore shown John Peoples (l.) and John Vining, students ot Louisiono Tech in Ruston who presented oppropriote folk music during the mission.

Miss Willie White wos discussion leoder in this session on "Block Men in Methodism," ot Eoster weekend Retreot ot Gulfside Campgrounds in Mississippi.

Group from Shreveport District, Conference B ot Retreot held at Gulfside.

Jomes Steward (stonding), president of Shreveport District UMYF (Conference B) leoding discussion group during Retreot.

The obove class of eight young persons was recently received into the membership of Louisiano Memoriol United Methodist Church in Opelousos, by the Rev. Fred O. Shirley, pastor.

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Methodists in Louisiana move towards merger

by Cecil Bland

"All Gaul is divided into three parts . . ." This is the opening sentence of Julius Caesar's Commentaries. If someone were to write the history of the United Methodist Church in Louisiana he would have to begin "Louisiana Methodism is divided into two parts . . ." that is, into two separate organizations, known as Conference "A" and Conference "B".

Since the year 1939, when the Methodist Church was formed out of the union of three churches: The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, black Methodist churches and white Methodist churches have been members of two separate groupings.

The 1968 "Uniting Conference" in Dallas, Texas, at which the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist churches came together to become the United Methodist Church of some 10½ million members, steps were taken to dissolve the separate structures of the two groups and to eventually become one church. This was desired by the church at large for moral, economic and practical reasons.

The basic Methodist organizational structure is the "Conference" presided over by an elected Bishop of the church. In Louisiana and several other Southern states, there remain several separate black and white conferences. In this state, these are known as Louisiana Conference A and Louisiana Conference B.

On the evening of Tuesday, June 1, this year, in a historic ceremony, these two Conferences will be dissolved and a new, single Conference organization, the Louisiana Annual Conference will be brought into being. Drama and pageantry will mark this event, which will bring to an end the 126 year old white conference and the 104 year old black conference.

In January, a joint meeting of the two groups was held in Alexandria to present the final details of what will take place at the June meeting which will accomplish the goal of many committees working over a period of three (3) years, since 1968.

Four hundred and sixty white churches with a membership of 122,500 and 160 black churches with a membership of 16,800 will be brought under a single structural organization, with 10 districts (the smallest geographical structure of the church), presided over by district superintendents.

Certain legalities will be performed to bring all church properties under one organization; educational and training programs will be simplified; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, resident bishop in Louisiana, will preside over one Conference rather than two as he has since 1968.

The program for the actual ceremony of merger will be as follows: There will be a joint service of Holy Communion and Commemoration at the new domed stadium on the campus at Centenary College in Shreveport Monday evening, May 31, 1971. On the next day, June 1, the two conferences will hold their final sessions separately, Conference B at St. James

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New first unit of Reveille United Methodist Church

Services held in new Reveille Church

Reveille United Methodist Church, Monroe, that city's newest church, is now using the first unit of its new building, according to the pastor, the Rev. Karl Tooke. Construction was started last July on the unit which cost $41,178.

The architect was Roy Johns of the firm of Heuer, Johns, Neel, Rivers and Webb. He started with a Master Plan for the entire site designed to care for the beginning membership of 100 and to provide for development

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Howard K. Smith to speak at Centenary

Howard K. Smith, co-anchorman of the ABC Evening News, a Rhodes Scholar, and a native of Ferriday, Louisiana, has accepted an invitation to speak to the graduating class at Centenary College during Commencement Exercises, Sunday, May 23 at 8:00 p.m.

The graduation exercises this year will be held in the recently completed Physical Education Complex Dome on the south campus.

An Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree will be conferred upon Smith dur-

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Centenary College Development Director Dan Springer (left) thanks officials of the Great Teachers-Scholars fund drive at the conclusion of a successful $225,000 campaign. The campaign leaders were (left to right) James Patterson, chairman of the special division; Edwin F. Whited, general chairman; F. H. "Buss" Delaney, co-chairman, and Armand Daigle, advance division chairman. Not present when this picture was made were Robert Seale, co-chairman of the advance division and Oscar Cloyd, chairman of the general division.

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as the church grows to care for a membership of 2,000.

The contractor for the building was Tommie Clark of Monroe. Robert Shiver was chairman of the Building Committee.

The Rev. W. D. Boddie, Monroe District Superintendent, worked with the District Committee on Church Location and Building in the selection of the site three years ago. The District Board of Missions made the down payment of $12,500 and signed a note for $17,500. The Trustees borrowed $25,000 for the General Board of Missions from the Methodist Children's Home Loan Fund and another $5,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund of the Conference Board of Missions.

The pastor reports that the lot, the building, the parking lot and the equipment are valued at more than $100,000. The total indebtedness is the balance of $18,000 on the General Board note and the balance of $4,000 on the Conference Board note.

"Open House" was held on Mother's Day so that the members of the church could say "Thank You" to all the members of the Thousand Club and to members of other churches and friends who contributed to the Reveille Building Fund.

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MERGER

United Methodist Church, Shreveport, and Conferenee A at Brown Chapel on Centenary campus. Each Conference will complete its business and hold its Service of Closing on Tuesday afternoon.

The Service of Merger will be held on Tuesday evening, June 1, at the Physical Education Center and the business of the new Conference will be held there beginning Wednesday morning and continuing until completion. Bishop Walton announced that Bishop Willis J. King, a former Conference B bishop, and Bishop Paul E. Martin, a former Conference A bishop, both now retired, will assist in the serviccs and business sessions.

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Mr. Bopp and children at Dulac Community Center.

Bopp named Dulac Center director

The Dulac Community Center's Board of Directors has appointed James H. Bopp as Center Executive Director. Bopp sueceeds Allen J. "Jimmy" Hebert, who resigned in December to resume his teachlng career in the public school system.

The Center's new Director has worked there since 1969, when he directed the Kindergarten and Day Care program. From January to March of this year, Bopp served as acting director of the Center.

Before coming to Dulac, Bopp worked for two years in New York City's Manpower and Career Development Agency as personnel specialist and special assistant to the Deputy Commissioner. Bopp's other employment includes summer internships on the staff of New York's Mayor Lindsay and with the Washington Human Rights Project, a civil rights research organization. He also taught school for six months in the Grand Caillou School near Dulac.

Bopp received his B.A. degree from Dartmouth College and completed one year of graduate study in education at Antioch College. At college, Bopp was president of the Dartmouth Christian Union, of the Lutheran Club, and vice-president of the Upper Valley N.A.A.C.P. He graduated from high school at Louisiana, Missouri High School.

The son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Bopp of Lake Arrowhead, California, Bopp is 26 years old. His special interests include child development, economic self-help program, politics, and Louisiana seafood.

Alexandria District Training Session

Visiting before Lay Training Session held in Alexandria on May 4. LEFT: (facing camera) Robert L. Gray, Trout; CENTER: Elmer Malone, Olla; RIGHT: Richard Hoffpauir, Pineville; Away from camera (l. to r.): C. J. Cotten, John Tubb, and Ray Spiller, Trout.

The Rev. Gilbert Wade, Jr. of Colfax explains the Pre-conference Report on Wesley Foundations during the Lay Training session held in Alexandria.

FROM LEFT: Ursin Richard, the Rev. W. F. Howell, Thomas G. Wallace—all from Oakdale. After conference Oakdale will become a part of the Lake Charles District.

Attending the Lay Training sessions from Olla were (l. to r.): the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Malone, Mrs. Sue Babcok, and Mrs. Robert Cassel.

FROM LEFT: the Rev. Gilbert Wade, Jr., Colfax; John Tubb, Alexandria District lay leader; the Rev. Spiller Milton of Lecompte.

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Smith was born in Ferriday, Louisiana on May 12, 1914, graduated from Tulane University in 1936, and began his news eareer in 1939 as a reporter for the United Press in Copenhagen after attending Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar.

Since joining ABC News in 1961, he has reported many of the important news events of the past decade for both ABC television and radio networks.

He was anchorman for the television networks coverage of the 1968 Presidential primaries, conventions and elections, as well as for the same events during the 1964 Presidential year.

In 1966, Smith visited Vietnam where he originated several programs for the highly praised series, "ABC Scope: The Vietnam War."

The only working newsman to win the Paul White Memorial Award, Smith is the recipient of the "Emmy" award and is also a two-time winner of the DuPont Award.

In 1967 he won the Overseas Press Club Award for television interpretation of foreign affairs, his fourth consecutive Overseas Press Club citation.

Before joining ABC News, Smith was with CBS for twenty years. During most of this time he served as chief European correspondent covering the major international news stories of two decades. In 1957 he beeame CBS News Washington eorrespondent and in March of 1961, was appointed ehief correspondent and manager of the Washington Bureau of CBS News.

In 1944, Smith covered the Allied sweep through Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He was in Marshal Zhukov's headquarters in Berlin on the day in 1945 when the Germans surrendered to the Russians. He subsequently eovered the Nuremberg war crimes trials.

After more than 11 years as CBS' chief European correspondent, Smith returned to the United States to take over assignments as moderator, eommentator or reporter on most of the major CBS News efforts, including "CBS Reports," "Face The Nation," "Eyewitness to History," and the "Great Challenge." During this time, Smith also narrated numerous news specials.

He is married to the former Benedicte Traberg of Copenhagen, a former Berlin correspondent for a Danish newspaper. They have two children, Jack and Catherine.

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Editorial

HOW TO GET THINGS DONE IN THE CHURCH

Perhaps no leader within United Methodism has been more effective in getting local churches to understand the necessities of planning than Dr. Lyle E. Schaller. So when he publishes a book in this field it merits our full attention. This is why we have chosen to devote this editorial to a review of **Parish Planning: How to Get Things Done in Your Church.**

Here he offers suggestions and guidelines dedicated to improving the quality of the decision-making process within the parish. Those of you who have heard Dr. Schaller know how practical he is in his approach to this matter, and this same quality is apparent in his new book. He points out that many congregations come to the time of accepting their need for planning without knowing where to find the "handles" for taking hold.

He begins by saying that a great number of the problems within the local parish grow out of the fact that members are living and working within the church but have never taken their membership vows very seriously. For these members the challenges of planning and continuous self-evaluation are most relevant.

Dr. Schaller affirms that all members need to recognize that the environment in which they seek to fulfill the challenges of the covenant of church membership is constantly changing. He says, "The congregation that can visualize itself as a band of pilgrims can see that they are certain to encounter a changing atmosphere, varying opportunities and new challenges."

One of the diseases which the author diagnoses most effectively is "institutional blight" — affirming that it affects other institutions as well as the church. He quotes John Gardner who said, "In some parts of our society a combination of apathy, rigidity and moral emptiness is producing a condition we shall call 'dry rot.'" We wish that everyone might read this book and feel the challenge to see if this cannot be avoided in our churches.

The book describes the function of the "innovator," who is so essential to the renewal of life in the church. It is the skill of this innovator, whether he be pastor or layman, that is so essential to the remaking of the church. The author points out that this person must be willing to respond to the final decision of the group if he is to be effective in determining the direction in which the church will move.

Chapters Four and Five are at the very heart of this book. In the former he outlines the procedures to be followed in establishing goals for the parish, and the setting up of periodic opportunities for evaluation by self and by others as to the progress being made toward these goals. Dr. Schaller says, "Any organization, but especially the voluntary nonprofit organization, that does not have tangible, highly visable, definable, and measurable goals tends to turn toward institutional maintenance as the primary concern of the organization."

Throughout the book the author points out the ineffectiveness of the commercial organization that "endeavors to push its own product" rather than meeting the needs of its clientele. He says, "Whenever an organization becomes insensitive to the needs of people and concentrates instead on 'doing business the same old ways,' it begins to find itself in institutional jeopardy."

He feels that new methods of reporting need to be discovered as the local parish evaluates and describes what it is doing to reach its goals. He charges that traditional report blanks do not encourage self-evaluation as much as they do institutional survival.

The significance of Chapter Five, "Getting From Here to There" lies in its very practical approach — this description of the "handles" for implementing planning. He says, "Little will be achieved by asking people to respond thoughtfully to a problem until after they have recognized the existence of the problem, recovered from their initial fears, and developed an openness to discuss what is happening."

This book would serve as an excellent text for a self-help course in planning for a parish of any size. Its use will enable the members of a church board or congregation to reevaluate their purpose, mission, and methods and put new ideas into action. We hope you will get it and use it in your church.

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the Editor's Corner

Further word on the Mike Mattison Fund

Several weeks ago we reprinted an appeal sent through a mutual friend for assistance in rounding up Betty Crocker Coupons to secure a dialysis machine for Mike Mattison of Heavener, Okla. Very shortly thereafter we passed on the word which came to us from Heavener that coupons far in excess of the number needed had come in.

We received word from two other readers of similar projects being undertaken in other parts of the country and we shared the coupons that had come to this office with these localities which we judged to have as worthy a call as Heavener. We trust we acted as you would have us do.

This week a letter came from Mrs. Hazel Murray of Akron, O. We would like to share a part of it with you:

"Your church paper of April 11 was sent to me by my husband's aunt of Little Rock. You had an announcement asking for Betty Crocker coupons for Mike Mattison of Heavener, Okla. This is very kind of you. Mike is my cousin and I am very happy to tell you that this goal has long since been met.

"Matter of fact, the kidney foundation wrote me two weeks ago and at that time they had enough coupons for four machines. Today I spoke to Mike's grandmother and she said coupons were still pouring in and there are enough for five machines. It is indeed wonderful how people will respond when given the opportunity to do so.

"Mike received a transplant of one kidney April 14. At this time it appears to be successful. Please pray that it will be successful so that he will not have to depend on the dialysis machine to live."

We know you are glad to receive this news concerning the friend to whom you were introduced by this project.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Sen. William Brock of Tennessee, a participant in the recent White House Conference on Youth held in Estes Park, Colo.—and a member of the task force on Values, Ethics, and Culture, charged in a speech at St. Leo's College in Tampa, Fla., that most young Americans wouldn't agree with the conference positions. "It is tragic that so many participants spent their time in vitriolic diatribe against America rather than in a positive commitment to live up to their stated ideals," said the senator.

Reading the final report of the committee on Values, Ethics and Culture to the White House Conference on Youth, Miss Karen Rux of Durham, N. C., received a standing ovation when she concluded "we are motivated not by hatred, but by disappointment over and love for the unfulfilled potential of this nation."

Archbishop Phillip Hannan of New Orleans and others read a minority report into the final document from a task force subcommittee on "sex roles relationships" at the recent White House Conference on Youth. The minority report referred to the traitional family as the "primary unit of society," and said that "The individual and the family draw their strength from the mutual love of parent(s) and child (ren)." It called for "compassion and concern" towards "individuals involved in sex relationships considered legally abnormal."

Members of Congress, ex-servicemen and clergymen are reported to have held stage center in leading an estimated 200,000 in the April 24 rally for peace and justice at the nation's capital in Washington, D.C. However, "there was less official involvement among Churches and religious organizations, although many individuals from the religious community took part," according to the Religious News Service release.

Churches would be committing "national suicide" if they fail to erect buildings, according to Dr. Arland Dirlam, former president of the Church Architectural Guild of America. Speaking to the American Institute of Architects, meeting in Los Angeles, the Boston architect said "the church cannot afford to suspend its leadership in the spiritual advancement of man by merely contenting itself with social welfare."

Part of the property of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. has been ruled taxable because it is not used strictly for religious purposes. Chancellor Frank Drowota made the ruling in a memorandum decision on an appeal by the Convention to a late 1969 ruling of the State Bd. of Equalization, and ruled that the property used "exclusively for religious purposes" shall remain exempt. The case is one of at least six in which publishers of religious material in Nashville are trying to ward off tax assessments initiated in mid-1969. Several weeks earlier Chancellor Drowota ruled that Methodist Publishing House property is taxable in proportion to the percentage of non-religious sales to total sales. Taxation of certain portions of administrative space was also approved. Since the early 1960s, the Methodist operation has paid some taxes on parking lots, a cafeteria and the ad valorem on the inventory of its Nashville Cokesbury Book Store, which occupies space that is leased.

A group of securities analysts has formed the Council on Economic Priorities (CEP) and will gather the facts and figures which would permit investors to evaluate the social performance of U.S. corporations. A staff of from five to 20 persons working out of offices in Washington and on Wall Street does extensive research into the activities of hundreds of corporations. Alice Tepper, 27-year-old director of CEP, said, "We would like to see social responsibility become an additional standard by which corporate practices are evaluated and exposed to the investing public." Miss Tepper characterizes her organization as the "Dun and Bradstreet to social responsibility."

Mrs. Clarie Collins Harvey, the granddaughter of a slave and a member of the Commission on Structure of the United Methodist Church, was elected national president of Church Women United at the agency's triennial Ecumenical Assembly in Wichita, Kans. The new president heads Collins Insurance Companies and Collins Funeral Home in Jackson, Miss., where her husband, an African Mcthodist Episcopal Zion Church minister, is dean of student affairs at Southern University.

Challenging the institutional church to quit promoting itself and get to the real job of communicating what God is doing in the world, John Callaway of CBS Radio said his network seriously desired to cover the "real force of the spirit of religion dealing with life experiences—the reality in which God is moving in the world today." It is not, however, in the institutional church, Mr. Callaway told an interreligious communications workshop and convention sponsored in New York by the Religious Public Relations Council, the American Jewish Public Relations Council, and the National Catholic Office for Information.

The American Catholic bishops are reported to have maintained their traditional support of a celibate priesthood as they ended their Spring meeting in Detroit. A discussion of optional celibacy, which some bishops wanted, did not take place. According to John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, president of the Nat'l. Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), the bishops generally thought the possibility of ordaining married men should be "explored and studied further." This action, and others—including the election of prelates as U.S. delegates to the World Synod of Bishops in Rome this Fall — was thought by some observers to indicate the continuation of a conservative trend within the NCCB.

Rep. G. William Whitehurst (Va.) has introduced a bill into Congress that would permit a clergyman to invest up to 10 per cent of his income in an approved retirement program without being taxed on that portion of his income. However, unless clergymen around the country indicate interest in the legislation, it is thought the measure will be disapproved by the House Ways and Means Committee, as was an identical bill last year. The Congressman's legislative aide, Charles Drago, told Religious News Service that interested clerics and others could write Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, Room 1102, Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, or to any member of the committee representing the clergyman's district.

The first formal conversations of American Baptist Convention leaders with the American Jewish Committee were held recently, according to an announcement from Baptist headquarters at Valley Forge, Pa. Seven staff members met with representatives of the Jewish organization on April 5. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of interreligious activities for the AJC was host. The Baptist announcement said a common tradition in the Old Testament and a tradition of religious liberty and concern for social justice brought the two groups together.

Two approaches to the Middle East question emerged at the recent annual convention of the Associated Church Press in Philadelphia. One focused on the question of anti-Semitism and the position that it is related to anti-Zionism; the other called for greater understanding of the Arab and Islamic point of view. Calling on church editors to exercise a "ministry of reconciliation," James Best, editor of Fellowship said there is "incessant propaganda" on both sides of the conflict, with Christians providing little creative activity toward making peace."

A Jesuit scientist called upon the Roman Catholic laity, during a workshop in St. Louis, to prod churchmen into grappling with the moral challenges of genetic engineering — and suggested the unique consequence of inaction. Father Robert A. Brungs, S.J., a doctor of physics and faculty member at St. Louis University, reported on advances being made in so-called "test-tube" life and in duplication of genetic structures. "Man is on the threshold of being unable to direct our physical development," Father Brungs told the lay audience. "You might say that human history has been a series of gradual acceptances of prerogatives previously considered divine," the Jesuit remarked. ""God has put man on this earth and told him to subdue it, but to subdue it rightly. I believe that a Christian, insofar as he is united with God, is responsible for the universe."

Members of the Texas Senate approved and sent to the House a bill to subsidize students in private colleges, including those having religious affiliations. The question of separation of church and state is a hot issue among many conservative groups but many of these are said to favor the bill as a means of meeting the money needs of church supported colleges. They insist that the state will in no way be subsidizing religion because funds will go directly to the student to pay tuition costs at a private college of his choice.

WASHINGTON, D.C. —Chaplain Gerhardt W. Hyatt, a Lutheran minister with more than 25 years' service as an army chaplain, has been named Army Chief of Chaplains and advanced to the rank of major general. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman will assume his new post when Chaplain (Major General) Francis L. Sampson, a Roman Catholic priest, retires July 31. The first Lutheran chaplain to attain the rank of brigadier general, Chaplain Hyatt has been Deputy Chief of Army Chaplains since 1969. He entered military service in 1945 and has served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. (RNS Photo)

The Rev. Ralph Cain (third from left), Ruston District superintendent, hosted a cook-out at the district parsonage for ministers of the district. A study program for the group was organized during the fellowship occasion.

This team, sponsored by their church—Grace United Methodist in Ruston—attended a recent training workshop for Summer Youth Workers at Camp Brewer. On the left are youth representatives, Wes Lynch and Deborah McGehee; on the right are Summer Youth Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lann. The Rev. Wesley O. Lynch, Jr. is minister at Grace Church.

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Shown during one of the lighter moments of a serious planning session for the Conference-wide Renewal Conference to be held in Monroe the weekend of August 6-7 are, left to right: Dr. Ben Johnson, head of the Lay Renewal Institute in Atlanta, Ga. who will be in charge of the Conference, the Rev. Lea Joyner, host pastor and general chairman of the event, and Joe Solomon, co-chairman. The 24-hour event is intended to provide the opportunity for laymen and preachers of the Louisiana Conference to participate in a Christian witnessing experience on a regional level.

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Ruston District Schedule

TRI-DISTRICT OLDER ADULT
(June 8-12)
(Tues. noon — Sat. 10.00 a.m.)
Director: The Rev. Jack S. Winegeart
506 First West Street
Haynesville, La.

TRI-DISTRICT SENIOR HIGH
(June 14-19)
(Mon. 2:00 p.m.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.)
Co-Director: The Rev. Terry Willis
Box 296
Ringgold, La. 71068

JUNIOR HIGH: (July 5-9)
(Mon. 2:00 p.m.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.)
Director: The Rev. Byrd Terry
P. O. Box 189
Bernice, La. 71222
Co-Director: The Rev. Leon Scott

ELEMENTARY V AND VI: (July 12-16)
(Mon. 10:00 a.m.-Fri. 1:00 p.m.)
Director: The Rev. George Sherman
P. O. Box 700
Hodge, La. 71247

DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF CAMPING:
The Rev. Robert E. Carter
Egan Street
Cotton Valley, La. 72018

Asbury Crusaders to "Sing-In" for Youth Choir

A "miracle" is happening at Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette, in the form of a 40-member men's Crusade Choir, according to the Rev. George W. Ross, pastor. All of the members are laymen — "having in common, a love of the Lord, a love to sing and are dedicated to this way of 'witnessing' for the church," the pastor said.

Dr. R. E. Chandler not only directs the choir but writes and arranges much of the music sung by the group. In addition accompanist George Brown arranges his own accompaniments, and with his assistant Ronnie Perry provides a two-piano team to play for performanccs.

Jack Paris, choir president, says this choir is exactly what the name implies, "Crusading for Christ." The male vocalists sing regularly for Sunday evening services at Asbury, and have appeared at many churches in the area.

The choir is presenting "The Crusaders' Sing-In" Thursday, May 13 and Friday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. to benefit the church's Youth Choir. Proceeds from the "benefit performance" will go to help the Youth Choir make a scheduled trip to Mexico in June.

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NEWS and NOTES

OPELOUSAS YOUTH provided the program when members of Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church held the family picnic in the park. The Rev. Fred Shirley is their pastor.

WORK DAY AT CAMP BREWER, Alexandria District, was postponed from Saturday, May 8, to Saturday, May 15.

CHAPLAIN CHARLES FAY, deputy post chaplain at Fort Polk, was the guest speaker in Leesville's First United Methodist Church, May 2. He is a member of the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, and has had duty as a troop chaplain in Vietnam, Korea and Germany. The Leesville minister is the Rev. Eskel L. Tatum.

DR. AND MRS. S. D. BUFORD, chairmen of the Family Life Committee in Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, were in charge of Family Week activities in that church. A family picnic and vesper service were held on Sunday afternoon, May 2. Dr. Sam Nader is the Noel pastor.

THE HENNING MEMORIAL Church Family Night supper in Sulphur, May 5, had entertainment furnished by the Wesleyan Bell Choir from First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles. The Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is the Henning pastor.

A CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL was held in First Church, Baton Rouge, on Sunday evening, May 2. The Carol Choir, for boys and girls in 1-3 grades, is directed by Miss Ardith Leckey; the Asbury Choir, for those in 4-6 grades, is directed by Dr. Earl Redding; Wesley Choir, for 7th and 8th grades, is directed by Miss Susan Straley. Mrs. Melvin Ballard, Mrs. Charles Jimerson and Mr. Melvin Ballard are accompanists.

The Raymond United Methodist Church held a Lay Witness Mission in April. Harvey Laing, at left, of Shreveport, served as coordinator. He is shown with the Rev. Leland D. Wade, Raymond pastor. Felicia Mangum of Monroe was youth coordinator. Twenty witnesses from Mississippi and Louisiana participated.

MEMORIAL DAY was observed at Colquitt United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 1, with the Rev. E. V. Appling as speaker. Dinner on the grounds followed. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor of the Colquitt and Haynesville Churches.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S Family Night supper in Bossier City had as guest speaker the Rev. Bill McCutcheon, associate pastor of First Church in Shreveport and director of the Metropolitan Ministries. The Rev. George B. Cunningham is pastor at St. Stephen's.

DR. JOHN B. HOLT, associate professor of Missions at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, was the speaker in Baton Rouge at the Broadmoor churchwide mission study on May 9. Dr. Holt was a missionary in the Philippines for ten years. The May 2 mission study presented a play enacted by the young people: "How the Word Gets Around." Dr. Barry Bailey is the Broadmoor pastor.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clark Bell, at left, were honored by ministers and wives of the Monroe District at a reception on May 1. The Rev. W.D. Boddie, district superintendent, and wife are at right. Mr. Bell is superannuating when Annual Conference convenes. Mrs. Carl Lueg presented a gift to the Bells as a token of esteem from the group. The Bells have been at Tallulah for the past 8 years.

THE REV. LEA JOYNER, pastor of Southside Church, Monroe, preached during the revival held in the Kelly United Methodist Church the week of April 25. The Rev. Dorothy McGowen is the pastor at Kelly.

MRS. E. O. HILMER, a member of First United Methodist Church in Jennings, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 24. The Rev. Angus Lee Carruth is her pastor.

A CONCERT OF SACRED music was presented in First Church, Natchitoches by the Northwestern State University Chorale under the direction of John LeBlanc, May 2. Accompannists were Fran Walton, Dr. Paul Torgrimson and Richard Rose.

LATIN AMERICAN customs and religion were the subjects discussed by two South American students during the mission program in Southside Church, Monroe, April 25. Manuel A. Somoza and Mercel Rivera, both of Honduras are attending Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe.

"A CATACOMB SERVICE" was held in First Church, Winnfield, on Sunday, night, May 2. Leaders for the service were Judge Hiram Wright, Dennis Shell and the Rev. James Skinner, pastor.

SENIORS HONORED

DR. RUSSELL PREGEANT, associate pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, was the speaker at the banquet for high school graduates given in Jefferson United Methodist Church of New Orleans, April 27. The Rev. Donald Hall is the Jefferson pastor.

THE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL seniors of Wesley United Methodist Church, De Ridder, were guests of honor at a recent covered dish supper at that church. The graduates are Martha Bennett, James Haseldon, and Ricky Deggs. The pastor is the Rev. Walter Clarke.

A PROGRESSIVE PARTY for all Senior Highs of Winnfield United Methodist Church honored the graduating group. Held on Tuesday, May 11, they played volley ball at the Don Walsh's, swam at the George Larson's, and had supper at the Dennis Shell's. The Rev. James Skinner is their pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, DEQUINCY, is honoring graduating seniors tonight, May 13, with a banquet in fellowship hall. The Rev. Walter Clark, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in DeRidder, is the guest speaker. The DeQuincy pastor is the Rev. Robert I. Galatas.

MOTHER'S DAY in the Haynesville United Methodist Church also honored high school seniors. During the morning worship service, each senior was presented a Bible. On the same day, the Women's Society sponsored a breakfast for the group at the Starlite Cafe. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is the pastor at Haynesville.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

May 16—Sunday	Rev. 3:14-19
May 17	Psalms 18:1-6
May 18	Psalms 69:30-36
May 19	Psalms 97:1-12
May 20	Psalms 122:1-9
May 21	Prov. 8:17-22
May 22	Eccles. 3:1-8
May 23—Sunday	Hosea 14:1-7

ST. CLAUDE HEIGHTS United Methodist Church is making a study of "How the Word Gets Around." On April 25, the speakers were Mike Kettering and Sister Catherine Marie. May 2, the speakers were Mike Stark, coordinator of the Head Clinic in the French Quarter, and Loralee Thompson, a coordinator with the Mardi Gras Coalition. The Rev. James O. Evans is pastor.

THE RAYVILLE United Methodist Church held a Junior High Laboratory Enterprise, April 30, May 1 and 2. Seth Granberry, Jr., minister of education at Christ United Methodist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, was the leader. The Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr. is the Rayville minister.

WOMEN'S News in Brief

THE BROADMOOR WSCS in Shreveport had the pastor, the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, speak at the May 4 meeting.

THE MUNHOLLAND Wesleyan Service Guild honored all employed women of the church at a tea given on Sunday afternoon, April 25.

"MEXICAN FIESTA" was the theme of the annual banquet held for all the ladies of Natchitoches First United Methodist Church, Thursday, May 6. The Women's Society sponsored the event.

THE STUDY OF PSALMS will be made by members of the Women's Society of First Church, Jennings, on May 13, 20 and 27. Mrs. H. H. Reed, Mrs. Martin Wagnon and Mrs. Jessie Porter will be leaders.

DR. CLYDE CLARK, Alexandria District Superintendent, was the speaker for the Horseshoe Drive WSCS May meeting.

"WHAT'S FOR REAL in the Youth Culture" was the topic presented by Mrs. Walter E. Cole, Sr. for the May 4 meeting of the Plaquemine Women's Society.

DR. REID GRIGSBY, L.S.U. faculty member who recently toured Nepal as a member of a government study team in the field of marketing, spoke on "Mission to Nepal" at the Broadmoor WSCS meeting in Baton Rouge in April.

COMMENT

How will you use your summer? It is on our door-step, and while it may bring the leisure that is traditionally promised us, it is a time for fewer scheduled commitments. It is possible for us to have that quiet time we promise ourselves all year—a time to restore our souls with reading and meditation from the wealth of material available to us. A time when we can strengthen the bonds that keep us close to the sources of our spiritual strength, to find help in combatting the forces that seem, at times, to shake the very foundations of our faith.

There is a very beautiful old legend that points up the predicament of modern man as he seeks to hold to his faith in the future. There was a wise man to whom many came for counsel. A young man decided that he would figure out a way to confound the wise man and make him a laughing-stock. He decided to go to the wise man with a sparrow between his hands. He would ask, "Is this bird dead or alive?" If the wise man answered "Alive," he would crush the bird and prove him wrong. If he said "Dead," he would open his hands and let it fly away.

So the young man went to the sage and asked: "Is this bird dead or alive?"

And the wise man said, "As you will, young man, as **you** will!"

We, like that youth, stand with your faith in our hands.

Again, how will you use your summer?

Mrs. George Chastain, Chairman
Program Area of Spiritual Growth,
Women's Society of Christian Service Louisiana Conference A

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MRS. EARL CROWE, WSCS recording secretary of the Hammond District, was the speaker during the May 6 session of "The Americas: How Many Worlds?" for the Slidell Women's Society.

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WOMEN OF "THIRD WORLD" FEATURED BY MAGAZINE
(Marjorie Hyer)

NEW YORK (UMI) — The struggle of women of the "Third World"—Asia, Africa, Latin America — to liberate themselves and take a fuller role in building their nations is the theme of a special issue of **new/World Outlook,** published here by United Methodist and United Presbyterian mission agencies.

Portraying efforts of women in 19 countries to break down old barriers, the magazine illustrates some contemporary and varied roles, of women, ranging from a woman prime minister in Ceylon to women gun-toters on opposite sides of the conflict in the Middle East. The 98-page, "double-size" April issue of the ecumenical mission journal seeks to avoid measuring progress of women overseas by standards of Women's Liberation in the U.S. Instead it presents women in the Third World as they "have become a major force for change," as the magazine characterizes them.

In an "Introduction to This Issue," **new/World Outlook** notes that "although a new sense of unity and spirit, a growing movement of selfhood among women is evident throughout the world, no single model can reflect the totality of the universal movement. Priorities in a given place are related to the choices and tensions, culturally and socially, in the here and now of every woman." The magazine is firm about where the church should be: "In clearly unapologetic way the Church to be true to its purpose must now place its full strength on the side of women everywhere in their quest for freedom and selfhood."

About 20,000 extra copies (circulation is 70,000) have been published for use by the YWCA, Church Women United and other groups. Arthur J. Moore Jr. is editor of the magazine.

TWO GUILDS SHARED RETREAT AT CAMP

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of First United Methodist Church of Jennings and the United Methodist Church of Lake Arthur held a two-day retreat at the Lake Charles District Camp recently. There were three group sessions led by Miss May Shafer, Miss Doris Lockwood and Mrs. Angus Carruth. Song leader was Mrs. R. O. Doland.

The group was enthusiastic about the camp site and facilities and plans to have another retreat there next year.

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JOINT LENTEN VENTURE

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Francis Asbury and Jefferson United Methodist Churches of Baton Rouge joined in studying Bernhard W. Anderson's **Out of the Depths, The Psalms Speak to Us Today.** The two societies met for six sessions during Lent. The presidents, Mrs. Jim Poirrier of Francis Asbury, and Mrs. Hal Ginn of Jefferson, worked with a joint committee, making initial plans. Session leaders included several women from the two churches, and the two ministers, the Rev. Henry E. Pickett of Francis Asbury, and the Rev. Tom O. Crosby, Jr. of Jefferson.

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THE JOINT MEETING of society and guild in Trinity Church, Ruston, held on Wednesday, April 14, featured banners made by members of the circles and guilds.

DR. ROBERT HALLQUIST presented the program entitled "Risk in Dealing with Children's Reality" at the May 4 meeting of the Women's Society in Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport.

MRS. ED THOMAS of New Orleans presented the work of the Louisiana Migrant Ministry at the April meeting of the Women's Society in Gonzales United Methodist Church.

Multiple sclerosis patients were guests at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Shreveport. The event was sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Entertainment was provided by members of the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse. The St. Luke WSCS served refresh-

MR. LOUIS SMITH, librarian at Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, presented the program for the Rayne WSCS on May 4.

MRS. J. E. WAUGH was presented a Special Membership at a recent meeting of the North Highlands Women's Society in Shreveport.

MONROE DISTRICT WSG

A gracious welcome awaited 65 members and guests of the Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guild who attended the third annual meeting at Southside United Methodist Church, Monroe, on Sunday, April 25. Mrs. Gloria Bennett, district chairman, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Miriam Walker, district treasurer, reported on last year's giving and the first quarter of this year. Monroe District exceeded their pledge to Missions for 1970.

Mrs. Agnes Miller, past district chairman, presented the Charter of the newest guild in the district to Mrs. Mabel Eppinette, president of Bastrop Memorial Guild.

Mrs. Dot Moss conducted a Memorial Service, and the offering was designed to be sent to Missions in memory of the deceased members.

Featured on the program were training sessions for officers and task groups, conducted by Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, Mrs. Fern Whatley, Mrs. Miriam Walker, Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. Virginia Ward and Mrs. Mildred Moore.

The closing worship was brought by Mrs. Margaret Boddie, (wife of District Superintendent W. D. Boddie) who used for her subject the "Purpose of the Society and Guild" and urged each one present to "catch the flame" of service to God.

Mrs. Callie Crow is president of the guild at the host church and the Rev. Lea Joyner is minister.

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Seen at the Southside parsonage coffee for Guilders of Monroe District preceding the April 25 meeting are, from left: Mrs. Myrtle Mae Foster, Mrs. Callie Crow, Mrs. Ola Caldwell and Mrs. Juanita Cammack.

BELOW:

Mrs. Margaret Boddie gave the closing meditation in Southside Church. Mrs. Agnes Miller, at right, past district WSG chairman, presented a charter to Mrs. Mabel Eppinette for the newest district Guild, the Memorial Guild in Bastrop.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MAY 23: When God's Love Is Refused

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5

MEMORY SELECTION: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! (Isaiah 5:20)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To introduce the writings of Isaiah with an emphasis on the failures of men to be as God wants them to be in their interpersonal relationships; to raise questions about man's hatreds and those other inadequate human ties which threaten mankind in our own time.

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This is the first in a series of four lessons based on the writing of Isaiah. It deals with the moral deterioration that sets in when a country turns its back on the love of God. Next week we will see how this prophet urged his nation to lean more heavily upon God than upon foreign alliances. Then there will be two lessons on quiet faith and the promises of the coming Kingdom.

We have been studying about Amos and Hosea who were prophets to the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Now we will turn our attention to Isaiah and Micah who were God's messenger's to the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Amos was a keen-eyed shepherd who came out of a rural setting to speak against the wickedness of an urbanized society. Hosea was a native of Israel who used the vehicle of his own unhappy family life to speak of the corruption of the establishment and the manner in which it offended Israel's covenant with God. Isaiah was a member of the establishment, perhaps even a priest, who was such a man of integrity that he followed the heavenly vision and preached against many of the practices of which he had been a part. Although he knew of troubles that were threatening the Northern Kingdom of Israel, he saw his own kingdom, Judah, stubbornly holding to a collision course that meant its end if he could not change its direction.

Isaiah's call to become a prophet is recorded in the dramatic sixth chapter. It came following the death of King Uzziah, who must have been a person who exerted a great deal of influence on the young aristocrat. During the visit of respect and mourning, Isaiah saw something in the temple which convinced him of the greatness and majesty of God in a way which he had not previously known.

Dr. Paul Schilling, in his book **Isaiah Speaks,** says of this prophet: "Isaiah was far more than a member of the socially elite. His real aristocracy was of the spirit. From beginning to end he was motivated by a sense of divine mission and strengthened by a power which came from his firsthand experience of the Most High. The nature of his call and his intimate acquaintance with the architecture and worship of the temple suggest that he may have been a priest. In any event, he spoke with the spiritual authority of one who had met God and knew himself to be a spokesman for the Lord."

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A WORD ABOUT ISAIAH

As a part of this first of four lessons based on Isaiah it seems proper that we should familiarize ourselves with this prophet. Most scholars agree that our Book of Isaiah was really two books with the first 39 chapters telling us what we know about this spokesman for God, and chapters 40-66 coming in a later period.

The book itself tells us that Isaiah prophesied during the reign of four kings—Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. **The Interpreter's Bible** puts him on the scene in the period between 742 and 701 B.C.

When one visits the Shrine of the Book, the museum erected in Jerusalem to house the Dead Sea Scrolls, he is overwhelmed by the great central exhibit of the hall — the manuscript of the Book of Isaiah which many scholars feel can be dated in the first or second century B.C. It is a religious experience to stand and watch that scroll so beautifully displayed in a great circular case. When one thinks of the prophets of the Old Testament there is a similar sense of awe and reverence for Isaiah.

Dr. R. B. Y. Scott says (Interpreter's Bible): "Isaiah indeed was an aristocrat of the spirit. He moved like a prince among men. He spoke with the dignity and moral authority which he knew befitted an ambassador of the Most High, and it is evident that he was a product of the finest culture of Judah."

Although himself a city dweller, Isaiah drew some of his most graphic images from close and sympathetic observations of rural life and conditions. He had watched the animals returning to their stables, and he knew what must be done to prepare a vineyard, and which are the best vines to plant.

If there is one attribute of God to which Isaiah lifts us it is majesty. To him Jehovah is the exalted One, the sovereign Lord. He seemed to say that no man could know the majesty of God unless he had experienced it. He also held that the measure of God's exaltation is the measure of his justice. Scott says on this emphasis, "In his presence righteousness itself is defined, and there can be no other. In addition, this sovereign righteousness is personal in its relationships with men." In the presence of such exaltation and sovereign righteousness Isaiah became intensely aware of his and his people's moral evil. He told the people that God demanded that they should repent, ceasing to do evil and learning to do right.

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THE SONG OF THE VINEYARD

The fifth chapter of Isaiah is a great piece of poetry. It is a reproach and a threat cast in the form of a parable and culminating in the interpretation of the parable. In many respects it merits classification with the parables of our Lord. You will remember that Jesus often used the setting of the vineyard to make his points concerning the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Walter G. Williams points out that there was a certain dramatic impact in the use of a pastoral poem by a city-born aristocrat. One might have expected Amos to use such a format. Isaiah used the dramatic on many occasions and he must have been seeking a strong reaction in the use of this poem in which he describes what happens when a people refuses God's love.

This is really a song modeled on a love song similar to those found in the Song of Songs. "Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard." (5:1) The "friend" of whom he speaks is revealed at the end to be the Lord, and the "vineyard" is the Hebrew people. The parable sets forth what the Lord did for his people, asks them why the results have been so disappointing, and then predicts the destruction of the vineyard. He affirms that what the Lord has been looking for in the Hebrew people is justice and righteousness.

The chapter opens with a series of graphic reproaches and closes with a brilliant pen picture of an army on the march. Dr. G. G. D. Kilpatrick in summarizing the chapter says **(Interpreter's Bible):** "This chapter is so full of ideas of timeless force that it is possible to mention only the chief of these which clamor to be heard. Isaiah displays an astonishing versatility in his methods of teaching. He despises nothing which can be a vehicle for his message: an acted parable, a signboard, a costume; he uses anything which will make his word articulate or visible."

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THE VINEYARD AND ITS PREPARATION

In the first two verses of the poem, Isaiah speaks of the preparation of the vineyard. It is described as being located "on a very fertile hill," which must have been a reference to Palestine's favorable location — the idea of the "land flowing with milk and honey." The main point is that God picked out a locale in which his people could prosper.

He speaks then of the vineyard's cultivation and the protection provided for it. He says it was plowed, cleared of stones, and planted with choice vines. Then we read that the owner built a watchtower in the vineyard to guard against the depredations of enemies. The poet says that a wall and a hedge were built about the vineyard to help provide adequate security. What he is trying to say is that if any people ever had a favorable preparation and cultivation for being completely God's people it was the Hebrews.

But the poem tells us that instead of producing good grapes the vineyard produced wild grapes, which were not grapes at all, but obnoxious weeds which were absolutely worthless. Interestingly enough the Hebrew word used too describe them means "to stink." It was no accident that Isaiah used this word here.

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THE VINEYARD OWNER'S QUESTIONS

In verses 3 and 4 the owner of the vineyard raises the question of what more he might have done for the vineyard to guarantee a successful harvest. We hear him asking: "What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?"

Isaiah has shown himself a more skillful poet here. He has painted a picture, elicited a sympathetic response, asked a question, and then left his hearers condemned by their own answer. He confronts the people with the infinite pains God has taken for them and his expectation that they would respond to his love. He goes on to predict their doom following the figure of any good farmer who would clear his soil of the vines that were unproductive.

Through this poem all of us — not just the Hebrew nation — are condemned because of our lack of productivity. Scott says: "It is a perturbing experience for any who are sensitive to the loving-kindness of God to reflect what they have done with his gifts, and how poor a thing they have made of a life so crowned with mercies. . . The root sin is what we have done with God's love; it is the perversion of good which is our shame."

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GOD'S HEARTBREAK EXPRESSED IN SONG

In our last lesson we made the point that God's greatness does not guard him against knowing heartbreak for the inadequacies of his creatures. Sad songs have always been an effective method of telling the world what happened to love's fondest hopes. George Matheson distilled all the heartbreak of a disappointment in love in the hymn, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go." This song should have a new depth of meaning for us when we realize the composer's broken-heartedness when one whom he loved very much turned her back on him because he was blind. He wrote the hymn years later on the occasion of his sister's marriage. As he reflected upon the love of God which never disappoints, he opened his own heart to the disappointments that had been there for so long.

In today's lesson we have seen how Isaiah expressed in a song the heartbreak of God over the rejection of his love by the children of Israel. It is a beautifully phrased but painful lament upon God's grief when that love is not returned.

Spurning love is one of the most despicable things a person can do. From Isaiah we learn that God's love for his people extended to the utmost. It is against this backdrop of his love that we must contemplate the consequences of man's refusal to do what God wants. The tragedy with Israel is that they did not heed the warning of the poem. If God's love for us goes unreturned we, too, must accept the consequences.

"Quote and Unquote"

The Rev. Don E. Saliers, professor of practical theology at Yale Divinity School, speaking at the recent National Liturgical Conference, said: "It boils down to this. Worship, if it is to be authentic, cannot be systematically isolated from ordinary life. And where there is community of genuine prayer lived in praise of God, there the outflowing ministry to human hurt will be marked as a sign of God's redemptive and recreating life."

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John Callaway, vice-president of CBS Radio, in a recent speech to the Religious Public Relations Council, said, "It is time for the institutional church to quit promoting itself and get to the real job of communicating what God is doing in the world."

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Dr. Arland Dirlam, former president of the Church Architectural Guild of America, told the American Institute of Architects meeting in Los Angeles that, "Churches will be committing national suicide if they fail to erect buildings. The church cannot afford to suspend its leadership in the spiritual advancement of man by merely contending itself with social welfare. It must grow and display this growth in the physical form it adopts to provide for future demands."

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Dr. James M. Gustafson, Yale University theologian told a press conference in Atlanta, Ga. that, "The university is currently better equipped than the church to provide a forum for the moral discussion needed to deal with complex social, medical and technical problems."

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Father Roberto Tucci, editor of Rome's Jesuit Journal, speaking recently at Fordham University in New York, said: "The Christian church of the future, if it is to be authentically human, must pass fully to the side of the world's poor in deeds, not words, and exercise a constructive critical function on society's structures."

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Dr. Billy Graham, differing with those who see the current Jesus People movement as a fad, said recently in Los Angeles: "It doesn't bother me that it might be a fad. If it is a fad, I welcome it as a fad. At least it is a positive fad. It's a lot better fad than tearing down the city and burning buildings the way they were doing a couple of years ago."

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, speaking at the recent meeting of the U.S. Conference for the WCC in Albany, N.Y. said: "The world is changing so rapidly and apparently for the worse so that increasingly men everywhere are afraid and hopeless. But God is not dead nor does he sleep. . . and he calls to us a new obedience fit to serve in the crisis that we and all men face together."

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

While Russian astronauts continue to astonish everybody, and the news pours in from Pakistan, contradictory and uncertain, and while the unemployment figures rise to unprecedented heights in post-war years in Britain, one subject continues to occupy the attention of headline writers and mass-media men. It is the universal one of sex.

A Birmingham teacher has appeared in a sex film, and she has been suspended. The row about it all coincides with Lord Longford's attempt to stamp out the publication of pornography, by drawing attention to it in the House of Lords. And, indeed, for a generation which prides itself so much upon freedom and permissiveness, we are amazingly, and it seems sometimes almost morbidly concerned about this three-letter word sex.

The Social Responsibility Department of the Birmingham (England, not Alabama!) Council of Churches recently declared itself on the subject when a so-called "sex supermarket" was proposed for the city. While there were reservations about the idea, the Social Responsibility Department pointed out (I quote) "Unfortunately it has often been the case that Christians both past and present have swept under the carpet all discussion of sexual relationships and the Church has been very slow to engage in positive programmes of sex education." By standing on the touchline in this way, says the report of this body, many people from the church have looked to other organisations to help them to gain a more mature attitude to sex.

Certainly it must be acknowledged that many Christians who have not found a means of expression on church premises for their conviction that sexual education should be made available, have given themselves to the project through other organisations, such as the Marriage Guidance Council, and various Clinics and counseling organisations.

Now there has been offered to the British public a new medium of expression for the living of the life of today. It is a magazine with the title **YOU.** It is published jointly by TPL Magazines and the British Medical Council. This is an "umbrella" to give it maximum respectability and dignity.

The magazine even has a Foreword by Prince Philip, and that is the accolade to make our magazine a success. It professes to be concerned about the quality of life and uses the knowledge of the doctor to offer advice and articles on a wide variety of subjects including sexual matters. The difference between this publication and others is that it has the status of being launched under the banner of a principal medical body, and with all the authority that such a body can invest in such a venture.

It is to be welcomed as a tool in the hands of concerned people.

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POLICE EXCHANGE?

In a conference attended by a wide variety of magistrates, social workers solicitors and church officers in Cardiff recently an interesting suggestion was made when consideration was given to the problems faced by the police forces in its relationships with immigrants. The suggestion was that there might be temporary exchanges of policemen between Jamaica and England.

The conference was held in Cardiff, Wales, where there has been a coloured population for some considerable time and it may be that the very fact that there has been such a considerable immigrant section of the population there for so long helps to make life easier for both immigrant and Welshman.

Such ideas as "help on arrest", the recruitment of coloured policemen, integrated social activities were amongst those put forward as aids to better relationships between police and coloured public.

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New directions recommended for N. Africa missions

NEW YORK (UMI) — A consultation of United Methodist and other church representatives from Europe, America and North Africa has recommended that the United Methodist Church's work in Algeria and Tunisia seek new directions and new forms.

Among those suggested, according to consultation findings, are: That interdenominational Christian communities be developed as a more viable alternative to the present denominational approach; that social, educational and medical work be carried on through, or in cooperation with, governmental or other national structures (cited were such programs as a hospital at Il-Maten in Algeria where the church and the Ministry of Health cooperate); that missionaries be sought for specific openings and in specialized fields such as health personnel and workers with handicapped children.

The meeting, called "A Consultation on the Mission to Islam in North Africa," was held under auspices of the Board of Missions' World Division March 23-26 in Zurich, Switzerland.

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Norman Y. Mineta, the first Japanese-American to be elected mayor of a major U.S. city, San Jose, Calif.. is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in that city.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.(UMI)—Ronald Patterson, editor of ALIVE!, and secretary Ann Lowry look over test issues of the devotional magazine being mailed to more than 350,000 persons. Published by THE UPPER ROOM, an interdenominational ministry of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, ALIVE! is beamed at persons of all age groups not reached by traditional devotional guides. Editor of THE UPPER ROOM and editorial director for ALIVE! is Dr. Wilson O. Weldon. According to Mr. Patterson, the future content and appearance of ALIVE! will be determined largely by responses to the test issue. First issue (Vol. 1, No. 1) is scheduled to be available in mid-November.

Bible Society appoints woman to high office

NEW YORK (RNS) — Alice E. Ball, who has served with the American Bible Society since 1955, has been named the organization's first woman executive secretary.

As head of a new Department of Women's Work, she will supervise and coordinate the work of the society's women's activities in the Eastern, Central, and Western and Pacific Regions of the U.S.

Miss Ball was a delegate to the first International Youth Conference of the Salvation Army in 1950. She has been an active member of the United Methodist Church for a number of years.

Since 1964, Miss Ball has served in the Bible Society's Overseas Disrtibution Department as secretary for Latin America. From 1968 to 1971, she was also the United Bible Society's consultant for the Americas.

Social Concerns Board approves China stand

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — "Whole hearted approval and support for the recent steps taken by the United States government in the direction of improving relations with the Peoples' Republic of China" were expressed here April 22 by the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church.

The statement, issued during a monthly staff meeting, noted the CSC executives' "deep satisfaction" with the recent invitation to U.S. table tennis players extended by the Peoples' Republic of China.

"We earnestly hope that the exchange of table tennis teams," the CSC staff said, "will be followed by a substantial volume of people-to-people contacts and exchanges involving scholars, journalists, doctors, educators, students, and artists — representing, in fact, the whole spectrum of life in the two countries."

The statement also recalled that in October 1969 the Board of Christian Social Concerns had urged the U. S. government to withdraw its opposition to seating the Peoples' Republic in the UN General Assembly and as a permanent member of the Security Council.

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Adchurch offers new interpretive service

Early this year churches in the U. S. were offered a new interpretative service. Professional help was offered in the field of newspaper advertising. The company formed to provide these services, ADCHURCH of Evanston, Ill. discovered so much interest in their service they have expanded it to include radio spot announcements, as well as specialized advertising consultations.

In this expanded program, ADCHURCH is offering local churches five series of radio spots, with 13 announcements in each series. They are geared to the newspaper ads to provide a united advertising campaign for the local church but the spot announcements can also be used without newspaper backup.

According to the officers of ADCHURCH inquiries were received from every state in the nation and from both Roman Catholic and Protestant groups. Chaplains in all the military branches have made inquiries for use in the newspapers published at most U. S. military bases. All the chaplains in the U. S. Air Force received brochures from one man who wanted them to know about this new service.

The latest ADCHURCH catalog includes information about a specialized advertising service. Local churches or groups of churches will have anniversaries, a special series of meetings or some other type of event which would be helped by an advertising effort. ADCHURCH is prepared to give specialized consultations to such churches, including the visit of a consultant, where necessary, and the preparation of a total newspaper, radio and TV advertising program.

One pastor wrote to ADCHURCH following the first announcement of the services indicating that the total cost of the program was more than underwritten by just one new person a week attending his services. Another wrote about a letter from a person in the community thanking him for the ads, saying "It is great to have at least one church in our community trying to let people know the church is still in business. . . the Lord's business."

Currently ADCHURCH offers ads with a variety of formats and sizes, representing both the traditional and the contemporary approaches to religious life. The radio spot announcements vary from 10 to 28 seconds in length. Local churches are finding stations prepared to offer very low rates for spot announcements. In some instances stations accept them free for use on public service time because of the message they carry.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the services provided by ADCHURCH can obtain a free brochure by writing: ADCHURCH, 1100 Church St. #502, Evanston, Ill. 60201. The four United Methodist ministers who formed ADCHURCH are: Earl K. Wood, Evanston, Ill., president; Robert L. Robertson, Dallas, Tex., vice-president; Miles Jackson, Lincoln, Neb., secretary; and Joe T. Moore, Birmingham, Ala., treasurer.

Dr. Blake says Church cannot afford sectarianism

ALBANY, N. Y. (UMI) — No church can afford the "comfortable conviction" of a sectarianism which believes its own particular denomination holds all the truth the top executives of the World Council of Churches, declared here recently.

Speaking at the closing session of the two-day U.S. Conference for the WCC, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Geneva, Switzerland, WCC general secretary, called attention to the major shift toward happier Protestant-Catholic relationships that has occurred in recent years and to the new sense of interdependence of all peoples because modern technology has turned the earth into a "global village."

Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York, executive secretary of the U. S. Conference and a United Methodist minister, told the delegates that the American people today are involved in an "intense search for faith."

While there are many problems facing the nation's churches today, Dr. Smith said, indifference is not one of them.

Dr. Smith noted that both the anti-establishment mood and institutional loyalties which threatened the church a few years ago have not diminished.

The conference, representing 27 Protestant and Orthodox communions in the U. S., condemned the expulsion from South Vietnam of Don Luce, correspondent for the WCC's Ecumenical Press Service. The South Vietnamese government ordered Mr. Luce to leave that country by May 16. It was he who disclosed last summer the existence of inhumane "tiger cage" dungeons of South Vietnam's political prison on the Con Son Island.

The resolution commended Luce's "courageous reporting" and expressed deep regret "that he will no longer be permitted to give voice to the hopes and needs of the silenced people of Indochina."

The resolution will be transmitted to President Nixon, the government of South Vietnam and members of the U.S. Congress.

Professor J. Robert Nelson of Boston University School of Theology was one of the panelists reporting on the WCC's recent Central Committee meeting in Addis Ababa. Dr. Nelson, a United Methodist clergyman, serves as chairman of the WCC's working Committee on Faith and Order.

Another speaker on the Addis Ababa meeting was the Rev. Andrew Whitted, pastor of St. Catherine African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, New Rochelle, N.Y., and a member of the WCC Central Committee.

Other speakers included the Rev. Andrew J. Young of the Community Relations Commission in Atlanta, Ga., a member of the Advisory Committee on Racism for the WCC; Dr. Roy Neehall, associate secretary of the Committee on Society, Development and Peace, a joint activity of the Roman Catholic Church and the WCC; the Rev. Alan A. Brash, director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the WCC; and the Rev. Canon Burgess Carr, general secretary-elect of the All Africa Conference of Christian Churches.

In his address, Mr. Young, declared: "I may be ludicrously naive, but the kind of church I see in the 70s is a church that won't profit by the exploitation of others — whether in this country, southern Africa or elsewhere."

On the basis of clear moral issues growing out of the Gospel, Mr. Young said that churches have preached themselves into the position of supporting the conversion of moral power to political and economic power.

"Christian missionaries have been telling people everywhere that they are the children of God," he added, "and there is no more revolutionary statement than that."

Dr. John Coventry Smith of New York, a president of the World Council of Churches, who presided at the meeting, was renamed president of the U. S. Conference. Dr. Smith recently retired as director of the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Dr. Lois C. Miller, New York, associate general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions' Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, was re-elected secretary. Dr. Miller is also a member of the WCC Central Committee.

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York and Mayor Erastus Corning II of Albany welcomed the ecumenical gathering to the state and the city of Albany.

Governor Rockefeller, in welcoming the group, referred to his father's devotion to "the seedling movements" of the church councils. The governor said he viewed his appearance at the meeting not as an official duty but as "a very personal pleasure" and "a family matter."

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Methodist communicators honored

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMI) — Several United Methodist communicators were among those honored at a Creative Communications Awards luncheon held here April 22 during the 42nd annual convention of the Religious Public Relations Council (RPRC).

Winners in each of nine categories received a Hinkhouse Award plaque and a $50 cash prize. Presented annually, the Hinkhouse Awards were established in memory of Paul McClure Hinkhouse, a noted lithographer who died in 1963. Mr. Hinkhouse was a charter member of the Religious Publicity Council, predecessor of RPRC.

The Interfaith Workshop and 42nd Annual RPRC Convention was held at the Hotel New Yorker April 21-23.

Co-winners for the "Visual" category were Mrs. Hilda Lee Dail, New York, former literature editor for the United Methodist Board of Missions, Mrs. Dail, now executive director of the Ewha Woman's University International Foundation, was honored for the production of a filmstrip entitled "Risk and Reality" used in connection with 1970-71 Women's Society program materials.

Sharing in an unusual "tie" decision in the Visual category was the Rev. Earl K. Wood, Evanston, Ill., editor of promotional materials for the United Methodist Division of Interpretation. Mr. Wood received his award for production of the film "Do You Know My Name?".

Lawrence Anderson, news and publishing director for United Methodist-related Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., received the "Photography category award.

Winning the "Audio" category was the Rev. William C. Walzer, a United Methodist minister who serves as executive director of the Department of Education for Missions, National Council of Churches, New York City. Dr. Walzer won his award for the audio resources disc "Don't Church Me In."

response, journal for United Methodist women published by the United Methodist Board of Missions, won the "Publications" category award. Carol Marie Herb is editor and Bella Jarrett is assistant editor.

During a business meeting of RPRC, the Rev. Dr. David Gockley, a United Methodist who serves as executive vice president of Religion in American Life (RIAL), was elected to the 1974 class of Board of Governors.

Elected to the merit awards committee for the 1974 class were United Methodists Burton W. Marvin, Syracuse, N.Y.; Winston H. Taylor, Washington, D.C.; and Miss Betty Marchant, New York City.

Father McInnis, of the Tulone-Newcomb Student Center (Roman Catholic) is the resource leoder during the month of Moy for the weekly study group which meets ot Loke Visto United Methodist Church in New Orleons. The group is studying the theology ond life of Teilhord de Chardin. The Rev. Edword R. Thomas is minister ot Loke Visto Church.

ABOVE: Leaders-In-Troining who porticipoted in o Junior High Lob School held ot Rayville United Methodist Church April 30 through May 2, shown with instructor Seth Gronberry, Jr., (second from right, front row). Postor Henry Bowdon, Jr. stonds in bock row, ot left. BELOW: Fourteen of the 15 young persons who took part in the Junior High Lab School ot Royville.

Some of the teochers who provided leodership in the Broodmoor Leodership Training School. FROM LEFT: Mrs. Leon Groy, Mrs. Louise Hostings, educotion secretary ot Broodmoor; Mrs. Kotherine E. Gibbs; Mrs. Moxine Wotkins, ond Mrs. D. A. Morsolis.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL HELD IN BATON ROUGE

Teachers from Jefferson and Broadmoor United Methodist Churches in Baton Rouge participated in a leadership Training School held at Broadmoor Church, April 25-26. Dr. Barry Bailey was host pastor.

Age level groups and their instructors included the following:

Nursery Workers' Class — Mrs. Maxine Watkins, director of Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport; Kindergarten Workers' Class — Mrs. Leon Gray, First United Methodist Church, Shreveport; Elementary I-II — Mrs. J. A. McDaniel, Downsville; Elementary III-IV — Mrs. D. A. Marsalis, Noel United Methodist Church, Shreveport, and Elementary V-VI — Mrs. Katherine E. Gibbs, Program Council Office, Shreveport.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL WORKSHOP HELD IN ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

A Vacation Church School Workshop for workers in local churches within the Alexandria District was held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, on Thursday, April 22, under the direction of Mrs. Wayne Fallin, District coordinator of Children's Ministries. The Rev. David Corley, host pastor, and the Rev. Clyde Clark, superintendent of the Alexandria District, opened the sessions with a devotional period.

The Kindergarten study, "We Help One Another" was led by Mrs. Stanley Knapp; Elementary I-II, "Living in God's World" by Mrs. Daryl Webb and Mrs. John Long. Mrs. D. W. Lankston and Mrs. Earl Vann presented the study "In the Lands of the Bible" for workers with the Elementary III-IV group, and Mrs. Richard Lohrey and Mrs. James Pelley conducted the session on "Living Our Heritage" for the Elementary V-VI workers.

Mrs. E. W. Hines was in charge of arrangements for the host church.

Danny Steere wins "Gabriel" award

A television special written and edited by the Rev. Danny C. Steere, called "WHO WILL ANSWER?" has won the "Gabriel" award, given by the Catholic Broadcasters Association of America, as the outstanding religious television program of 1971. Special citations and the Gabriel statuette were presented to Mr. Steere, and to a representative of KTRK-TV, who produced the show, at an awards banquet in Hollywood, California on April 27.

Steere is a native of Ruston, La., a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and Perkins Seminary, SMU, and was a member of the Louisiana Conference for several years prior to transferring to the Texas Conference. He is now serving as associate minister for Youth and Evangelism in First Church, Houston.

The "WHO WILL ANSWER?" program explored the church's ministry to young people, and featured the UMYF of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church of Houston, Texas. It was later made into a Technicolor motion picture under the auspices of the Television, Radio, and Film Commission of the Texas Conference and the South Central Jurisdiction.

The Gabriel Awards are presented each year to outstanding television programs from both local stations and networks. The Gabriel is one of the newer award competitions; this is its sixth year. It has gained prestige within the broadcasting industry because it recognizes on a national basis, quality religious programming. Steere's program is the first show produced in the Houston area to win such an honor.

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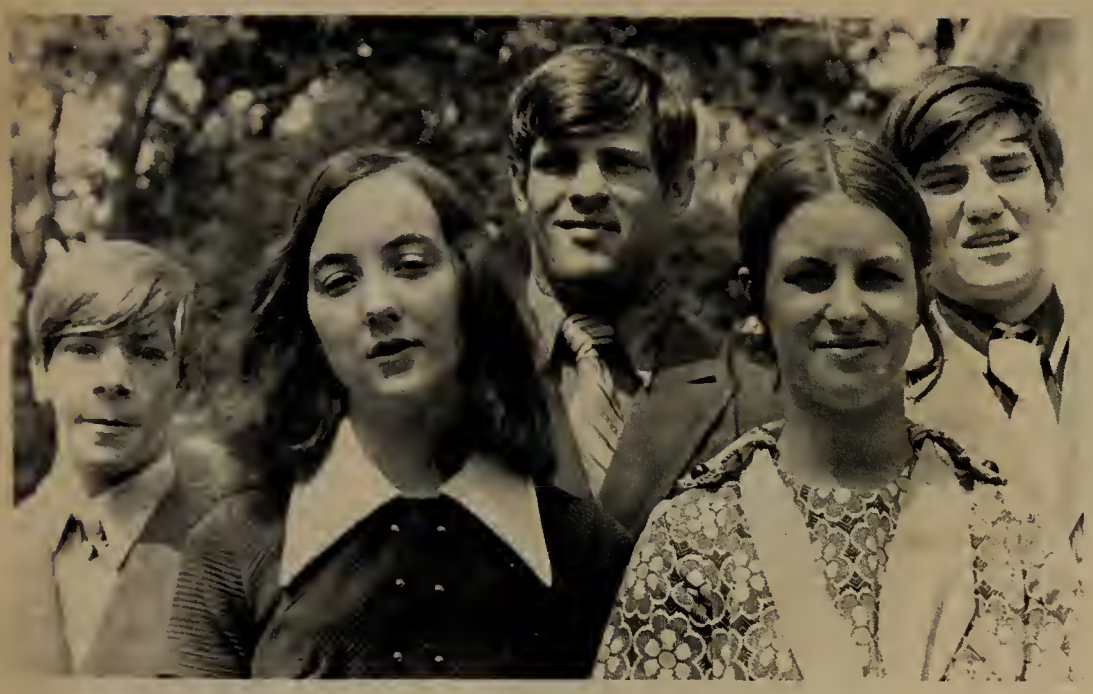

Leaders for Sunday morning worship service at a Senior High UMYF Spring Retreat held at Welsh United Methodist Church, April 15-17. FROM LEFT: Jay Fear, Lady Lawton, Brian Dameier (a Louisiana State University senior and a member of Algiers First Church in New Orleans currently studying to fulfill requirements for a lay license to preach), presented the sermon of the morning, Robyn Pugh, and Chuck Henderson. Eighteen youth attended the weekend retreat. The Rev. Bob L. Lawton is pastor.

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Archie Bridger (right), who had served as treasurer at the Columbia United Methodist Church from 1910 until 1971, was the honoree at Appreciation Day ceremonies on April 25. He is shown here receiving a certificate of appreciation from Administrative Board Chairman, Dr. E. L. Carroll. Gov. John McKeithen, in behalf of the church, presented a flag set for the church in honor of Mr. Bridger; Girl Scout Troop 4, sponsored by the church, formed an honor guard for the American and Christian flags. The Rev. E. H. House, Jr. is pastor.

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LEFT: Young children taking part in the palm processional at Blackwater United Methodist Church at Palm Sunday morning worship service. RIGHT: Twenty-five boys and girls received into the membership of Blackwater Church on Palm Sunday—the largest class in the history of the church. The Rev. William C. Blakely is pastor.

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Committee chairmen for recent Lay Witness Mission at Lasseigne Memorial Church, Laplace, at meeting with Coordinator Erwin Saye (second from right, back row). Saye, a Shreveport geologist, has led several missions, and directed 35 visiting witnesses who attended the Laplace Mission. Mrs. Jack Hively (center, front row) served as general chairman; the Rev. W. V. Sirman is pastor.

Leaders in an Undershepherds' Workshop held at First Church New Orleans, as a follow-up from their attendance at the New Orleans District Recovery Workshop recently. FROM LEFT: Jack Balderas, Allan Furber, chairman of Work Area on Evangelism, the Rev. Alvin P. Smith, minister of Visitation. The Undershepherds' program is a lay program in which participating laymen give special attention and encouragement to five families in an effort to involve them in the life of the church.

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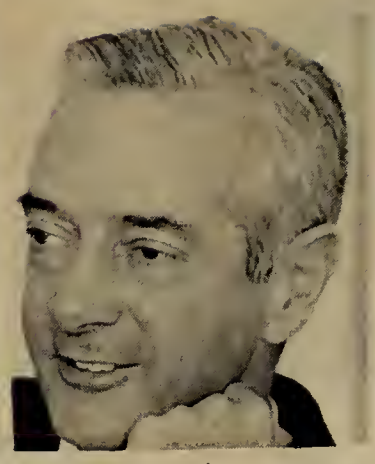

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Five to receive honorary doctorates at Centenary Commencement

The Board of Trustees of Centenary College has approved five Honorary Doctor's degrees to be conferred at Commencement Exercises at the domed Physical Education Complex, Sunday, May 23 at 8:00 p.m.

The Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be conferred upon pianist Van Cliburn; The Doctor of Laws degree upon TV newsman Howard K. Smith and Dr. G. Leon Netterville, Jr., the president of Southern University; and the Doctor of Divinity degree upon the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire. pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Ruston, and the Rev Rex Squyres, pastor of the Moss Bluff United Methodist Church.

It was announced earlier that Howard K. Smith, ABC newsman, will deliver the commencement address following the acceptance of his degree.

Van Cliburn, will return to his former home to accept the honor from Centenary College. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cliburn reside in Shreveport at 455 Wilder Place. The young pianist skyrocketed to international fame when he won the Tchaikovsky International piano competition in Moscow in 1958 at the age of 23. He has made several appearances with the Shreveport Symphony, including his first in 1953, five years before his Moscow triumph and his most recent this past season.

Dr. Nettleville, a native of Dutchtown, La., is the third president of Southern University since it moved to its present location in Baton Rouge in 1914, having become acting president in 1968 and president July 1, 1969. Prior to this he was vice-president in charge of business affairs for the University. He holds the B.A. degree from Southern, the M.A. from Columbia University, and the Litt. D degree from Wiley College.

McGuire has been pastor of the Ruston church since 1960 and prior to that served churches at Mansfield, Shreveport, Downsville, Bethel, and Mt. Nebo, and in the Armed Forces as a Naval Chaplain. He is a native of Arcadia and has a B.A. degree from Louisiana Tech University, the B.D. degree from Duke University, and the S.T.M. degree from the Boston School of Theology. McGuire delivered the baccalaureate address at the Centenary commencement last year.

Squyres is a native of Pollock, Louisiana. In his early married life he labored as a sharecropper during the depression years and was granted a preacher's license to the Louisiana Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church in 1933. He received a B.A. degree from Centenary in 1946 while assigned to the Oil City Church as a pastor. One of his most successful churches was at Hall Summit where he used Centenary students as his associates. He is a member of the Merger Committee of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

George D. Nelson, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. John H. Allen, Centenary President, and Dean Thad N. Marsh, will preside at the Commencement Exercises for the 146th graduating class of the College.

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23rd YEAR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1971 NO. 20

Grayson Watson Centenary's 1971 Baccalaureate speaker

Centenary College will call upon one of its graduates, the Rev. Grayson B. Watson, to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon during commencement exercises on the campus Sunday, May 23.

Watson received the B.A. degree from Centenary in 1961 and returned to the College last year as director of Church Relations after serving as associate pastor at the Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, and pastor of the St. Claude United Methodist Church of Arabi and the Memorial United Methodist Church of Bastrop.

He will address the graduating class at an afternoon Baccalaureate service in Brown Memorial Chapel at 3 o'clock.

Born in Monroe, Louisiana, October 11, 1939, Watson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watson who presently live in Little Rock, Arkansas. Graduating from West Monroe High School in 1957, he came to Centenary and then continued at Duke University where he received the B. D. degree in 1964 and began his ministry with the Louisiana Annual Conference.

He is a former member of the Conference Commission on Worship and presently a member of the Conference Board of Pensions and the Board of Managers of the Pastors' School.

Watson is married to the former Sarah Weber of Arlington, Iowa, and they have two daughters, Jennifer, age 5, and Amanda Marya, one year.

George D. Nelson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College (center) accepts the gift of Hamilton Hall from Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hamilton of Shreveport, during May 3 dedication ceremonies. (Story on page 2)

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Listening to the Centenary Chair during dedication ceremonies at Hamiltan Hall are (l. to r.) Charltan Lyons, Jr., Cantractor B. J. Whitaker, Architect Dewey Somdal, President John H. Allen (wha accepted the keys far new administration building from Somdal during ceremonies), Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hamilton, George D. Nelsan, chairman af the Baard af Trustees, Chaplain Robert Ed Taylor, Professar Webb D. Pomeroy.

Centenary's new Hamilton Hall dedicated

Hamilton Hall, the new administration building at Centenary College, was officially dedicated "to the holy ministry of education and the spiritual enrichment of all who shall come here in pursuit of knowledge," in a brief ceremony in the lobby of the facility Monday afternoon, May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hamilton of Shreveport, who donated the building to the College, presented it to the chairman of the board of trustees, George D. Nelson, in a religious ceremony in which they said "We present this building to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God and for His service in the enlightenment of His children."

Dr. John H. Allen, president of Centenary, along with Chaplain Robert Ed Taylor, Professor Webb D. Pomeroy, contractor B. J. Whitaker and architect Dewey Somdal participated in the dedication. The Centenary Choir, directed by Dr. A. C. "Cheesy" Voran, sang "Salvation is Created" by Tschesnokoff.

Hamilton Hall and the new gold geodesic dome Physical Education Complex were recently completed at a combined cost of over $2 million.

The Hamilton family ties with Centenary go back to the turn of the century when Mrs. Hamilton's father, J. B. Atkins, and other businessmen in the city prevailed upon College officials to move the Methodist school here from Jackson, Louisiana. Mrs. Hamilton enrolled at Centenary and has the honor of being the first woman to graduate from the Shreveport compus. She served for many years as a member of the board of trustees and is now an Honorary Life Member of the board.

Hamilton Hall replaces the old administration building on Centenary Boulevard which was constructed in 1924 as the second brick building on the campus. The new structure is of Georgian architecture to blend with the rest of the campus and contains the offices of President Allen and the entire staff of the College.

The new domed physical education complex has complete facilities for the PE department, plus a basketball court and seating for 4,000 persons. The dome was constructed with the help of a $600,000 grant from the federal government.

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UMCOR allocates funds for Relief and Rehabilitation

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UMI)—The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) has allocated more than $430,000 for relief and rehabilitation projects overseas for the months of May, June, July and August.

The allocations, made at the Committee's meeting here April 29-30 will mostly go for work in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Nearly half of the funds, approximately $214,967, will be channeled through six interdenominational agencies, including the World Council of Churches, Church World Service (the overseas relief arm of the National Council of Churches), the World Alliance of the YMCA's and YWCA's and Heifer Project, Inc. A total of $16,200 will go through United Methodist agencies, but some $203,563 in special grants will go directly to United Methodist-supported projects in developing countries.

Vietnam Christian Service, which has 16 UMCOR personnel on its staff in South Vietnam, will receive $75,000 the largest single special grant. Next largest grant of $50,000 will aid relief work among some 50,000 Quechua Indians victimized by the earthquake in Peru in 1970.

Other grants will assist programs in family planning, water development, food production and community development.

Baton Rouge District Conference honors Luman Douglas

Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, expressed the appreciation of the Baton Rouge District for Dr. and Mrs. Luman E. Douglas during the District Conference on April 27.

Dr. Douglas, who is taking Medical Disability Retirement at Annual Conference, expressed his appreciation to the members of the district for their cooperation during the time he has served as district superintendent there. Dr. and Mrs. Douglas will be making their home in the Baton Rouge area.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the presentation by Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn of the causes included in the program of Louisiana Conference A. Through the use of cassette recordings he showed how individuals have benefited from the benevolent services of the Conference.

The message at the evening worship service was brought by Dr. Hearn.

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Glen Messer, Waady Hearn and Ben Oliphint at Baton Rouge District Conference.

Dr. Dana Dawsan, Jr. with Dr. and Mrs. Luman Dauglas, wha were honored during the Batan Rauge District Canference.

BISHOP NICHOLS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AT SAINT PAUL

Bishop Roy Calvin Nichols of thc Pittsburgh Area of the United Methodist Church was the speaker for the tenth annual Commencement on May 17 at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City.

Prior to Commencement an Alumni Luncheon was held, the features of which were the recognition of the class of 1966 as the Honor Class, the presentation of the Distinguishcd Alumni Award, and the induction of the graduates into the Alumni Association. Following the luncheon the Prcsident's and Dean's Reception was held in Schoellkopf Lounge.

The Master of Divinity degrcc was conferred on 53 candidatcs; eight received the Master of Rcligious Education degree; and one received the Master of Lay Ministry dcgree.

Editorial

Youth representation in the Annual Conference

In The United Methodist Church, as in most of the other denominations, there is a growing movement to provide greater youth representation at all the levels of decision making. As we observe our own youth at work in the local churches, on the college campus and in the total community life, we are impressed with the fact that they do have something to contribute. Just ahead of us is another opportunity to stand beside today's youth.

Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments dealing with youth representation will come before the Annual Conferences this year. Each presents part of a plan by which Conference membership can be opened to them, and both need to be adopted if the plan is to be implemented so that representative youth leaders can be delegates to Annual Conference. (May we point out that the president of the Conference Youth Organization is already an ex-officio delegate under the provisions of Paragraph 36, Article I of the Constitution.)

We will undertake to explain the contents of each of the Proposed Constitutional Amendments in order that the delegates may have an opportunity to see how the two fit together as part of a single proposal. Under the present legislation delegates to Annual Conference must be at least twenty-one years of age, with the single exception of the president of the Conference Youth Organization.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 5 would delete from Paragraph 36, Article I the requirement that delegates to Annual Conference "shall be at least twenty-one years of age," and adds the provision that persons elected delegates shall have been "for one year next preceding their election members of the charge they are to represent."

If this Amendment is passed, charges will be free to elect delegates of any age. This would provide youth representation only if the charge decided it would select a youth as its lay delegate. In some instances where there is more than one minister on the staff and the charge is entitled to more than one lay delegate, they might make such a decision. However, Amendment 5 alone would not guarantee any additional youth members.

Amendment 6 retains the provision that all delegates except the president of the Conference Youth Council must be over 21 years of age. Its major provision is that two "young people" under twenty-five (25) years of age shall be elected from each district as delegates to Annual Conference "in such manner as may be determined by the Annual Conference."

Although the latter Amendment seems to be a means by which each district could be guaranteed two youth delegates, unless Amendment 5 is also passed, these delegates would be restricted to the 21-to-25 age range, a group that is now classified as "young adult." They are quite anxious that they will be given the opportunity to have their high school youth made eligible for representation in the Annual Conference.

It should be apparent that both of these Amendments are needed if youth leadership is to be seated in the Annual Conference. If Amendment 5 were to pass alone it would remove the 21-year age limit on Conference delegates, but it would be up to the local charges to decide whether they would elect a young person. If Amendment 6 were to pass alone it would limit "youth representation" to the 21-to-25 age range. If both are approved then the two youth delegates elected from each district could be of any age under 25.

We feel that both of these Amendments should be passed in the Annual Conference.

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the Editor's Corner

Recollections of my first Annual Conference

Annual Conference always brings something new and exciting, and we hope this is true for every Methodist preacher. However, it is natural that the first session will always stand out as a yardstick by which others are measured.

That was in Paragould in 1938 — the year we were received on trial into the North Arkansas Conference. We were fresh out of seminary, and it was a special treat to be attending the session in my home church — First Church, Paragould. The host pastor was Cecil Culver, and Bishop Charles C. Selecman was holding his first round of Annual Conferences.

Delegates were being elected that year for the Uniting Conference to be held in 1939 in Kansas City. Our seminary student body at Candler had attended the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Birmingham earlier in the year. It was natural that we should be concerned about the ones chosen to represent us at the organizational meeting for the new Methodist Church.

Another item of business that year was the presentation and adoption of the sustentation plan which was the forerunner of the minimum salary program. I believe the minimum set by that first action was $800 with the ministers sharing a portion of what they were paid above that amount.

That was also the year the Conference adopted the program of uniform salary for presiding elders — they would not be district superintendents for one more year.

Of course, the greatest suspense throughout the week concerned that first appointment. There was still a great deal of mystery in those days, and it was late in the week before we were told that we were going to Judsonia with the task of merging two congregations — one Methodist Episcopal and the other Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

It was a great Conference and a great year.

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Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross of the Mental Health Center in Flossmoor, Ill., speaking at a conference on The Patient, Death and the Family, sponsored by the Rochester General Hospital (N.Y.) in cooperation with the University of Rochester Medical School reported that seminars on dying have been launched in more than 50 institutions across the nation in the last two years. Participants at the Rochester seminar included psychologists, sociologists, philosophers, clergymen, psychiatrists, nurses and physicians who commonly treat fatally ill patients. With a little help from professionals who attend him, Dr. Ross said, the dying person and his family can be guided through these psychological stages which many dying patients experience as their death approaches, making death more acceptable and "healthier" for all concerned.

The question of dropping the title "reverend" from official usage and of putting all clergymen on the same salary base are to be among key topics to come before the 183rd United Presbyterian General Assembly meeting in Rochester, N.Y. May 17-28. The Presbytery of Boise has proposed ending the use of the title "reverend" on the basis that it "smacks of a special kind of pietism and seems to make of ordained ministers a special kind of Christian, distinct from all others called of God. . ."

A document released recently by the National Council of Churches claims that 87 per cent of the personnel controlling $2.8 billion invested by agencies of seven Protestant denominations are "men from the general world of business." The purpose of the study, called "Corporate Responsibility and Religious Institutions," is supposed to demonstrate and encourage Churches to bring investment policies into line with commitments to peace, justice and care for the environment. The research covered the American Baptist Convention, the Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Assn.

Plans for a major national conference of British religious leaders to assess the church's position during this country's rapidly changing pattern of society were reported to the Spring session of the British Council of Churches meeting in London. Last Fall the Council, which embraces all leading Anglican and Protestant Churches, expressed belief that such a conference "can be of great significance for the Churches of the British Isles in the rapidly changing pattern of society." The conference will include periods of Bible study and meditation and prayer led by prominent churchmen.

Following a private audience with Pope Paul VI, described as a "courtesy visit" the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S., the Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, is reported to have said that he thought Pope Paul was not anxious, at present, to back greater inter-church collaboration at the grassroots level. Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the Episcopal Diocese in New York have announced an unprecedented joint theological conference for clergy of the two Churches. Anglican-Roman Catholic conversations have been progressing for several years on the international and national levels.

Speaking on "Hangups," to a closing night audience of 15,000 at the University of Kentucky's Memorial Coliseum at the conclusion of a four-night Crusade, Billy Graham referred to Absalom, son of King David. Mr. Graham pointed out that Absalom had about every hangup modern youth complains of — from sex to being against the establishment and the military. "And he also had long hair," the evangelist noted. But Absalom gave in to his hangups rather than giving them to God, and eventually they caused his death," he added.

Large numbers of people are in danger of starving as a result of a severe two-year drought in northeast Brazil, according to a Church World Service aide who recently made an inspection tour there. More than 1 million people have been affected, according to John Muilenberg, CWS overseas personnel director. He said the 1970 crops were a total failure because of drought. Thousands have died if not from actual starvation—from a sickness resulting from gross malnutrition, he said.

The Ethiopian Herald largest circulation English-language newspaper in Ethiopia, has applauded Southern Baptist missionaries who are working in cooperation with the indigenous Ethiopian Orthodox Church to raise the living standards of the people. "The Baptist Mission from all apparent circumstances perceive very well what their purpose should be," the Herald stated. "They want to be of use to the people for a limited amount of time—only as long as it takes to teach these people the knowledge and skills which will improve their way of life and give them greater self-sufficiency."

Several church publications in England have critically questioned the appointment of a Buddhist to a World Council of Churches post. The British Weekly said that in raising questions about the appointment it was not being anti-Buddhist, but wanted to "provoke discussion of what exactly is a Christian and what should be our relationship with those whose insights we share, whose integrity we respect, but whose basic beliefs we reject."

Publishers of books generally agree that there is a "deeper, genuine sense of moral concern among many young people, according to a report at the annual meeting of the Religious Book Publishing Division of the Assn. of American Publishers, which met recently in Washington, D.C. Chandler B. Grannis, editor-at-large of Publisher's Weekly, a book trade journal, summarizing a survey taken earlier this year by the publication, said religion courses and use of religious books in the "broad sense" appear to be expanding in non-religiously-affiliated colleges. Grannis said publishers are looking to the colleges "for likely expansion" and widening their own concepts of what a religious book is, finding in the process a "strong market" for "theological conservatism and for adventurous personal accounts of spiritual experience."

Addressing 500 delegates during the opening session of the annual convention of Orthodox rabbis at Miami Beach, Fla., Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, proposed that they establish 10 religiously oriented colleges in major cities in the U.S. to offset the "threat to Jewish survival" posed by college campuses in general which he characterizes as "intellectual disaster areas." He described the campus environment as "alien and hostile to the traditional and moral values which the Jewish student received in his home atmosphere" with the result that college life is "generally a destructive influence on the religious convictions and identity of Jewish students." "We are faced with the possibility of losing an entire generation of Jewish youth," warned Rabbi Berson. "We are concerned with the stuff of Jewish survival, not just biological survival."

An Asian seminary president, addressing a meeting of 150 church and mission group representatives in Tokyo, has cautioned Lutherans against using their doctrinal statements "as denominational flags to differentiate ourselves from the rest of Christendom." Dr. Battaglige H. Jackayya, principal of Concordia Seminary of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church said "In the matter of faith and Christian truth I believe we have arrived at a point where we can no more say, 'we have all' or 'we know all' —The Gospel is so vast, so comprehensive, so deep that together with all others we should constantly search the Scriptures to understand what God speaks to us in our day as he spoke to Luther in his day."

Recent developments in Chinese-U.S. relationships formed a major subject for discussion at the annual meeting of the United Bd. for Christian Higher Education in Asia. "Among the older people there is some hope that we might be able to go back and work on the Chinese mainland again," said Dr. Paul T. Lauby, general secretary of the board, during an interview, "but few of us share that hope. Even if China opens up, we doubt that it will allow U.S. missionaries to come in."

Non-denominational prayers should begin the school day of every school, a rabbi from St. Paul, Minn. proposed to the recent White House Conference on Youth in Estes Park, Colo. But the recommendation of Rabbi Moshe Feller was rejected by the conference's task force on education, which also defeated a proposal for a minute of silence by a narrower vote. The rabbi said he told those who objected to his proposals on the grounds that it would mix church and state, that the issue today is separation of God from the state. This "separation," he said, is the root of society's illness.

A stronger emphasis on mission, service, and the involvement of the church in society has been written into a plan for uniting five New Zealand denominations. Although the plan is not yet complete, the joint commission reported that its work "would assure that the historic basis of the church will be honored and preserved. This includes the Bible, creeds, sacraments, faithful preaching of the gospel, and an acknowledged ministry." Churches involved in the proposed merger include the following bodies: Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Associated Churches of Christ.

One of the least-known points of service by the United Methodist Board of Missions and the National Council of Churches is a ministry to American servicemen in the Far East. A string of Christian service centers provide hospitality, activities and a way to meet Christians of the host country. In the picture a young sailor whose ship has anchored at Hong Kong uses the overseas telephone in the center at Fenwick pier to talk with his girl friend in Seattle. World Service funds help with the administration of this program. (Edwin H. Maynard)

Conferences' youth meet with curriculum planners

By James O. Evans, Conference A Youth Coordinator

The Louisiana Conference youth team attended a regional session with staff members of the General Board of Education publishing editors. Their goal was to update our Youth Ministry Educational Curriculum. The team carried with it an analysis of local church youth ministries in congregations of less than one hundred, to over a thousand. These churches were selected because they represented a cross-section of congregations from rural to inner-city and between. One of the churches had no youth groups at all.

The Conference youth team and joint youth councils of Conferences A and B have set as their goal to train a youth team in every congregation within the next two years. THE CONFERENCE YOUTH ENTERPRISE under direction of Milton Guttierrez has set as its goal the training of local church and district youth teams to implement youth ministry in local churches. Members of each team must include an adult. We will help teams to understand techniques for promoting and establishing the concepts of youth ministry in the ongoing ministry of the total church. Part of the training will be to equip teams to implement this ministry through workshops for local church youth teams.

We see the need for including youth in the decision-making, planning, and implementing of the total ministry of the church. Although they lack experience, they have a vital ingredient, openness and enthusiasm often needed in our local groups. And granted, that though their lack of experience will make them vulnerable to the making of mistakes; theirs won't be the first. We all would be disqualified if this criteria were used. However, if we encourage our youth to be a part of the ongoing ministry of the church now, this will be the best way for them to develop in the faith.

From my six years with the conference youth team, I have come to the conclusion that if we encourage our high school students to be part of the total ministry of the church, there will be far fewer dropping out of the church at this age. And those that are with us can develop their leadership capacity for the community at large. If this possibility comes to pass, and they develop into mature Christian leaders we will accomplish what we all hope to do.

Why not see that we have representatives from your local church?

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Ruston churches honor McGuires

On Sunday afternoon, May 2, churches and ministers from several denominations in Ruston sponsored a reception to honor the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas McGuire, who plan to move soon, after eleven years at Trinity United Methodist Church. The reception was held in the First Baptist Church, and was attended by several hundred persons from all strata of community life.

The Rev. D. L. McGuire, Trinity Church pastor (Ruston) receives plaque from fellow ministers of the city. Shown, left to right: the Rev. W. M. Stokes, director of Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech; the Rev. William Worrell, Episcopal rector; Dr. James Sorrell, pastor of First Baptist—the host church; the Rev. Lyle Steinfeldt, pastor of Lutheran Church; McGuire; Father Kevin Rowe, pastor of Roman Catholic Church; Mrs. D. L. McGuire, and Mrs. J. F. Ponder, social chairman, First Baptist Church.

Churches participating in the reception for the McGuires included Episcopal, Baptist, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic in addition to fellow United Methodists.

A high point during the afternoon was the presentation of a handsome plaque by the ministers. The plaque bore the following inscription: "Rev. Douglas L. McGuire—A prophet to his people, A healer to the hurt, A partner to the preachers, A minister to all men. Ruston, 1971."

McGuire went to the Ruston church as pastor in 1960 where he has provided leadership for the present building program at Trinity's new site on Interstate Highway 20. It is anticipated that the new church plant, which is to cost in excess of $1,000,000 will be ready for occupancy by September of this year. McGuire, who is also chairman of the Louisiana Program Council in Conference A, is scheduled to receive the doctor of divinity degree from Centenary College at the May 23 commencement exercises.

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Centenary's Outstanding students honored

Centenary College honored its outstanding students with an Honors Banquet at the College Dining Hall on Thursday evening, May 6. Dr. Lee Morgan served as Master of Ceremonies for the event with Dean Thad N. Marsh, Dean of Women Shirley B. Rawlinson and Chaplain Robert Ed Taylor assisting in the presentation of the awards.

The College expressed appreciation to the outgoing members of the Student Government Association: Fred Miller, president; James Roth, vice-president; Ginger Johnson, second vice-president; Paul Heffington, secretary; and Mark McMurray, treasurer. The new members of the Senate were introduced: Paul Heffington, president; Barry Fulton, vice-president; Kay Trevathan, second vice-president; and John Taylor, secretary.

The retiring Honor Court members feted at the banquet were Dennis O'Malley, chief justice; Don Louis, Terri Springer, Brad Emmert, Hugh Gilmore, and Doug Cain. The members of the court elected for 1971-72 are Terri Springer, Brad Emmert, Pat Louis, James Salisbury and Jess Gilbert.

The Ellis H. Brown Leadership Award for the senior man and woman with the highest leadership qualities were presented to Susan Glanville and Charles Simmonos.

Other awards were presented to: Cathy Knighton, editor of the Yoncopin; Diana Morehead and John Wafer, editors of the Conglomerate; Ann Morgan, outstanding Panhellenic member; Marianne Salisbury, WSGA leadership; Ann Morgan, Cencoe; Theresa Morgan, the Peggy Rountree Memorial Award and the Chi Omega Scholarship Award with an average of 3.57; Jerilyn Rasch, Zeta Tau Alpha Natural Science Award; James Roth, Bonneau Peters Award for scholarship and leadership; Lynn Juneau, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternalism Award; Ginger Johnson, American Association of University Women;

Julia Kizer Carrington, Prix Francais; Howard Curtis Wellborn and Roy Schilling, German; Kathryn Gray Tebbe, Penelope Spessard, Carole Murphy, Henry M. LeBlanc, Eta Sigma Phi; Howard Curtis Wellborn, Mathematics; Miles Hitchcock, John A. Hardin Memorial Award in Math; Curtis Wellborn, Science Award; Lynn Horne, Ginger Johnson and Charles Lace, Alpha Sigma Chi Award in Chemistry; Peter Kastl, American Institute of Chemists Award;

Reed Townsend, Alpha Epsilon Delta Award; Theresa McConnell, R. E. Smith Award; Dan Gibbs, Rudolph Ganz Award; Barbara Walker, Sigma Tau Delta Award; Meredith McLennon Hayes and Margaret Jean Furrh, Education Hall of Fame Award; Ray Tangney, CPA Award; Theresa Morgan, Wall Street Journal Award; Debra Cox, Junie Havard, Michael Marcell, Curtis Melancon, Jr., National Methodist Scholarship.

Several fellowships and assistantship awards to the graduating seniors were announced including: Margaret Furrh, Texas Tech University; Robert Pendarvis, a $2,400 fellowship in psychology at the University of Georgia; Samuel Watkins Kennedy, a $2,400 stipend from the National Institute of Health Traineeship, Department of Anatomy, Tulane University;

Cathy Knighton, an assistantship in the program of experimental psychology at Louisiana State University; Hugh Gilmore, a $2,300 state fellowship to the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; Farid Tranjan, a $3,000 assistantship at the University of Kentucky; Mary Wilson and Robin Buckalew, assistantships at Stephen F. Austin University for study in Spanish.

In conversation at recent Ruston District Lay Delegate Training Conference held in Arcadia—the Rev. J. E. Hearn of Ruston (left), and Clyde Taylor, delegate to Annual Conference from Grace Church in Ruston. The Rev. W. O. Lynch is pastor at Grace Church.

NEWS and NOTES

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIVING was the concern of a panel of speakers in Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, at evening worship, May 9. Speakers were Mrs. R. D. Cloninger, Kenny Bowen and Mrs. Jim Allen. The Rev. George W. Ross is the Asbury pastor.

THE LIVE OAK United Methodist Church of Watson held a Spiritual Life Retreat on May 14 and 15 at Camp Istrouma. The Rev. Albert A. Collins is the Live Oak minister.

THE ARLINGTON, TEXAS, Bell Choir of First United Methodist Church will play in the St. Bernard United Methodist Church, Chalmette, on Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. The 45 members of the folk singing, bell ringing group will be entertained in homes overnight. The Rev. James O. Evans is host pastor.

THE SLIDELL UNITED Methodist Church presented an exhibit of Mrs. Mary Felder's art students on Sunday, May 16. Other church members also joined in exhibiting their oil, water color, acrylic and pastel paintings. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is the Slidell minister.

MISSIONARY TO AFRICA VISITS FRANKLIN WSCS

At a recent meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First United Methodist Church in Franklin, Miss Doretha Brown, who for the last ten years has been a missionary teacher in Africa, spoke on her work in that country and illustrated her comments with color slides.

A native of the Franklin area, Miss Brown has been on furlough and was teaching at the Sager Brown School in Baldwin. She is a graduate of Dillard University in New Orleans, and has also done graduate study at Scarritt College in Nashville. She returns to her post in Liberia in July.

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U.S.-2 WORKERS SPEAK AT ELYSIAN FIELDS

Four U.S.-2 workers from St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans were guest speakers at the May 4 meeting of the Elysian Fields Women's Society of Christian Service.

The speakers were: **Ed** and **Susie Graham** who met in New York at Union Theological Seminary, married and remained in New York while Ed finished at Union and Susie attended Hunter School of Social Work;

Lorely Thompson, a teacher and home economist from the University of Minnesota who is a strong advocate of ecology at home and in industry;

Barny Wright, a graduate of the College of Wooster, where he majored in religion.

Members of the Gentilly Christian Church, Oak Park Presbyterian Church, and Gentilly United Methodist Church were guests. Luncheon was served by the Rosie Holmes Circle.

Travis E Carrall was memarialized when the ushers' raam in St. Stephen's Church, Bassier City, was furnished and dedicated to him recently. Abave, Mrs. Carrall stands by her late husband's picture in the ushers' raam. Mr. Carroll was chairman of the Administrative Baard, the Council an Ministries, and taught the Friendship Class, at the time af his sudden death last July 26.

DERIDDER YOUTH CHOIR IN SPECIAL SERVICE

A worship service of modern religious music and readings was presented by the Youth Choir in First United Methodist Church of DeRidder on Sunday evening, May 9. Mrs. Terrel Green was director. Instrumentalists were Merlene Perkins, pipe organ; Nancy Marshall, piano; Doug Williams, spinet organ; and Debbie Moore, tambourine. Readers were Debbie Coltharp, Robert Crosby and Jo Perry. The Rev. J. C. Wallace is the DeRidder pastor.

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SENIORS HONORED

HOUMA METHODIST SENIORS were honored at the morning worship service in First Church, May 16. Some seniors participated in the service. Afterwards they were entertained for dinner at the parsonage. The Rev. A. Jerome Cain is their pastor.

AT ALEXANDRIA, the Garden Room of Plantation Manor was the scene of the annual luncheon for seniors who belong to the First United Methodist Family. The event of May 16, co-sponsored by the local church and the Women's Society, was arranged by Mrs. C. E. Ewing, Jr., secretary of student ministries. The Rev. Bentley Sloane is pastor.

INGLESIDE CHURCH SENIORS were honored at a dinner at the Tara Club, Baton Rouge, on Saturday, May 15. The Rev. Donice W. Alverson is their pastor.

THE YOUTH BANQUET honoring seniors in First Church, Lake Charles, was attended by all members of the Youth Division. The program was followed by installation of officers, May 16.

AT WISNER, the Baptist WMU and the United Methodist WSCS joined in entertaining the high school senior class. The supper was held April 27. Both pastors, the school principal and coordinator, and their wives, and class sponsors were guests. Personnel of other classes presented the program, "Around the World in Eighty Days."

THE REV. BOB ROWLAND and wife, Glenver, were honored by members of First Church, Lafayette, at a "going away" party, May 9. Bob has served as associate pastor for three years while taking undergraduate work at USL. In June he enters Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas. He has been working with the Rev. Edward R. Haug, senior minister.

THE BRASS CHOIR of Northeast Louisiana University played in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Monroe, on Sunday morning, May 16. The eight-man choir has three faculty members. They are Barry Hopper, director of the group who plays trumpet; Doug Baer, trombone, and Jerry Vance, horn. Horton Monroe, a graduate assistant, plays trombone. Other members are David Zeagler and Gerald Vaughan, trumpet; Herb Cupit, trombone; and David Lyons, tuba.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

May 23—Sunday	Hosea 14:1-7
May 24	Amos 4:12-15
May 25	Micah 6:6-8
May 26	Matt. 5:43-48
May 27	John 15:1-13
May 28	Rom. 8:26-28
May 29	I Pet. 1:3-9
May 30—Sunday	I Pet. 2:11-13

PROCEEDS FROM ISTROUMA'S Church Fair, held on Saturday, May 15, will go to the Tom M. Ellis Memorial Bus Fund. The Rev. E. J. Barksdale is pastor of Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge.

APPRECIATION DINNER HELD AT MEMORIAL, MONROE

Memorial United Church of Monroe had an appreciation dinner for its church school teachers and sanctuary choir members on May 6. The Administrative Board sponsored the event at which each member was given a certificate of appreciation. Miss Pat Agin, Miss Ouachita Parish of 1971, entertained the group with three vocal numbers.

Mrs. J. H. Brawn and Mrs. M. L. Masan are credited with mare than 15 years af choir service

Thase wha have a 25 year recard in choir ar teaching at Memarial Church, Monrae, are from left: J. H. Walker, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. J. T. Davis, Mrs. H. F. Shepard, W. S. Gannaway, Mrs. H. W. Nelsan, Harald Riggs, Mrs. W. A. Cattan, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Jr.

BELOW:

Thase wha have 20 years af service are :C. A. Johnsan, Mrs. Dan McDuff, Mr. McDuff, Mrs. W. J. Christmas, Mrs. Mary Lauise Williams, Mr. J. T. Davis, Mrs. T. B. Watson, Dr. Christmas, Mrs. Estelle Shultz Sanders. The Rev. Stone W. Caraway is pastar.

Those honored and their years of service in Ansley Church are listed. Front row, left to right: Mrs. John Jiles, 49 years; Mrs. G. H. Rogers, 57 years; Mrs. Fred Parker, 58 years; Fred Parker, 58 years; Mrs. Ben Washam, 31 years; Mrs. Sam Lamkin, 45 years; (Back Row) Adrian Woods, 37 years; and Ben Washam, 49 years. Unable to attend was Mrs. Adrian Woods, 44 years. The total years of service given by these faithful members are 428. Mrs. Janie Harvey and Mr. Paul Walsworth served as the co-chairmen of this reception.

MEMBERS HONORED AT ANSLEY

Ansley Church, established in 1902, recently honored a group of members having the longest affiliation.

The Ansley Church has been a union church since its beginning, with the Baptists and Methodists alternating weekly in conducting services. The present building was started in 1902 with rooms added as enrollment increased. The Davis Brothers Lumber Company was the main industry of the Ansley Community. Since the mill has closed, the church has decreased in enrollment but remaining members carry on the tradition set forth by its founders.

The reception for long-time members was given by the Baptists and Methodists on Saturday evening, May 1. The devotion was given by the Rev. P. B. Henderson, a Baptist minister who was a former member of the Ansley Church. Each honored member was presented a Bible as a gift of appreciation from the congregation. An informal social period followed the program.

The Rev. W. B. Kinman is the Baptist minister. The Rev. William M. Stokes, Jr., is the Methodist minister at Ansley.

The Ansley Union Church serves Baptist and Methodist congregations.

Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Pomeroy, Dr. and Mrs. James T. Harris are shown at the party given by New Orleans District Parsons and Parsonettes in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow. Mrs. Kenneth McDowell and Mrs. Crichlow directed planning for the occasion which honored the Pomeroy and Harris couples.

Corsages were presented on Mother's Day at the Sevier Memorial U. M. Church of Ferriday to Mrs. A. E. Chauvin, the mother of eight children; Mrs. Robert Archer, the youngest mother and the mother with the youngest child; and Mrs. B. T. Wilgus, the oldest mother.

DISTRICT "DAY APART" AT CAMP ISTROUMA

The Baton Rouge District Women's Society of Christian Service met at Camp Istrouma May 6, for a Day Apart, using the theme, "Let Us In All Things Grow." Mrs. George M. Chastain, Jr., conference chairman of Spiritual Growth, was the guest leader for the day.

Women throughout the district served in various areas of responsibility, under Mrs. Chester Harris, district chairman of Spiritual Growth. Name tags were in the shape of sun bonnets and Mrs. Harris presented Mrs. Chastain a real old-fashioned sun bonnet.

Among the 101 attending, were many young mothers, lending an air of vibrance and hope.

As a part of the program, Mrs. Chastain led a period of meditation, using as her theme, "United by Thy Grace." Walk-around meditations, lunch, quiet time, and encounter groups gave opportunity for time apart and together. The day closed with "The Sacrament of Growth."

Retreat leaders at the Baton Rouge District Day Apart are shown. From left: Mrs. Chester Harris, district chairman of Spiritual Growth; Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Conference 'A' WSCS president; Mrs. George Chastain, Jr., conference chairman of Spiritual Growth; and Mrs. Walter H. Brock, Baton Rouge district president.

COMMENT

Mrs. Robert Compton, Conference A Secretary of Program Materials

There is a abundance of program resources for our use, some old and some new.

New resources are: "1970 Annual Report of the Board of Missions," "Project Handbook — National Missions," "Project Handbook — Overseas Missions;" filmstrips — "Mission is . . ." and "Saris in the 70's;" movie — "The Hope of the Morning;" pamphlets (free for postage) — "Membership in the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild" and "You Are the Target;" a leaflet — "Extremism, What You Can Do."

We need to promote and encourage the books on the Suggested Reading List. Have you bought a new book for the Church Library, lately? Do you have a friend who has a birthday and you don't know what to get her? How about a book?

The Program Council has a Catalog on Audio-Visual Resources that lists all the 16 MM motion pictures, filmstrips, and records that are available from their office for our own use. Your Pastor has a copy of this resource book and remember, all you pay for is the return postage.

Spring Drive — response and **new/World Outlook** — May 15 to June 15 — Special rate for new combination subscriptions is $4.50 each — if **five or more are sent in at one time.** Contact every woman who does not subscribe. Tell her you have something special for her and point out the features of the magazines that will be of special interest to her. Secure a combination subscription at the special rate from those who now subscribe to only one magazine. These subscriptions may be counted as new combination subscriptions. The subscription already in effect will be extended one full year from the present expiration date so that no issues will be missed or duplications made. Local secretaries send your report to district secretary by July 1st. Special recognition to be given to the four societies which report the largest number of combination subscriptions according to membership.

Get your Study Books and read them before you go to School of Christian Missions, July 20-23; as most of these books are off the press now.

Using our resources, we are aware of the needs of others and informed as to how to respond to our part in the mission of the Church.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR MAY 30: The Lord of History

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 10:5-15; 14: 24-27

MEMORY SELECTION: "The Lord of hosts has sworn: As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand." (Isaiah 14:24)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To see how God is in charge of men and of nations; Isaiah believed that God was in history and through him we can discover what this means to us.

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As these words are being written the Secretary of State of the United States is traveling in the Middle East in search of some way in which he might ease the tensions in that part of the world. Many believe that if a method is not found to bring peace between Egypt and Israel another World War could have its beginning at this same spot where international conflict has been known through the centuries.

Isaiah spoke to such a situation as this, and perhaps we may find through his words a solution to our own dilemma. The prophet believed that God worked in and through history. Do we believe this in our own time? If so, what is God trying to say to us through the present world situation?

At the same time of the writing of Isaiah 10 the Assyrian army was threatening Jerusalem. It was Isaiah's contention that God was in this movement. It was his belief that this foreign army was being used to discipline Judah and bring them back into their former relationship with Jehovah. In the midst of the fear which was known in Jerusalem there had arisen two major political parties. One believed that Assyria could be trusted, while the other felt that Judah's only salvation was in an alliance with Egypt. Isaiah tried to tell the people that God was using the Assyrian army and that they should not turn to Egypt for help under any circumstances.

To say that God is the Lord of history means that it has a purpose. History to many people means simply a dull, uninteresting record of past events. Only in recent years has there been a revival of the idea that God is in history — that it is more than the dull collections of battles, kings, and presidents.

We have a Christian faith that is firmly rooted in the past. We believe that the events on which our faith is based are rooted in history, in space and time. Jesus Christ really lived and died and rose again, and the church fought for its existence in the world of Roman emperors and armies. We also believe that God is in the events of our time and that he is in control of history yet to be made.

Men may resist and hinder the divine plan, but ultimately it will be victorious. This is the viewpoint of Isaiah in the passages which we are studying today. When we help others recognize God's control over history we are in a better position to submit our own lives to his purposes. This is the way in which Isaiah speaks to our day.

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THE POSITION OF ASSYRIA

Our scripture today begins with the words: "Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger, the staff of my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him." (10:5,6) Isaiah felt a real compulsion to explain what God was doing in the affairs of men and nations in his day. Sometimes we wish we had an Isaiah to come and tell us the meaning of all the things that are happening in our world today. Perhaps, if we understand what he said in his own day we can arrive at some conclusions about what he might say if he were speaking today.

In the prophet's own time his country, Judah, was overshadowed by the great empire of Assyria, noted for their military prowess and their viciousness. Isaiah does not accent the military power of the invaders, but insists instead that they are really being guided by the hand of God. The Hebrews had been unfaithful — had turned their backs on an understanding of justice — and God's judgment is upon them. The prophet believed that Assyria had been chosen as the instrument of that judgment.

In Isaiah 10:5-6 the prophet speaks for God in saying, "Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger, the staff of my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him." The prophet is saying that involved in the series of disasters that are befalling the Hebrew people can be seen the works of God who upholds justice and righteousness among his people.

In the period in which the prophet is writing the Assyrians under Tiglath-pileser III have been slowly and methodically bringing the small states to their west under control. Israel was devastated by these armies around 732 B.C., and Samaria was destroyed just a few years later with a large segment of the population being transported and replaced by aliens. Eventually these forces moved against Jerusalem in 701 B.C. Most scholars think that Isaiah 10 was written before that siege was begun.

Dr. Roy D. Wells, Jr., in **Adult Bible Studies** points out that Isaiah did not say that all of the actions of Assyria were an expression of the will of God to chastise the people. The fact that Isaiah rebukes Assyria as well as Israel throughout this poem indicates that he was not giving divine sanction to Assyria's cruelties. He was simply saying that an unrighteous nation can find its punishment for its sins in the weakened condition which makes it impossible for it to defend itself.

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USED BUT NOT APPROVED

We feel we should take time to underscore the statement that this position of the prophet does not approve the nation that is being used as his instrument. There are too many unwholesome by-products of such a position. He is telling us that it is possible for a nation at the same time to be used as an instrument of God and be under the judgment of God.

As Dr. Donald Ackland has put it in **Broadman Comments:** "Because God is Lord of history he can control nations without their conscious knowledge that they are a part of his ongoing purposes. If they do not acknowledge his lordship, but pursue a course of self-will, they will be under his judgment even though they do his work. We need to pray that we and our nation be knowingly and willingly committed to doing God's will. Only so can we hope to enjoy his blessing."

Perhaps one of the most difficult biblical ideas for us to explain is "the wrath of God." It is one of those concepts which needs constantly to be balanced by his love and concern for his people. If at times the prophet's portrait of the wrath of God seems to be extreme, let us remember to balance it with the picture of man's sin and rebellion against him. As one has put it, "Remember that the onus is on man. God does not have to explain to his creatures the reasons for his acts, but man does have to give an account to God for his. When man exalts his mind above God's, watch out. God reveals what he is like very clearly, and it is up to man to bring his life into harmony with God, not vice-versa."

The main idea in this lesson is the affirmation of Isaiah that God is really the moving force behind the Assyrians, and that he is using their power to bring about his planned judgment for sin.

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THE CHOICE BETWEEN FORCE AND FAITH

Dr. G. G. D. Kilpatrick, writing in **Interpreter's Bible,** calls this one of the great passages of Isaiah. He draws the picture of a great power on the march, dividing and conquering nations, saying, "Dictators and their tyrannies do not change; they behave in exactly the same way, whether their campaigns are fought in the eighth century B.C. with sword and spear, or in the twentieth century with tanks and airplanes; they scream the same threats and make the same boasts whatever their language."

In every century since Isaiah nations have had to face the same alternatives. The question all have asked is, "Are we to stake everything on the rule of force, and gamble with the possibility of obliterating the world itself, or are we to turn belatedly to recover a saving faith in spiritual power for the re-creation of life?" Certainly there is nothing on our agenda of greater urgency than the choice between faith and force. Nor is there a more expedient time to consider this choice than on Memorial Day when our hearts turn to all of those who have died and others who are still dying in battle.

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JUDGMENT ON THE AGGRESSOR

After his description of how God was using the Assyrians as a tool of judgment against the Hebrews, the prophet then moves to the affirmation that the Assyrians are also going to be destroyed because of their pride. In 10:15 we read: "Shall the axe boast itself against him that hews with it, or the saw magnify itself against him who wields it?"

Just as every aggressor nation has wrecked itself on its own pride and overconfidence, Isaiah says that Assyria will be destroyed. The prophet expresses contempt for the arrogance of those who have no regard for the needs of human beings as individuals or as a community. We are reminded that "the God who upholds justice and righteousness in Israel is the God who supports justice and righteousness among all men and among all nations. He is also the God who holds all men liable for violations of community."

Dr. Paul B. Maves says in International Lesson Annual: "The central affirmation to which we expose ourselves in this lesson is that God is in charge of men and of nations. Our times are in his hands. He alone decides the outcome of history. Those who think they are forging their own destiny will at last serve him. Even the wrath of men shall praise him."

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ISAIAH'S MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

Although this eighth-century prophet of Jerusalem spoke to the history of his own time, there is something contemporary about his message. This is because mankind is beset with many of the same problems with which he dealt. Dr. J. Elliott Corbett summarized Isaiah's message in his book, **The Prophets on Main Street.** These are the major ideas he shares with us:

The prophet had complete confidence in the judgment and victory of the Lord of history. The major lesson modern man needs to learn is that God is the ruler of the universe and no man can overrule him. Dr. Corbett says, "Today we may be less inclined to think of God as intervening at every point in history as Isaiah did. God may not use wicked nations as his holy instruments, but his judgment allows all nations to reap what they have sown."

Isaiah incorporated ethical content into his concept of the holiness of God. God's holiness is found in his absolute righteousness not in his unapproachability.

Isaiah was wary of basing security policy primarily **in alliances and military might.**

Every man must accept personal responsibility for the plight of society, and **deliverance from catastrophe should be used creatively.**

. . . . . Quadrennial Emphasis . . . . .

The Quadrennial Emphasis Committee has approved of an expenditure of up to $115,000 from the Fund for Reconciliation for the construction and equipping of a Blind Center at Can Tho, South Vietnam. All subsequent costs including the costs necessary to recruit, train, and employ persons for the on-going operation of the center will be borne by the National Rehabilitation Institute and its supporting agencies. The final approval of this project was made at the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee meeting April 22, on the recommendation of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

An estimated 30,000 members of the Vietnamese society have lost their visual sight due to disease, congenital defects, hostile activities and accidents. The problems which surround the rehabilitation of this group of disabled persons in South Vietnam are equal in complexity to other major physical disabilities. Last August approval was given for an allocation of $44,070 to assist with the program for amputees in Vietnam. (See article in April 1971 Interpreter.)

The Blind Rehabilitation Project has three distinct phases: Adjustment Training, Vocational Educational and Selective Placement.

In adjustment training there are two primary objectives:

1. Adjustment to blindness in order that the afflicted learns to function, care for himself, acquire "independent mobility" and achieve self-sufficiency in activities of daily living; and
2. Pre-vocational training and vocational assessment which teaches skills and techniques which allow him to go on to further vocational training.

FUND FOR RECONCILIATION SUPPORTS VIETNAM BLIND CENTER

Blind Training in Vietnam.

The most valuable skill acquired through adjustment training is orientation and mobility which include basic techniques of indoor travel and cane techniques of in and outdoor travel. Communication skills (braille, typing, handwriting) and social and recreational activities are also included.

On completion of the adjustment training, vocational counseling and guidance are carried out individually with the blind trainees. Depending upon the trainee's educational background, abilities, skills, and personal and social conditions, he is free to realistically choose his area of vocational training. Thus far, the vocational training program includes telephone switchboard operation, X-ray dark room work, Morse code operation, assembly work, poultry raising, bakery work, and interpreter training. Special arrangements can be made for exceptional cases.

Because of the limited facilities which have been available up to the present, the thoroughness of the training and the restricted class size, only a very limited number have received training. This grant will make possible the training of a large number of the blind.

Any blind person between the ages of 17 and 45 is eligible for admission to the school, although veterans or war-wounded persons are given priority. There are no fees charged for the course, which includes free food and lodging. When the student is placed in employment, he is given a probational stipend until he is able to assume the status of a regular employee.

Rehabilitation in Vietnam is one of 25 projects being supported by the general portion of the Fund for Rehabilitation. About 780 projects are bing supported by one-half kept in each annual conference. The Quadrennial Emphasis Committee, recognizing that to date a little less than $10,000,000 has been received for the Fund, is asking that a special effort be put forth for payment of pledges and the receiving of new money on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, 1971.

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"Quote and Unquote"

United States Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa, speaking at the 23rd annual convention of the National Clergy Council on Alcoholism, said: "The country's clergymen can become a significant force in helping the general population move away from a moralistic and vengeful attitude toward alcoholics."

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Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, speaking recently on progress in the dialogue between Protestants and Roman Catholics, said: "After nearly 500 years of cold war and hot between Roman Catholics and Protestants in Europe and North America, it is not surprising that many Catholics and Protestants are still suspicious of each other and of the ecumenical movement, which above all else seems to be undermining their right to hate each other as all their forefathers did."

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Dr. T. Watson Street, top executive of the Presbyterian U.S. Board of World Missions, told his denomination recently, "We must resist any assumption that missionaries are not needed that personnel should not continue to be the major priority."

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Dr. Alan Walker, head of the Central Methodist Mission in Sydney, Australia, commenting on the absence of liquor and drugs at a recent Christian Pop Festival in his country: "No one will ever tell me again that liquor and drugs cannot be controlled among young Australians, anywhere. Give youth the chance, expect much of them, and they will exercise the only discipline that matters, self-discipline."

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United States Senator Robert Packwood of Oregon, calling for a stabilization of the national population, said recently: "As cities grow larger, the quality of life worsens. The bigger the town, the fewer the parks, the worse the educational system, the worse the traffic congestion, the greater the juvenile delinquency and in general, the things that we so treasure gradually diminish."

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Pope Paul VI, addressing a large crowd of Italian and foreign workers in St. Peter's Basilica on May 1, said: "Only in collaboration and harmony will the various social classes be able to bring peace and justice to the world in general and to the working world in particular."

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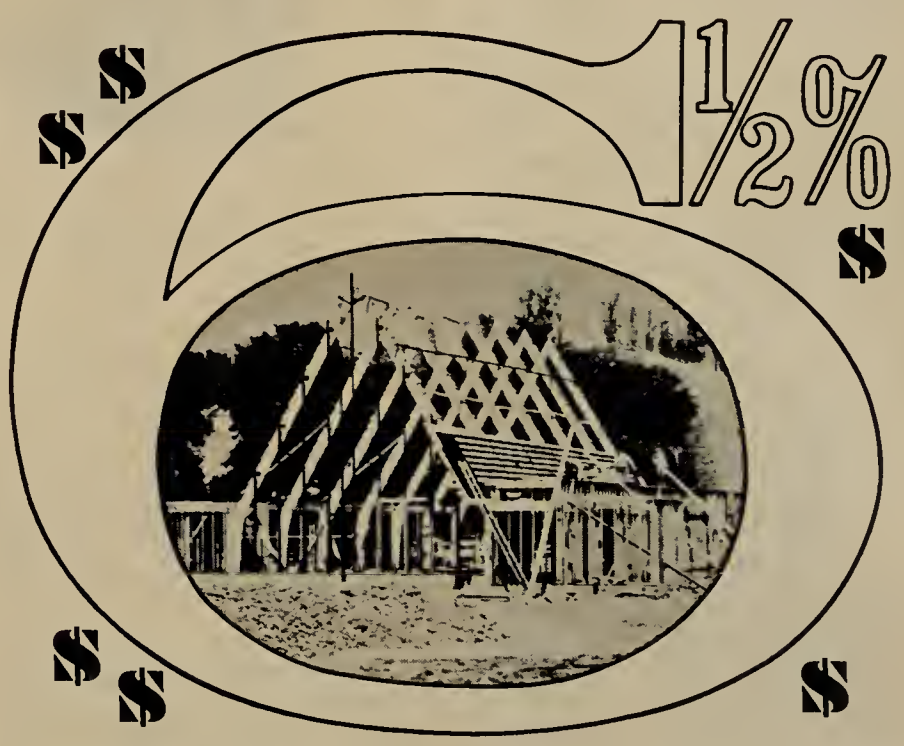
Dr. Eugene L. Smith, executive secretary of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches, said at a recent meeting of that group: "To a degree unprecedented in decades the church in the United States will be used or discarded on the test of whether it is a vehicle for faith which has meaning and impact."



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Board of Missions lists goals and needs for consideration at annual meeting in October

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UMI) — Using a process for what was described as "maximum participation and involvement of all persons," the United Methodist Board of Missions in meetings here approved a tentative set of goals and needs to be considered at the annual meeting in October in Minneapolis.

Reflecting the requests from Board members and staff for a greater voice and a more participatory style, the total body of 300 was divided into small working groups discussing four topics — needs, goals, "organizational qualities," and structure.

Although the body acted formally on the statements on which consensus was reached, it was pointed out that recommendations were adopted not as final poliey, but for referral for study and discussion, looking toward the annual meeting.

In a separate but related action, in reference to structural changes proposed in the United Methodist Church, the Board expressed its openness to change but indicated a desire to explore changes within present organizational patterns rather than create a new structure. This, too, represented a tentative finding intended to indicate present thinking, and was referred for further study and discussion.

Other actions taken during the meeting included:

—The Board commended the U.S. and Mainland China for recent moves to improve relationships which "promise to increase contact and openness between the two governments and peoples.

—They sent a plea to the United Methodist Church to be concerned about the high unemployment rate in Seattle, Wash., calling for "prayer, concern and action" in support of the "Neighbors in Need" program in Seattle, a coalition of churches and community organizations seeking to deal with problems arising out of the 13 per cent city-wide unemployment.

—The Board's National Division called for full support of the quadrennial "Fund for Reconciliation" and asked bishops, district superintendents and pastors to complete payments and /or make new pledges to support the 25 national programs, as well as the many conference programs, financed by the Fund.

—The World and Women's Divisions allocated a total of $1,261,838.-83 in wars claims compensation to several major areas of mission concern around the world. Included are $500,000 for a variety of programs in Africa; $400,000 for international programs in peace, hunger, justice and urbanization; $210,000 for the World Council of Churches' development program; and $100,000 for social/economic development education in the U. S. The actions provide that $250,000 of these allocations be earmarked for women's work in Africa and elsewhere.

—Voted to work with the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference to help make sure that the conference delegates may vote at future General Conferences. They voted to concur with representatives of that Conference in their proposal to become a Provisional Annual Conference.

—Voted to support "Set the Date Now," an interreligious campaign to end the war by December 31, and to send a telegram to President Nixon urging him to take affirmative action.

—Approved a proposal to explore with members of the Puerto Rico Annual Conference the possibility of an episcopal area for Puerto Rico by the formulation of a proper petition to the General Conference.

—Heard a report from its own Black Task Force which said that the Board had failed to follow up adequately on the recommendations made in 1969 in regard to hiring of more black executive staff members and in beginning a special training program for missionaries to help them understand the current trends in the black revolution.

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Advance Committee considers broadened guidelines

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UMI) — During a called session of the United Methodist Church's Advance Committee a broadened concept of partnership was discussed which could lead to an extension of the Advance program.

The guidelines were contained in a paper "Disciples in Partnership," written by a special eommittee headed by Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editorial director of TOGETHER/Christian Advocate.

Although commonly thought of in financial terms, the paper proposed that the definition "partnership of people" found in the **Discipline** be "slanted more strongly in this direction . . . This partnership shall be seen as crossing boundaries of race, nationality and culture within the fellowship of the church and in the world."

The paper proposed that Advance Special gifts which have been limited since 1948 to World and National Divisions of the Board of Missions and the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief might be expanded to a limited number of what are termed high priority missional programs under other sponsors.

Included also in the paper was the possibility that occasional gifts might be made in reverse — from churches overseas to work in the United States, or from traditional home mission recipients to the more affluent. "Each has a need to give and to receive," the paper states.

In other action the committee adopted a resolution intended to clarify legislation stating that Advance giving be "above World Service contributions." The resolution provides that the test be accepted by a church of its apportionment for World Service and Conference Benevolences."

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—Photo by Santana

EL PASO, Tex.(UMI)—Succeeding the Rev. Elias Galvan, Los Angeles, Calif., (left) as the new president of MARCHA (Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans) is the Rev. Josafat Curti, Pueblo, Colo.

MARCHA holds national convocation

El Paso, Tex. (UMI) — History was made in this border city early in May when representatives of all major communities of Hispanic American United Methodists in the United States and Puerto Rico met for the first time to discuss common concerns and issues.

During the first national consultation of MARCHA (Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans) unique concerns of Hispanic American United Methodists were discussed, a constitution and form of organization was adopted, and officers elected.

More than 150 delegates attended the consultation which was financed by the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race and Board of Missions. The sessions were held at Lydia Patterson Institute, a United Methodist-related educational institution.

Although concerns of MARCHA participants were not rated in order of priority, certain needs and issues surfaced. Among them were leadership training, particularly for laymen and youth; more effective youth programs; more Hispanie American representation on staff and membership of boards and ageneies of the church including the Council of Bishops; more literature written from an Hispanic American perspective and produced in Spanish language; and program of training in the theology and practice of evangelism and social action.

Approximately 30 youth attending the consultation successfully pressed for a youth committee of MARCHA which would allow youth to deal with issues of particular concern to youth.

The Puerto Rican delegation also received unanimous endorsement on two resolutions:

1) Protesting what they called the "arbitrary decision and procedures" used by the United Methodist Board of Missions who recently cut their financial support by $181,000. The resolution asked that in the future the Puerto Rican church be consulted in advance.

2) Protested the absence of Puerto Rican representation on the Board of Missions and demanded that a guarantee of such representation be made.

The delegates also urged the 1972 General Conference to continue the Commission on Religion and Race for another quadrennium. It particularly expressed appreciation to the Commission for its sponsorship of the El Paso consultation and for its recently stated request asking for the election af a Hispanic American bishop. The Rev. Isabel Gomez, formerly of Dallas, Tex., is an Hispanic American staff member of the Commission which is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

A constitution and form of organization was adopted by MARCHA which was organized by an ad hoc committee in 1969. There are approximately 35-40,000 Hispanic Americans in the United Methodist Church.

The constitution calls for six regions corresponding generally, but not necessarily, with the five geographic jurisdictions of the church and one region in Puerto Rico. Each of the regions will elect four persons to represent them on a MARCHA council.

An executive committee of MARCHA will include one representative from each of the six regions.

Elected president of MARCHA, succeeding the Rev. Elias Galvan, Los Angeles, Calif., was the Rev. Josafat Curti, chaplain of the United Campus Christian Ministry at Southern Colorado State College, Pueblo, Colo. Other officers elected to the steering committee were three vice presidents, and presidents were elected to serve the six regions.

A 30-voice choir from the Roman Catholic Seminario Franciscano de San Antonio in El Paso provided music for a worship service one evening, an ecumenical gesture which one MARCHA partieipant said was tremendously significant because of historical tension between Spanish speaking Protestants and Roman Catholics.

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Norma Ferguson–High School graduate this spring. Plans: Enter Louisiana Tech this summer.

Janice Lopes–High School graduate this spring. Plans: Work this summer and enter Louisiana Tech this fall.

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Johnnie Walker (Picture not available)–High School graduate. Completes two year secretarial course this spring. Plans: Work for a time then be married.

Donna Fontenot (Picture not available)–High School graduate this spring. Plans: Enter Louisiana Tech this summer.

Richard Grier (Picture not available) –High School graduate this spring. Plans: Enter Trade School this summer.

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HOMECOMING

Mr. Melvin Lewis, President of the Methodist Children's Home Alumni Association, announces alumni Homecoming for Sunday, June 13. A special feature this year will be the dedication of the new Everett Cottage. Miss Eunice Everett–who will be present–gave thirty-eight years of her life in unselfish service to the boys and girls of the Home. We hope that a large number of them will be able to return for this day, to visit with and to do honor to Miss Everett.

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Nancy McLane–The Happy Dressmaker. For a craft project, we bought the materials. She made the dress. Cost: about one-third the store price.

Bobbie Lopes–Graduated from high school then secretarial school. Plans: Work a few months, then be married.

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Population cause for concern, says specialist

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — To assure the safety of this planet, the earth's inhabitants must come to regard "more than two children per family as a sin against man and a violation of the will of God for our society," according to a United Methodist representative testifying April 15 before the U.S. Commission on Population Growth and the American future.

The Rev. David O. Poindexter urged limitation of family size in light of "the threat that overpopulation poses to the planet and to the well-being of all men." Poindexter directs the Population Communications Center sponsored by the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) and the Department of Population Problems of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Calling for a national policy of ending U.S. population growth and stabilizing population size at the earliest possible time, Poindexter pointed to the Population Crisis Resolution adopted by the United Methodist General Conference in St. Louis, Mo. in April 1970. The resolution recognizes the population problem as a religious and moral concern and calls for church, government and individual action. It also underscores the small family norm as a means of acquiring population stability.

In his testimony, Poindexter noted that population growth in the U.S. occurs primarily among affluent and middle-class whites. He urged specific direction at these groups of programs to achieve population stabilization.

The United States has a moral responsibility to lead the way by controlling its own population growth, the United Methodist population specialist stressed, because U.S. citizens consume earth's resources and pollute the environment more than citizens of developing nations as a whole.

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The Homer Bell Choir (shown above) recently presented their last concert at Grace United Methodist Church in Ruston. Six of the ten members will graduate this year and will have to be replaced by new members. The youth group at Grace Church sponsored the bellringers' appearance. The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. is pastor.

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Membership class recently received into First United Methodist Church, Franklin by the Rev. C. R. McCammon, pastor.

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The recently completed barbecue pit at First United Methodist Church, Ponchatoula was fully initiated when purchasers of 1,000 tickets for that church's annual Bar-B-Q gathered on Saturday, April 24 for a festive occasion. The event was sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club.

Membership class at Melville United Methodist Church. Simone' Marcel (l.) received a one-year perfect attendance pin. Others (l. to r.) Perry Lee Marcel, Randy J. Marcel, and Barbara Hatch. The Rev. L. J. Marcel is pastor.

John Wesley is honored on the first of a new series of medals honoring the world's religions by the Presidential Art Medal Co., of Vandalia, Ohio. The project will continue during a two-year period.

Textile Art in the Church, written by Mrs. Marion P. Ireland of Glendale, Calif., and published by Abingdon Press, has received an Award of Merit in the 1971 North American Graphic Arts Competition.

News in Brief

Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and chairman of the board of NAACP, and Bishop John Bright of the African Methodist Episcopal Church are among six Protestant clergymen selected by **Ebony** magazine as the most influential blacks in America.

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AT LEFT: Bishop Aubrey G. Walton (l.) listens as Hal Sell, general manager of Radio Station KCIJ in Shreveport, explains how his station presents only religious programs and music. The Rev. Douglas McGuire looks on.

AT RIGHT: Nita Fran Hutcheson of Channel 12 television in Shreveport interviews the Rev. Robert Harrington, New Orleans district superintendent, Conference B, at a press conference held recently at Centenary College.

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Bishop Walton and cabinets meet the press

This past week, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and the District Superintendents of Conferences A and B were interviewed by members of the press and news media at a luncheon on the Centenary College Campus. Purpose of the press interview was to provide information regarding the upcoming Annual Conferences in Louisiana, and the merger process.

Television, radio and newspaper personnel engaged in a question and answer period following a brief resume by Bishop Walton of the historical events in the United Methodist Church leading up to this point, and an outline of the program to be followed at the Annual Conference meetings.

The Rev. Robert F. Harrington, Conference B New Orleans District Superintendent spoke about the relationships established during the years of preparation prior to this time and the hope and plans for the future success of the merger.

Bishop Walton then summed up the mechanics of the merger, how the two Conferences A and B will close out their long history, and the newly merged Louisiana Annual Conference will go into session.

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Bishop Walton to appear on Shreveport television program

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will be the guest on the Shreveport Journal television program "Journal Page One," Sunday, May 30, at 12:30 P.M. This program is a regular feature of KSLA, Channel 12, the Shreveport Journal station.

In the past the program was called "On the Spot," but beginning with this program, the name has been changed.

Several editors and writers of the Journal staff make up the panel of questioners, with a prominent guest each week on the show from political, religious, military and other areas of public life as the subject.

Bishop Walton will be questioned on the upcoming Merger at Annual Conference, as well as other important questions regarding the United Methodist Church and areas of interest in the Christian church at large.

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Dr. Haynes

History to be made as Louisiana Conferences merge

by Cecil Bland

On Tuesday evening, June 1, under the self-suported gold aluminum dome of the new Physical Education Center at Centenary College, two Annual Conferences with history and traditions dating back to the middle 1800's will take part in the Merger Ceremony which marks the end of an era and the start of a new adventure.

Louisiana Conference A (as it has been known since 1968) came into being 126 years ago. Conference B was born 104 years ago. Now the two will become one under the name of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

On Tuesday, June 1, the Conferences will meet separately for their final sessions. Conference A will meet in Brown Memorial Chapel, Centenary College, and Conference B will be meeting for its final deliberations at St. James United Methodist Church. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, bishop of both Conferences since 1968, will open the Conference A session, and then, after turning the chair over to Bishop Paul E. Martin, retired, of Dallas, a former bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, will go to officiate at the final session of Conference B.

At noon, Conference B will go into its closing ceremony. Special honors will be accorded retired preachers and lay preachers with the oldest member of the Conference being recognized. Dr. L. L. Haynes, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will give the history of the old Mississippi Conference which was the forerunner of Conference B.

In the afternoon, Bishop Walton will return to the session of Conference A to preside over an informal closing ceremony there. Dr. Jolly B. Harper, First United Methodist Church, Natchitoches, will give a "Witness of Faith and Love," recalling the high points in that Conference's history.

The Merger Ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m., with 42 lay and clerical leaders of the two Annual Conferences taking part in the processional.

Dr. Harper and the Rev. Nathaniel P. Williams, chairmen of the two Committees on Merger will give the "Declaration of Readiness for Merger." Two children, two youth, two members of the Women's Society of Christian Service, two laymen and two ministers, representing the Conferences will join hands in a solemn declaration of merger.

Bishop Willis J. King, retired, of New Orleans, will speak on "Louisiana Conference B in Retrospect," Bishop Martin will speak on "Louisiana Conference A in Retrospect," and Bishop Walton will speak on "A Look to the Future."

On Wednesday morning, the newly-merged Louisiana Conference will begin its business session at 8:30 a.m. in the Physical Education Building.

Items on the agenda of the session will include: legal ratification of the merger; balloting for delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences; adoption of organizational rules for the new Conference; the presentation of Conferences programs, including minimum salary, pensions, insurance plans; the presentation of emergency and long-range financing plans for Wesley Foundations; and the appointment of the ministers.

Dr. L. L. Haynes will be the preacher for the Service of Ordination on Thursday evening in the Physical Education Building.

There will be no evangelistic speaker for the Conference this year, due to the special activities scheduled. On Monday evening, Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston will be the preacher for the Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion in the Physical Education Building; Tuesday evening will be the time of the Merger Ceremony; there will be a business session of the Conference on Wednesday evening; and the Service of Ordination will be held Thursday evening.

The Conference is scheduled to close at 1 p.m., Friday, June 4.

Each morning, Wednesday through Friday, at 7:00 a.m. there will be a Sunrise Service in Hargrove Memorial open air theater at Centenary under the sponsorship of the Board of the Laity. Speakers will be Carleton Johnson of Delhi, Dennis Shell of Winnfield, and Mike Simmons of Kentwood. James Koelemay will be the song leader.

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Pre-Conference Lay Training sessions held

A continuing program of the Conference A Board of the Laity has been the annual Pre-Conference Day Delegate training sessions held in May to help prepare lay delegates to the upcoming Annual Conference for legislation there.

This year, Conference B delegates and their pastors were invited to attend the meetings in the various districts which were convenient to their homes.

Most of the meetings were well attended. The major interest of all the delegates was the mechanics of the merger ceremony, the closing out of the two present Louisiana Conferences, and the actual working of the new merged Louisiana Conference.

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Baton Rouge District: Dr. Bill Patrick of LSU presents proposed plans for Wesley Foundations to lay delegates.

Hammond District: (from left), Conference A Lay Leader Tom Matheny; W. A. Baker of Slidell; N. A. Saladino, District lay leader, and the Rev. Henry Blount, host pastor.

Shreveport District: (from left), H. H. Smith, district lay leader, Dr. Jack Cook, District A superintendent, and Willis Patterson, District B lay leader for Shreveport.

Monroe District: Carleton Johnson of Delhi, District A lay leader, conducts a brief District Board meeting prior to regular meeting. Joe T. Kelley and Joe Solomon look on.

Ruston District: The Rev. Douglas McGuire, pastor of Trinity Church, Ruston, describes the new "Gold Dome" physical education building on Centenary campus where merged conference will be held.

Cecil Bland of the Program Council office, who conducted the Lay Delegate Training sessions, speaks to Lake Charles group.

The Lake Charles District session drew one of the largest lay delegations of all the training sessions.

Lafayette District: Tommy Green, District lay leader, speaks to district group.

Pickering to report on Paris conference

The Rev. Delton Pickering, campus minister at the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana State University and chairman of that institution's University Christian Staff, will give a report on the Citizens' Conference on Ending the War in Indochina at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Monroe, on Sunday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m.

He was the only Louisianian invited to be included among the 165 participants in this meeting held in Paris, March 4-10. It was sponsored by several organizations including Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, The American Friends Service Committee (Quaker), and the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

The chief purposes of the conference were: (1) to enable the participants to meet directly with the representatives of all the parties in the Paris Peace Talks and with others concerned about peace in Indochina; and (2) to prepare concerned people from every part of the United States to participate more effectively in creating support in their own communities for steps which must be taken to make peace a reality.

Also included among the concerns of the participants was the return of prisoners of war. These and related matters were discussed following the Paris conference with the participants' respective Congressional delegates in Washington.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn (l.) Conference A Program director, shares outlines of plans for three "communication workshops" to be held in Louisiana with Cecil Bland, Louisiana director of Methodist Information; the Rev. Hugh Baker, Jr., chairman, Conference TRAFCO, and Dr. Gene Carter, director, general TRAFCO department of annual conference relations of Dayton, Ohio. Upcoming workshops will be held in Shreveport, Baton Rouge and New Orleans during the 1971-72 Conference year.

Conference B names new lay leader

Allen L. Brown, New Orleans insurance executive, has been elected Conference Lay Leader of Louisiana Conference B to fill a vacancy created by the death of Monroe T. Stringer, Jr. The action was taken at a recent meeting of the Board of Laity of that Conference at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

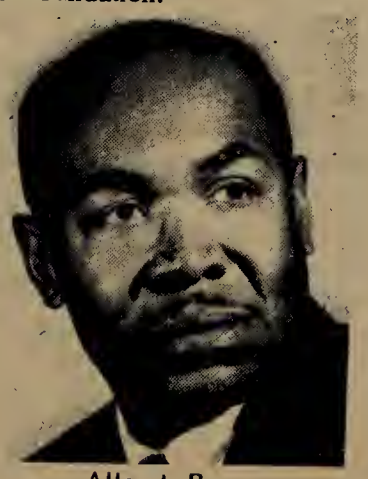
He serves as district lay leader for the New Orleans District of Louisiana Conference B and as lay leader of his local church, First Street United Methodist Church. In his local church he is also chairman of the Council on Ministries and is a member of the Board of Trustees.

The new lay leader also serves as vice-chairman of the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation. He is treasurer of the Metropolitan Ministries of New Orleans and also of Peoples United Methodist Community Center.

He is a member of the Jurisdictional Council of the South Central Jurisdiction, representing the layman of Louisiana Conference A and B; the executive committee of the South Central Jurisdiction and the Committee on Jurisdictional Structure of the Jurisdiction.

On the Conference level, Mr. Brown is a member of the Program Council, the Conference Board of Trustees, and is chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Program Council.

Active in civic affairs, he is treasurer of the Central City Child Development Centers of Total Community Action, and holds membership on the Social Welfare Planning Council of Greater New Orleans, Community Service Center, Community Adoption Service and the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.



Allen L. Brown

Editorial

COMMON CAUSES ON THE MIDDLE GROUND

Something is taking place in America that could well bc the stabilizing influence that will slow up the process of polarization that tears away at the foundations of our land. This is the organization known as "Common Cause," which is being headed by John Gardner, formerly the head of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and later chairman of the Urban Coalition.

A recent editorial in The New York Times said, "The aim of Mr. Gardner's effort is not to found a new party or win a particular campaign. It is to rally the moderates and stop the process of polarization. His hope is to freshen the springs of political life, to recruit new talent for both parties and at every level of government, to concentrate attention on the issues that are genuinely significant, to sponsor needed reforms. It is a bold and ambitious undertaking which Mr. Gardner and his colleagues are attempting. Self-government lives by that kind of boldness and ambition."

The prime goal of Common Cause is to revitalize government at every level, and this "people's lobby" seems to us to be projected in just such a manner as needed to reach this goal. Mr. Gardner has said, "Common Cause is not a third party, but a third force in American life which will uphold the public interest against all comers, particularly the special interests that dominatc our national life today. Common Cause will not support candidates; it will confine itself to issues."

Mr. Gardner wrote recently concerning this new movement in an article entitled "No Time for Small Plans" in the United Methodist publication "Engage." He said: "As a nation we have never faced more ominous problems — the threat of war, irreversible destruction of the environment, a world population crisis, urban decay, civil disorder . . . Institutions don't overhaul themselves. They resist renewal. They find it painful. When an institution grows rigid and unresponsive, someone must shake it up. We want to bring about a renaissance in politics. We want to make it possible for our ablest, most gifted individuals to be active in this part of our national life. We would like to see men of the greatest integrity, men of the greatest character and courage, turn to public life as a natural duty and a natural outlet for their talents. This is no time for small plans."

Many people today recognize that national priorities must be changed, but they don't know how to go about it. They are concerned about sound and logical approaches to the facts of poverty and pollution and inadequate housing, but they don't know what to do.

A recent newsletter from Mr. Gardner affirmed: "We take the phrase 'Common Cause' seriously. The things that unite us as a people are more important than the things that divide us. No particular interest group can prosper for long if the nation is disintegrating. Every group must have an overriding interest in the well-being of the whole society. It follows that our agenda must be the agenda for all Americans —for the poor, the comfortable and those in between, for old and young, for black and white, for city dweller and farmer, for man and women."

In the invitation to become a part of this "citizen's lobby," Mr. Gardner says: "In recent years we have seen altogether too much complacency, narrow self-interest, meanness of mind and spirit, irrational hatred and fear. But as I travel around the country, I see something else. I see great remaining strength in this nation. I see deeper reserves of devotion and community concern than are being tapped by present leadership. I see many Americans who would like to help rebuild this nation but don't know where to begin."

We think you might be interested in some of the editorial comment concerning Common Cause. Here are what some of the editors have been saying:

—The Chattanooga Times: "It is concerned with the reordering of national priorities and with new solutions for the problems that beset this country. One of these is bringing the Vietnam War to an end on a scheduled timetable. Debatable and debated, as the wisdom of that timetable is, every word of this thoughtful statement of John Gardner's deserves serious consideration by every American."

—Muscatine, Iowa Journal: "Many Americans want something different in political pressure. They want direct attention to their concerns, about race, poverty, pollution, drugs, crime, all of which receive lip service from the two major political parties, and not much else . . . Political parties pay more attention to votes than to ideologies or goals. We thus lose sight of our common purpose. Common Cause can only help us regain our vision."

Whether each of us is in accord with the aims of Common Cause or not is immaterial. Surely we can see a deep spiritual base in a movement such as this which is trying to bring together the people who stand on the middle ground.

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the Editor's Corner

The First Summer at Mount Sequoyah

The season at Mount Sequoyah will be getting under way soon, and hundreds of United Methodists will be heading toward Fayetteville for the training and fellowship that have enriched the life of the church in this section for so many years. One who does not have an opportunity for an annual pilgrimage to "the mountain" is poorer for it.

Each time I visit Sequoyah I am reminded of that first wonderful experience there the summer after I had been elected president of the North Arkansas Youth organization. One by one the landmarks of those days have been replaced by more modern structures, but there are still enough of the recognizable spots to stir the nostalgia.

Just recently I took a look at the picture of that group of conference presidents as a reminder of that happy summer. The president of the Sequoyah youth conference was Monk Bryan who is now pastor of Missouri Methodist Church in Columbia. Bob Bearden was the representative from the Little Rock Conference, and Lydel Sims, who is now postmaster in Memphis, Tenn. was there from the Louisiana Conference.

Among the other faces I recognize are Finis Crutchfield, Sterling Wheeler and Woodrow Adcock — all from Texas then, but now important names throughout the church.

The guiding force of that conference was Dr. Walter Towner who headed the youth work for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His was such a winsome personality that his influence was felt by all who came close to him. He had such a fine way of outlining regulations which needed to be announced that he made you want to do just what he was suggesting.

E. O. Harbin was still the name that was synonymous with recreation in the church, and under his leadership we learned so many of the folk games that were just beginning to be a part of the recreational program of the church.

Don't miss your chance to let Mount Scquoyah be an influence in your Christian life!

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The Rev. Howell O. Wilkins, Wilmingham District superintendent of the United Methodist Church's Peninsula Conference, lashed out at a proposed lottery for Delaware. He called lotteries and legalized gambling a "risking of money or property for quick gain without work" and described approval of such "easy money" methods for financing needed public services as "irresponsible" stewardship. While acknowledging that farmers run risks each year as they plant their crops and that businessmen run risks to stay in business, the clergyman emphasized that "they work" nevertheless, and expressed his opposition to a philosophy in which one expects to get something for nothing.

Father Joseph P. Locigno, a professor at Manhattan College in New York says that "religious illiteracy" is spreading among public school youth of all faiths. "Far too many American children are receiving little or no religious instruction," he says in an article published in Chalk Dust, the official journal of Manhattan's School of Teacher Preparation. "As a result the nation suffers because of this rise of irreligion. The American democratic way of life depends upon the acceptance of certain fundamental religious truths and values."

All cadets at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, will be allowed to attend churches of their choice and no longer be required to attend Cadet Chapel services, as the result of a new ruling which alleviates the long-standing controversy over compulsory chapel attendance at the academy. Lt. Gen. Albert P. Clark, academy superintendent, said cadet attendance at any church will fulfill the chapel attendance obligation. The Cadet Chapel will continue to hold services for those who wish to attend. Cadets must provide their own transportation to attend "civilian" services in town.

McCandlish Phillips, a reporter for The New York Times, told the Evangelical Press Assn. meeting in Chicago that evangelicals must bust out of the "Christian ghetto" and reach into the places of power and influence in America. "We have allowed a kind of Christian ghetto called the "evangelical ghetto" to be established in America," Phillips said. He said the evangelical realm "should be a base for a godly assault upon the power and influence centers of the nation, not a temporarily safe and comfortable abode."

The president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance charged in Houston that Vietnam war demonstrators—both of the "left" and of the "right" — have had an adverse effect on pleas for better treatment of U.S. prisoners of war held in North Vietnam. Speaking at a press conference, the Rev. Nathan Bailey, one of a group of clergymen which visited Vietnam in April seeking unsuccessfully to visit Hanoi on behalf of U.S. prisoners of war, said American anti-war demonstrators "confuse the issue" of the prisoners of war. "North Vietnam reads more into anti-war demonstrations in the U.S. than is actually there. The 200,000 persons who demonstrated recently in Washington D.C. represent only a small segment of the population." He said this statement applied equally to the estimated 15,000 demonstrators in Washington under the direction of preacher Dr. Carl McIntire, who wants a military victory in Vietnam.

Participating in an ecumenical lectureship in Portland, Ore., a leading theologian predicted little future for the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) and its proposed 25 million-member denomination. Dr. Martin E. Marty, associate editor of Christian Century and a teacher at the University of Chicago divinity school, said "I am not against it, but . . . I'd much rather see the renewal of each denomination in it . . . the COCU leaders are people of goodwill, . . . but I'd much rather see a heated up Presbyterian Church, for instance, active in the world, than to see a big church merger."

The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty has sent an open letter to Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller urging him to reject "any legislation giving tax dollars to private religious institutions." Signers of the letter included 200 prominent New Yorkers—Congressmen and other elected officials, union heads, clergymen, educators, parent leaders and officers of civil liberties groups—according to William Haddad, executive co-chairman of PEARL. The Rev. John Collins, associate program director of the N.Y. Conference of the United Methodist Church, was one of the signers.

CROP, the community hunger appeal of Church World Service, completed shipments of food and other commodities valued at $2.5 million to 31 nations in 1970. Shipments ranged from Chicken a la king to Hong Kong, to more than four million packets of vegetable seeds distributed in 20 nations. "The Chicken a la king worked wonderfully in the child feeding institutes in Hong Kong," said CROP director Albert W. Farmer, "Now if we had sent them bologna, they might not have known what to do with it. But they made a sauce out of the Chicken a la king and served it on rice." Approximately one-half of all CROP donated materials are utilized in programs emphasizing self-help, according to spokesmen.

The Indonesian Council of Churches has invited American evangelist Billy Graham to hold mass revivals in the cities of Djakarta, Surabaja and Medan in September of 1972. Approving the invitation during its triennial assembly, the Council requested that the term "crusade" not be used in publicizing the event. Such a phrase might be interpreted by Indonesia's Muslim majority as a demonstration of force by the Christian Churches, thus provoking simmering tensions between the religious groups. The Council desires that the emphasis of the "Great Revival" be on spiritual renewal which it hopes will result in the Christians' vigorous participation in the development of the nation, economically and socially, thus bringing a new sense of human dignity to all Indonesians.

An estimated 750,000 U.S. youths in 160 cities, sponsored by the American Freedom from Hunger Foundation, are reported to have collectively hiked hundreds of thousands of miles during the weekend of May 8-9 to raise funds to combat hunger and direct attention to the poor. Under the direction of the United Nations Freedom from Hunger Campaign walks were also held in at least 50 other countries. Theme of the fund-raising endeavor was "Development Is the New Word for Peace." The Rev. David Brown—an American Lutheran clergyman, is director of the non-sectarian and non-partisan foundation; officials of several church-related relief agencies sit on its board of directors.

Modern youth counter-culture "will burn out like a fallen meteor unless it finds intellectual coherence, moral stability and adequate spiritual anchorage," said Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Christianity Today editor-at-large, as he addressed the American Baptist Fellowship, meeting in Minneapolis. Dr. Henry is reported to have said "Jesus-freaks" have a limited future "unless their evangelical faith is theologically informed."

Dr. Grady C. Cothen, in his inauguration address as president of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary urged the six Southern Baptist seminaries to quit competing and to emphasize cooperative planning. "In a time of polarizing around issues when name calling is easier than problem solving, in a time when it is obvious that financial support may shortly diminish, we have a remarkable opportunity to demonstrate to Southern Baptists and to the world a genuinely cooperative effort in theological education," said the former president of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Dr. William A. Visser't Hooft, honorary president of the World Council of Churches, has been elected as president of the Conference of European Churches. More than 150 delegates representing Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic Churches in 23 Eastern and Western European nations gathered to discuss and reflect on the conference theme, "In the Service of God and Man."

Delegates of three denominations in the Pacific Northwest are scheduled to meet in Seattle June 4-5 to consider a proposal to unite their ministries in common program at the regional level for at least three years. The United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ have shared headquarters offices in Seattle for several months with the expectation that the Church of the Brethren will join them. A Disciples spokesman said that during an increasingly closer relationship the denominations have discovered they have priorities which are almost identical.

MINNEAPOLIS – Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs of Seattle was elected president of the American Baptist Convention at the ABC annual meeting in Minneapolis. Elected without opposition, she is the fifth woman to head the 1.5 million-member denomination, the first having been elected in 1922. She succeeds Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson, a Sioux Falls, S.D., pastor, and will serve a one-year term. (RNS Photo)

Centenary Tennis Team wins "off-court" plaudit

We are happy to share with you the following letter which was recently received by Dr. John T. Allen, president of Centenary College, from a faculty member at Southern State College, Magnolia, Ark. We thought you would be interested in seeing it.

"President,
Centenary College
Shreveport, La.

Dear Sir:

"Yesterday afternoon my wife and I arrived at a local restaurant simultaneously with the Centenary tennis team, whose behavior was most impressive. In no way did we identify ourselves to these young gentlemen, or give them any reason to think they should be on "special' behavior, so we can only assume that we saw them as they are usually seen when representing their school. We noted a few things which were particularly impressive: When we asked them the outcome of the match, their pride was tempered with modesty as one replied, "We did"; there was no gloating in his response —these youngsters were gracious in victory. When these gentlemen were seated at their tables, there was no boisterousness, horseplay, or calling from table to table as one sometimes witnesses in young people away from home. There was no teasing or "picking at" the waitresses. In short, these fellows did nothing to call attention to themselves. We found them to be gracious and mannerly, representatives of which any school could be proud.

"Let me assure you that I have no connection with Centenary or anyone affiliated with it, to the best of my knowledge; I am not even a Methodist. This communication is prompted purely by the impression made upon my wife and myself by the young men involved. I could only hope that our own students, indeed, my own children, behave as well when away from home. In the midst of so much unrest and criticism of college youth, we felt it only fitting to share our response to this experience involving your students. We are pleased to concur with Paul Harvey: 'They are not all delinquent!' Far from being merely 'non-delinquent,' the Centenary tennis team was most impressive!

Cordially yours,
Robert L. Hartsell,
Assistant Professor of Speech"
April 28, 1971

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Same of the persons who appeared on the program at recent Homecoming held at Wesley Chapel on the Caushatta-Wesley Chapel Charge in Shreveport District. Shown here are Mrs. Iva Shaughnessy, Mrs. J. R. Sessians, Mrs. E. T. Carrall, mother of pastor, Pastor Paul Carrall, Arby Caudy, former pastor and guest speaker, J. R. Sessians, Mrs. Bertha Greer and Mrs. Maud Stathart.

Mrs. Max (Mary Lou) Pleasant receives plaque in recognition of her selection as New Orleans' Districts' Outstanding United Methodist Laywoman of the Year from Conference Lay Leader Tom Matheny during special ceremony held at St. Mathews United Methodist Church on May 7.

Mrs. Pleasant, named Lay Woman of the Year for the New Orleans District, is a member of the Lake Vista Church. She is pictured here with District Superintendent, Dr. G. W. Pameray (l.) and her pastor, the Rev. Edward R. Thomas.

New Orleans' top Methodists honored

(Reprinted from Times Picayune)

Mrs. Mary Lou Pleasant of Lake Vista United Methodist Church and Leo C. Terry of Parker Memorial United Methodist Church have been honored as the outstanding Methodist laity of New Orleans for 1971.

Mrs. Pleasant, who provided leadership in the education department and the women's division of her church, was cited for Christian outreach.

She organized programs to help the needy, performed volunteer hospital work, organized a youth canteen and aided in prisoner rehabilitation.

Terry, who served as district treasurer for 20 years, has been a leader in his church and his district. He was instrumental in global mission work through projects such as the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and locally for projects such as the Louisiana 1000 Club, a program aimed at building new churches.

Terry was cited for having in each of his endeavors represented Christianity to his fellow laymen.

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Two Winnsboro youth receive honors

Two graduating seniors from Winnsboro High School, members of the Winnsboro United Methodist Church and UMYF, received recognition recently.

Miss Terri Huff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huff, was awarded a four-year academic scholarship to Northwestern State University at Natchitoches, La. Miss Huff was awarded the scholarship, which is authorized by the Louisiana State Board of Education, on the basis of her high school record, her scores on the American College Tests, and faculty recommendations. She was selected from more than 200 applicants. Her ACT scores placed her in the top three percent nationally. The scholarship is for the full four years, and provides $500 per semester.

Charles Price, a junior trombonist in the Winnsboro High School Band, was selected as a member of the United States of America High School Band.

Price, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, has been a member of the District I Honor Band for three years and has participated in the District Solo-Ensemble Festival with superior ratings for the past three years.

This summer, the United States of America High School Band will be touring Canada and the eastern United States. The members will meet at Hattiesburg, Miss. on June 17, for six days of rehearsal. A concert in Hattiesburg on June 23 will begin the tour. The group will then travel to Louisville, Kentucky for their first tour concert. Subsequent concerts will be played in Ottawa, London, Windsor, Toronto and Montreal, Canada—then to New York, Washington, D.C., Richmond, Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia. The tour will end July 11, in Hattiesburg.

Price was one of two Winnsboro Band members to be selected for this honor. Director of the Winnsboro High School Band is Larry Stanley, also a member of the Winnsboro Methodist Church.

UMYF Counselor is Miss Donna Lynd and the Rev. Robert Miller is pastor of the Winnsboro Church.

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On May 2 members of Lakeview United Methadist Church, Shrevepart, celebrated eight years at their present lacatian beside Crass Lake. Thase pictured here were members of the old Texas Avenue Church which merged with the farmer Park Avenue cangregatian ta farm the present Lakeview cangregatian. The Rev. James Beasley, farmer minister preached the marning serman far the day's observance and Tam Rawe, lay pastar fram Lakeview serving Crass Raads Church, preached far the evening service.

Seniors Honored

DENHAM SPRINGS United Methodist graduates were honored at a supper at the church on Wednesday, May 19. Mrs. Betty Waldrep and Mrs. Judy Averette were in charge of arrangements. The Rev. Edward O. Pickens is pastor.

LAKE VISTA CHURCH honored graduating members at the May 23 worship service, following which the group went to the Drumm Camp for "food, fun and frolic." The Rev. Edward R. Thomas is their pastor.

NEW ORLEANS SENIORS who are members of St. Paul's Church had a swimming party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bingham, Tuesday, May 18. Mrs. Bingham teaches the church school class for seniors and is chairman of the Commission on Education. The Rev. Charles Walker is their pastor.

IN SHREVEPORT, the Broadmoor Church graduates were honored at the morning worship service, May 16. Following this they were guests of the Women's Society at a luncheon in G. M. Anderson Hall. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is their pastor.

YOUTH DAY in First Church, Minden, May 16, began with a breakfast for seniors at Ramada Inn. They were also honored at morning worship. The evening hour featured all three youth choirs. Larry O'Dell was the speaker. A reception following honored Everett Doerge, youth coordinator. Dr. Henry A. Rickey is their pastor.

THE ANNUAL MIDNIGHT pancake supper for graduating seniors and their dates will be held at Broadmoor United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge. from midnight until 6 a.m. Saturday, May 29. Cooking and serving will be the coaches of Broadmoor High School, along with counselors: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Story, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Roberts, and Mrs. Michael Hebert.

A JUNIOR-SENIOR Banquet was held in the Pharr Chapel United Methodist Educational Building, Morgan City, on May 8, sponsored by the Commission on Education. The six seniors were presented Bibles. The Morgan City High School Band presented the program. The Rev. C. Eldred Blakely is pastor.

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WORLD UNDERSTANDING PANEL AT MONROE RETREAT

The Monroe District Women's Society of Christian Service held an overnight spiritual life retreat at Chemin-a-haut State Park the first weekend in May.

Mrs. Bertha Coffin, of Council Grove, Kansas, was the coordinator. She was assisted by Mrs. Elsie Terral and Mrs. Margaret St. Amant, co-chairmen from the district.

The second morning a panel for world understanding was composed of Mrs. St. Amant, as leader, Miss Dorthea Brown, Methodist missionary to Liberia, Mrs. R. K. Bent and Mrs. Jack Dew. Miss Brown is presently at Sager-Brown School but will return to Liberia in July. Mrs. Bent spoke of her experience in living in the Philippines, and Mrs. Dew from her recent trip to Alaska. She was with a group led by her husband, Jack Dew, to lead the first lay witness meeting in Alaska. They conducted two meetings while they were there.

In charge of registration were Mrs. J. Herbert Walker, district treasurer, and Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, district president. Food was under the direction of Mrs. Don Elliott and Mrs. W. R. Olsen, district officers.

Fifty were at the session. The district felt well repaid when those attending kept asking, "When are we going to have another one?"

ORDINATION SERVICE HELD AT SAINT PAUL, SHREVEPORT

On Sunday, May 23, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, was the preacher at the morning worship service at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, Shreveport. In the service, one of a series which will culminate in the union of Louisiana Annual Conferences A and B on June 1, the Rev. James A. Graham, director of Shreveport Special Ministries, a Fund for Reconciliation project, was ordained deacon.

In this service, Bishop Walton was assisted by the members of the Cabinet of Conference B — the Rev. J. C. Bibbons, Shreveport District Superintendent; the Rev. James W. Wilson, Baton Rouge District Superintendent; and the Rev. Robert F. Harrington, New Orleans District Superintendent.

Mr. Graham is the son of Dr. John H. Graham, special representative of Town and Country Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

The choirs of St. Paul Church finished special music for the service. The pastor is the Rev. Abraham E. Davis who is also chairman of the District Board of Ministry.

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A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held in McGuire United Methodist Church in West Monroe on the weekend of June 4-6. Serving as co-chairmen in the local church are Theron Dupree and Harold Humphries. Joe Solomon of Monroe will be the coordinator. Local churchmen have been working several months in preparation for the event and six prayer-study groups are meeting this month. The Rev. John Sewell is pastor of McGuire.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

May 30—Sunday	I Pet. 2:11-13
May 31	I John 4:13-19
June 1	Psalms 45:1-7
June 2	Psalms 51:6-17
June 3	Isaiah 44:1-3
June 4	Isaiah 61:1-3
June 5	Isaiah 63:7-14
June 6—Sunday	Mal. 3:7-12

ATTENTION CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AND CHURCH LEADERS. Wholesale Tours International is looking for tour host for nine-day Air/Sea Cruise. Visit Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, Israel. Tour departs February 14th Birmingham, Alabama. Please contact Mrs. Darlene Duncan, Regional Director, Wholesale Tours International, P. O. Box 1008, Tallulah, Louisiana 71282.

THE REV. GEORGE W. C. CALVIN, pastor of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will serve as an instructor in the course, **The New Generation in Africa** at the 1971 School of Christian Mission of the South Georgia Conference. The school will be at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Saint Simon's Island, Georgia, August 4-7. He has served as an instructor for the Louisiana Conference for several years.

MOTHERS HONORED AT LAKEVIEW, SHREVEPORT

In a special Mother's Day recognition service at Lakeview Church, Shreveport, corsages were presented to the oldest mother, Mrs. J. C. Parsley; the one with the most children (11), Mrs. F. M. Watts, Sr.; the newest, Mrs. Michael K. Lewis.

Miss Virginia Rector was also presented a corsage and honored for writing a Psalm, "With His Presence," which Mr. Dick Miller, choir director had set to music. The choir sang it for the first time on Mother's Day Sunday and it was dedicated to Miss Rector's mother, Mrs. J. B. Rector.

The Rev. William E. Nolan is the Lakeview minister.

Leoders for the Monroe District WSCS retreot ore shown. They are, from left: Mrs. Bertho Caffin, Mrs. Elsie Terral, Miss Doretho Brown, Mrs. Lucille Goadwin ond Mrs. Margoret St. Amont.

Principals in the Mothers' Doy observonce in Lokeview Church, Shrevepart, shown obave are: Bock row, from left, the Rev. W. E. Nolan, postar, D. L. Olsan, loy leoder, Mrs. R. E. Rice, chairman of Cauncil on Ministries. Front row: Mrs. J. C. Porsley, Miss Virginio Rectar, Mrs. F. M. Wotts, Sr., and Mrs. M. K. Lewis.

A Style Show wos presented by the Methodist Home Haspitol Auxiliory ta benefit the Home Hospitol. Mrs. James E. Gloncey, Jr., choirmon af the shaw, is shown ot left os ane af the 40 models. AT RIGHT: Mrs. Edword Cole, president af the Auxiliory is shawn modeling with Mrs. Gloncey's young doughter. The offoir wos on Moy 7 in the Munhollond Memarial United Methodist Church.

Gav. John J. McKeithen welcaming fellaw members–Dean Arden O. French and Leslie McKenzie–of First United Methadist Church Batan Rauge ta the Seventh annual Gavernor's Prayer Breakfast for civic and state leadership at the apening af the 1971 State Legislature. The Rev. Warren Blakeman, pastar af Horseshae Drive and Wesley Churches in Alexandria, stands at left in phota.

Dr. Ben Oliphint (left af center), chairman af the Conference A Baard af Educatian, participates in discussion at April 30-May 1 Summer Yauth Worker Training sessian.

Yauth from Grace Church, Rustan, discuss with their pastor, the Rev. W. O. Lynch, plans far the summer youth pragram in their local church. Fram left, they are: Debra McGehee, Wes Lynch, Richard Lann and Pat Lann.

SUMMER YOUTH WORKER TRAINING AT CAMP BREWER

Some 40 prospective summer youth workers and their counsellors and pastors, met at Camp Brewer near Alexandria recently for an overnight workshop on training for summer youth workers at local churches.

Leaders for the event were Bert Buffington, Dr. Ben Oliphint, the Rev. Milton Guttierrez, Don Berlin and Alice Flint of the Program Council Office. The workshop was planned to provide those young people who plan to work with youth during the summer in Louisiana at local churches, an opportunity to become acquainted with the various duties and details of such work.

This is one of the first events of its kind to be held in the Louisiana A Conference.

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Staff for Lafayette District Vacatian Church School Warkshap held at Asbury Church on April 28: Mrs. Joyce Sutherland and Mrs. Vera Marcell of New Iberia, Mrs. Ja Ann Pattersan, the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, District superintendent, Mrs. Chick Krieger, Asbury, Mrs. Mary Faulkner and Mrs. Mitzi Gardiner af Crawley, Mrs. Shirley Wheeler, Asbury, and Mrs. Wallace Begnaud, First Church, Lafayette.

Fallawing retirement fram 50 years in the Methodist ministry and in fulfillment af a long-time dream, the Rev. W. H. Bengtson and Mrs. Bengtson wha live at Many, are affering ta their cammunity a "Dial-a-Prayer" service. As an expressian af their lave and appreciatian for Sabine Parish and the tawn af Many they have chasen to cantinue ta minister through this service. The retired minister asks, "Are you dawn and out? Do you feel law? Da yau have worries? Da yau have a minute ta spare? Then, Dial-a-Prayer, 256-5646."

Methodist Children's Home

(List of Memorials continued)

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by Mr. & Mrs. Myles Smith
FRANK CAGLE
by Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Cotton
REV. J. D. HARPER
by Mrs. Clara Harper Woolfolk
DR. R. H. HARPER
by Mrs. Clara Harper Woolfolk
MRS. W. F. TIETJE, SR.
by Mrs. Mitchell Pitre
W. T. STAMPS IV
by Trinity Church Staff, Ruston
RICKEY HARTUNG
by Trinity Church Staff, Ruston
MRS. MAE JEMISON
by Alice & Jimmy Roland
MRS. IRMA TEMPLE
by Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Shaw
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by Miss Patti Jane Strother
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by Mrs. Glenn H. Fomby
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by Miss Pauline Chandler
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by Mrs. Ruby L. Johnson
LONNIE L. JAMES
by Guthrie & Lucille Jarrell
MRS. BESSIE FAIRLEY
by Miss Ethie Vernon
JOHN A. FORD
by Mrs. E. J. Bulloch & Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hines
MRS. MATTIE FOWLER
by The Dewell Gandy Family
J. E. WHITAKER
by Mrs. J. E. Whitaker
DEBBIE WARREN SELF
by Mrs. J. E. Whitaker
EARL SPILLARS
by Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Greer
MRS. PAT OWEN
by John T. & Maxa Bundrick
K. L. HURLBUT
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rogers
ELMER McCLENDON
by Mr. & Mrs. John Windsor
DAN PHILLIPS
by Mr. & Mrs. John Windsor
HUBERT SIMS
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To be continued

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JUNE 6: God's Call to Faith

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 30 and 31; 32:16-18; 37:5-7

MEMORY SELECTION: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help class members realize that God alone is worthy of their trust and so turn to him for salvation and help in all circumstances of life; to learn that the anxieties which keep us from reaching our full potential con best be resolved in faith.

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Isaiah has sometimes been called "the prophet of faith" and "the evangelical prophet" because he repeatedly called for faith in God. He tried to tell his king that even in the midst of grave military threats the ally on whom to lean was God and not the neighbor who had the strongest army. We will be seeing in this lesson why Isaiah was opposed to all international treaties for his land. Some of the scholars imply that he knew the neighboring armies were doomed for defeat, but the main thrust of today's lesson is the affirmation of the memory selection: "In quietness and trust shall be your strength."

In these anxious days I am often reminded of two events that took place in the days just after World War II. It was my privilege to hear General Dwight D. Eisenhower speak in Little Rock. Caught up as many world leaders were in the fears and anxieties of the atomic age that was beginning at that time, he appealed to the audience to use all of their spiritual resources to unite to see that military force was never again exerted in the solution of world problems. How far in the distant past those words seem now to echo!

The second event was the organized effort of the scientists who had produced the atom bomb to launch the equivalent of a religious revival which they felt was needed to counterbalance the new weapon that had been let loose in the world. At their own expense hundreds of these men went across America urging our citizens to seek national strength in a new religious undergirding and not in the "horses and chariots" of the bomb. Can we deny that many of the fears and anxieties that now tear our land apart might have been averted if those prophetic voices had been heard?

Isaiah 30 and 31 contain a series of statements against an Egyptian alliance for Judah. They contrast the emptiness of power as symbolized by the Pharaohs with the deeper help that can be expected when God becomes a nation's ally. Fundamentally the lesson is one that concerns itself more with the religious approach to handling anxiety, and should not focus too much on the military and international crises of our time. We will be seeing how Isaiah, at a time or national decline and impending disaster, summoned the people to repentence and trust in God, consistently warning them of the consequences of placing their confidence elsewhere. But all the while let us listen as he speaks to 1971 America just as much as to Judah in the eighth century B.C.

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MANY WANTED TO TURN TO EGYPT FOR HELP

Early in Isaiah's prophetic career his country felt serious military pressure from two directions. The armies of the Assyrian king were engaged in campaigns in Syria and Israel. Although they did not have our instant forms of communication which keep us in the middle of military operations around the world, word did get to Jerusalem that sooner or later they would have to arrive at some kind of bargain with the Assyrians. The alternative was to find help from the outside that would be stronger than the armies of Assyria.

Isaiah made it his business to try to keep King Hezekiah, from entering into any kind of bargain with the outsiders. The prophet was quite dramatic sometimes, walking through the streets unclothed on one occasion to protest a military alliance which he intepreted as contrary to the will of God.

At the time of our lesson today he was speaking directly to a pro-Egypt party which was quite strong in the land. He said in 31:1, "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many." There may be some question as to whether Isaiah would have been a "dove" in our time, but there can be no doubt that he was opposed to Judah's proposed alliance with Egypt. He went on to say, "The Egyptians are men, and not God." It was commonly believed that the Egyptian Pharaoh was divine and that his armies and weapons must be endowed with some supernatural force. Dr. Walter G. Williams says: "Isaiah goes on to indicate that the Egyptian horses are plain flesh and blood, just as their own beasts. The climax of the message comes when the prophet says that such supposed strength will crumble and fall when God acts in history."

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A PLEA FOR TRUST IN GOD

Isaiah's protest against this pro-Egyptian policy was not based on his inside military information concerning the armies from the south. It was founded on his intimate knowledge of God. He said to his king and to his people that nothing but disaster lay ahead for them unless they realized that their hope was in God.

Using the strongest descriptive language concerning God — "the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel" — which suggests his infinite power and authority, the prophet called on the people to exercise faith. His words were full of promise — by returning to God and submitting to him they would find deliverance. He said that their strength would come out of their quietness and reliance on God.

Dr. G. G. D. Kilpatrick says in **Interpreter's Bible:** "In God's name Isaiah reiterates the only policy of security and strength — trust in the power and purpose of God. It is the statesmanship of faith and obedience. To make light of it, to devise something better, like this Egyptian alliance, means but one thing — defeat."

Many or us are aware that movements are at work within the church and the world that indicate man's impatience with dependence on force. We are being pointed in the direction of new definitions of faith and a renewal of dependence on God. Many are discouraged with the church and pessimistic about its future. Do you agree with me that there are some very promising spiritual signs in our times?

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FEARS AND ANXIETIES THAT DISTURB US

The prophet Isaiah was speaking to the fears and anxieties that were paralyzing his own nation. When there is no peace there are bound to be such anxieties. Jerusalem was surrounded by the Assyrian forces of Sennacharib. Defeat seemed inevitable and the king was almost insane. We read that "he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord." (37:1)

Some of us can recall the first inaugural address of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1933, the theme line of which was, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Whatever one may think of the politics of FDR, those who went through those days with him will remember that he gave priority to actions that would restore faith in America.

What Isaiah was saying to the national leaders in his own time was that they were putting their first emphasis on the wrong things. He was telling them that in their feverish efforts to win a military alliance they were acting as though God did not exist. He told them they were forgetting that God was in history and that man does not have to work out his own salvation.

Our century has witnessed anxiety in more parts of the earth than any other period. So many nations have heard the sound of marching feet and felt the impact of falling bombs. Refugees have fled their homes in search of sanctuary, and in some instances a second generation has grown up in fear and anxiety. We have not known that kind of physical danger, but we cannot deny that fear and anxiety are as rampant in America today as anywhere on earth. Many have proposed solutions — many coalitions have been established. All will fail unless there is more of an emphasis on the leadership of God and the place of faith.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE TO THE KING

King Hezekiah was naturally torn by anxieties and fears as he faced the possibilities of what could happen to his country. He went to the Temple to pray, but he also sent for Isaiah. By both of these actions he indicated his willingness to put himself in the hands of God.

He was not sorry that he made such a move because Isaiah had a word for him. He sent word back to the king: "Say to your master, Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the King of Assyria have reviled you."

Hezekiah had been sent on this spiritual quest by the taunts which might be considered an ancient form of psychological warfare. He reminded the Hebrews that they were claiming to trust in a God whom they had almost banished from their national life. He said to them, "You are not fooling anyone by this action. You are parading a faith in a God whom by your action you have disowned."

These words speak directly to our condition. Have we not claimed to be a Christian civilization, and yet wandered so far away from Christian ideals? Has anything characteristic of the Christian faith marked our proposals for the solutions of international strife and tension? Are we any closer to the Sermon on the Mount in the approaches we are taking to the calming of the turbulent domestic storms? The echo of this taunt echoes across the centuries: "You have made your boast in God, but have denied him in what you have tolerated or accepted. You have your shrines, but what relation is there between what is said and sung in them and your conduct of life?"

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THE NEED FOR REASSURANCE IN OUR TIME

Recalling how Hezekiah sought undergirding against the pressures of his time, we need to be reminded that this is the route we should take in the presence of the anxieties surrounding us. The pressure of living in a materialistic, pleasure-oriented, strife-torn, and spiritually indifferent society is greater than many of us can bear.

We have been reminded that in 1487, Bartholemeu Diaz sailed around the southern tip of Africa during a tremendous storm, so he named it the Cape of Storms. Ten years later Vasco de Gama sailed around that same cape. This time the sun was shinning and the sea was balmy and he gave it the name of Cape of Good Hope. It all depends on the circumstances surrounding us in times of stress and strain. We have much to do with those circumstances if we learn to lean in faith on our God and not feel that we must solve our own problems. We have heard Isaiah speak again, and we cannot deny that he was speaking to our situation as well as to his own king.

United Methodist Women take action

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UMI) — Continuing a concern for leadership of women in the Church, the national policy-making body for 1,700,000 United Methodist Church women in 36,-500 local units has outlined plans for promoting women delegates to thc denomination's highest legislative body.

On recommendation of its Ad Hoc Committee on Churchwomen's Liberation, the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions voted at its mèeting here April 27-30 that "efforts be made to encourage the election of women delegates to General Conference in (April) 1972 (in Atlanta)." The Division asked its president, Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr., and associate general secretary, Miss Theressa Hoover, New York, to write approximately 650 conference and district Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild presidents and chairmen. The letter is to suggest that they meet with other women delegates at 1971 annual conference sessions "to mobilize and strategize for nomination /election of qualified women delegates to the 1972 General Conference."

WOMEN INCREASE GIVING

In contrast to a downward trend in the last two years, giving by United Methodist women through their national organizations in the first three months of 1971 has shown a sharp upturn, it was reported. An increase of 70 per cent in giving during the first quarter is an encouraging sign, according to Miss Florence Little, New York, treasurer of the Women's Division.

After a 29-year period in which giving had moved steadily upward, the Women's Division experienced a decline in giving in 1969, and saw income reduced by 5 per cent in 1970. Then came 1971's first quarter upturn.

Giving by Society and Guild members January 1-March 31 totaled $1,-572,805.38, an increase of $649,843.-25, or 70.4 per cent, over the comparable period of 1970, Miss Little reported. By far the largest proportion of the increase was in the members' undcsignated "pledge to missions" giving, which accounted for $640,790.-57, she added.

STOCKHOLDER RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

The Women's Division affirmed that church investments are an opportunity for missional involvement, and approved stockholder resolutions rclating to what is termed social responsibility of three corporations.

The Division supported proxy resolutions in regard to social function, ecological awareness, consumer protection and employment of minority groups.

Eight stockholder resolutions are scheduled to be presented at the May 21 annual meeting of General Motors Corp. and the Women's Division will support five of them. Resolutions supported by the Division, which owns 7,047 shares of GM stock, would require GM to list on its proxy ballot candidates for the board who have been nominated by shareholder petition. The Division approved support of an Episcopal Church proxy resolution which calls on GM to withdraw its manufacturing operations from South Africa.

The Division also acted to help implement a policy favoring legalized abortion, voted to fund projects in development education and "Third World" awareness, and appointed members to a new "Interboard Task Force on Repression of Dissent."

In other financial actions in Christian Social Relations, the Women's Division voted $20,000 to fund a new ecumenical development education program at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York, and to make a grant of $5,000 to the Emergency Ministry to U.S. Draft-Age Emigrants in Canada, an ecumenical program related to the National Council of Churches.

The Women's Division authorized a National Legislative Training Event to be held in five sessions in Washington, D.C., in early 1972. One session is to be offered for annual conference society and Guild leaders in each of five geographical regions. Planners said the Training Event will focus on current issues, with special reference to the 1972 Presidential election. About 200 persons are expected to attend the Training Event, about 40 at each session.

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TEAM OF SIX WOMEN VISITS AFRICAN WOMEN

NEW YORK (UMI) — A team of United Methodist women leaders is scheduled to go to Africa in May for a month's study-visitation with churchwomen in several countries, particularly the Congo. Sponsored by the Women's Division and World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, the team anticipates what are called "women-to-women" experiences, with focus on common concerns of African and American women.

According to travel plans, the team is to spend 14 days in the Congo, which will be the principal part of their study-visitation. On their schedule are attendance and participation in annual meetings of Women's Societies, visits to five training centers for women and girls, conferences with government and church leaders in the capital of Kinshasa, observation of women's handcraft projects, and visits to a Women's Division-supported leadership training program for women and girls in Lubumbashi and to the Free University of the Congo (Protestant-initiated) in Kisangani.

The whole team is also scheduled to visit Liberia and Zambia.

After leaving Zambia, the team will divide, one group visiting Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Ghana, and another group going to South Africa, Rhodesia, Botswana and Kenya. All members are scheduled to return to the U.S. early in June, and have set an evaluation/follow-up session for June 7 in New York.

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Rural churches, like individual Christians, accomplish more when they work together.

Church Women United elect Mississippian

Clarie Collins (Mrs. Martin) Harvey of Jackson, Mississippi, was elected national president of Church Women United at its triennial Ecumenical Assembly held in Wichita, Kansas, in April. Mrs. Harvey, a Jackson mortician, is the first black woman, the first southern woman and the first employed woman to head the ecumenical movcment of church women of all faiths.

A fourth generation Mississippian, she is the granddaughter of a slave. She is active in ecumenical affairs and in the field of human rights. Her husband, the Dean of Student Affairs at Southern University, is an A.M.E. Zion minister.

Mrs. Harvey was invited by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson to participate in different White House Conferences on Human Relations.

Mrs. Harvey is a member of the executive committee of the Committee on Structure of the United Methodist Church and has served on the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR), and on the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The new president's commitment to international affairs started as early as 1939 when she was a student YWCA delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth, Amsterdam, Holland. In 1962 she joined women from ten countries at the 17th National Disarmament Conference in Geneva.

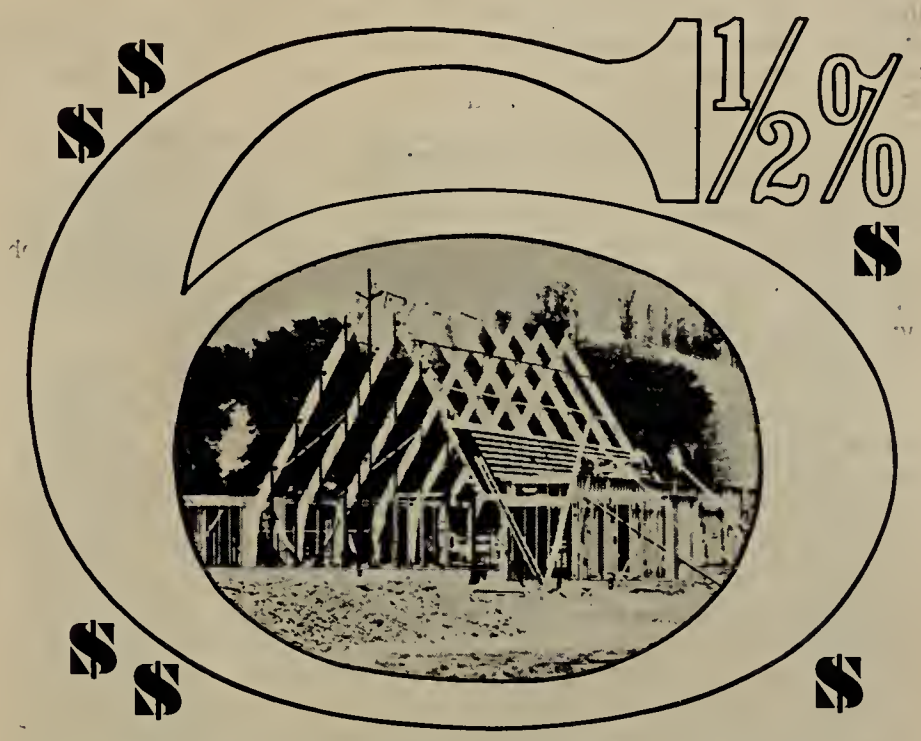
1963 brought her to a peace pilgrimage to Rome and an audience with Pope John XXIII. In March 1971 she was among 30 Protestant leaders who went to Paris to discuss issues with the delegation at the Peace Talks.

Mrs. Clarie Collins Harvey was recently elected president of Church Women United.

Deeply committed to the economic development in her community, in 1958, Mrs. Harvey was a founder and director of the State Mutual Savings and Loan Association of Jackson, now a multi-million dollar, all black institution.

A white Episcopalian from Jackson, Mississippi, Mrs. Jane Schutte, submitted Mrs. Harvey's name for nomination to the office.

Speaking at the final 30th anniversary celebration, Mrs. Harvey quoted Matthew Arnold's words: "If ever the world sees a time when women shall come together purely and simply for the good of mankind, it will be a power such as the world has never known." She closed her speech with the words, "We must plan with our minds but start from our hearts."



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Personnel for Program Council's Advisory Committee on Planning announced

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Dr. Jameson Jones, president of Iliff Thcological Seminary, Denver, Colo., has been elected chairman of the recently organized Advisory Committee on Planning related to the United Mcthodist Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning.

Secretary of the committee is Miss Donna Behnke, a graduate student at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

Dr. Virgil W. Sexton of Dayton, assistant general secretary in charge of the Section of Planning for the Program Council, in announcing the personnel of the advisory committee, called attention to the fact that it is a group mandated by the General Conference "to advise the section and thc division concerning long-range plans of the boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church."

The Book of Discipline provides that the committee may include theologians, social and physical scientists, economists and other qualified personnel "in order to develop and test assumptions concerning trends in American life and to assess the implications of these trends for thc church."

In addition to the officers and Dr. Sexton, other members of the committee are: Dr. Finis Crutchfield, minister of Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla.; Dr. Walter Dawson, management consultant, Silver Spring, Maryland, Dr. Neiland Douglas of the National Council of Churches staff, New York; Dr. Vivian Henderson, president of Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.; Professor Marvin Judy, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Willa Player, Division of College Support, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Lyle Schaller, Center for Parish Development, Evangelical Thcological Seminary, Napierville, Ill.; Professor David C. Shipley, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware.

Ex officio members include: Dr. Paul V. Church, general secretary of the Program Council, Dayton; Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle, associate general secretary, Division of Coordination, Research and Planning, Dayton, Ohio, and Dr. John B. Warman, Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of thc Scction on Planning.

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Rhodesian Church considers mining operation

NEW YORK (UMI) — A United Methodist mission official has confirmed reports that the denomination's conference in Rhodesia has staked a claim to mine copper under a church-owned 2400 acre-tract which Rhodesian churchmen fear is threatened by large metal companies.

Dr. Juel Nordby, executive secretary for Central and Southern African affairs for the Board of Missions, stressed, however, that past and future decisions on the matter are in the hands of the church in Rhodesia.

The vein of copper ore was discovered during the past two years under the Arnoldine mission station. Under Rhodesian law, there is nothing to prevent a mine operator from tunneling under property adjacent to his mine and extracting the minerals, with or without the permission of the property owner. The only way to prevent this from happening is for the owner of the adjacent property to register a claim on his own property and thus give indication that he himself intends to extract the minerals.

This is what the Rhodesian church has done with the Arnoldine property, and negotiations are underway which might lead to leasing of the mineral rights.

Officials of the World Division have emphasized that basic decisions about Arnoldine land and its potential for copper-mining are to be made by United Methodists in Rhodesia and that any income from the operation will remain in that country.

Although the Rhodesia church has the status of a full annual conference and full decision-making power, the title to the Arnoldine land is still held by the Board of Missions in New York because of extremely high legal costs involved in the transfer of titles in that country.

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Possibility of biennial General Conference sessions to be studied

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — A study of the possible effect of a General Conference of the United Methodist Church every two years on the organizational pattern of denominational boards and agencies was approved here May 10 by the commission conducting a four-year study of the church's structure.

Holding an abbreviated session because of the absence of a number of members, and the hospitalization of its chairman, the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick, the Structure Study Commission also reviewed hearings conducted at the local level recently in several sections of the country, as well as sessions with board and agency representatives and bishops of the church.

In asking for the study of a possible biennial session for the church's top law-making body, the commission said that any recommendation to change the frequency of meeting was outside its study mandate, but that it did want to consider the effects of such a change on its work. At present, the General Conference meets quadrennially and has about 1,000 members. The next session will be in April, 1972.

In another action, the commission approved a committee to write a document summarizing all input to date as a basis for preparing its recommendations in the form of legislation to the 1972 General Conference. It also considered several alternate plans for its proposed Council on Ministries and Administration (CMA).

W. Astor Kirk, vice-chairman of the commission, presided during the one-day session of the group. A number of the members present stayed a second day to discuss issues as a "task force," but no definitive actions were taken.

The commission will hold its next session in late August in Denver, Colo.

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Scarritt College for Christion Workers, located in Noshville, Tenn., has been singled out as one of two schools to receive gronts from the World Service Fund. Owned by the Generol Conference of the United Methodist Church, Scarritt is commissioned to prepore loy men ond women for church ond community related vocations. Neorly holf of oll United Methodist foreign missionaries have been trained at Scarritt ond more directors of Christion education for the denominotion have graduated from Scorritt than from any other college. Students at Scarritt spend a qreat deal of time working with members of the local community, asdoesthis young man who entertoins children ot a doy care center.

PROGRAM COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON SABBATICAL STUDY LEAVE

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle of Dayton, associate general secretary of the United Methodist Church's Program Council, is currently on sabbatical leave for a three-month period of study and travel. Dr. Clapsaddle heads the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning.

Beginning the first day of May, Dr. Clapsaddle entered upon the Executive Sabbatical Program of the School of Business Administration at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

His fields of study during this period will be primarily management and the behavioral sciences, program planning and budgeting, and new frontiers of management.

During the second half of his sabbatical, Dr. Clapsaddle will be enrolled at Mansfield College, Oxford University, England, studying New Testament interpretation and theology.

His sabbatical was authorized at an earlier meeting of the Program Council.

SEVENTEEN HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCIES RECEIVE CERTIFICATION

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — A group of 17 United Methodist-related health and welfare agencies have received full certification by the denomination's Certification Council, it was announced here May 10.

Another ten facilities have achieved "affiliation" status, the first of three steps in the certification process. The latest additions bring to 250, or 75 per cent, the number of such agencies to have received either affiliation, provisional certification, or full certification.

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TRANSLATION OF GERMAN VOLUMES SPEEDED UP BY METHODIST PRESS

NASHVILLE (RNS) — Abingdon Press, a United Methodist agency herc, has undertaken an experimental project to speed up the process of translating the writings of younger German theologians into English.

The publisher has arranged for the translation of essays from Evangclischc Theologie, a 30-year-old periodical having an international reputation.

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CUBAN REUNION

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — Bishop and Mrs. Roy H. Short of thc Louisville Area of the United Mcthodist Church served as hosts at a recent gathering of Cuban friends now living in the United States. The mecting was held at the Louisville Conferencce youth camp, Camp Loucon, April 27-29.

Twenty-three years ago as a new episcopal leader, Bishop Short was assigned to administer the work of the Methodist Church in Florida and Cuba. He held that assignmcnt for four years and took it up again following the death of Bishop John Branscomb in January, 1959.

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Executive Director's Report to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation

April 18, 1971

The action of this Board of Trustees, taken in April 1970, when it adopted a new program of action, might well prove to be the most far reaching step in the history of the Foundation. We are now in one of the most exciting periods LMCF has known in the last two decades. I shall not elaborate at this time on our new program which we have chosen to call AREA DRUG RALLY, but rather I shall leave that report to my associate, Bob Anderson and his associate Mark Tullos, who will present for you this afternoon a typical program used in our schools.

The annual audit has been presented to you by the chairman of our Finance Committee, Rev. Merlin Merrill, and I think this gives you a clear picture of our financial status. I would, however, like to make one observation. Our receipts for 1970 show a decrease of $1,013.08. This decrease was due almost entirely to the fact that certain monies were not received until after January 1, 1971, and therefore could not be shown as 1970 receipts, although they were December 1970 designations.

In our legal and legislative work, LMCF was again active in the 1970 session of the Louisiana Legislature, opposing state aid to non-public schools, which bill passed by a small margin, and has now been declared unconstitutional by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Also a bill, backed by the brewers, would have for all intent and purposes, placed the final authority for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the hands of the Board of Tax Appeals (a board appointed by the Governor). This was bad legislation and was soundly defeated. The proponents received only a handful of votes.

As through the last 18 years, LMCF's Executive Director did considerable research on legislation introduced, and advised with many legislators, who many times sought his advice. He also appeared before a number of legislative committees, city councils and parish police juries, the latter two bodies to oppose the issuance of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages located close to churches, schools, etc.

Your Foundation has given support to local areas where the wets circulated petitions for local option elections. We were successful in each of the four areas. Your Executive Director also prepared protests and met with state authorities on the matter of illegal sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

Race tracks and pari-mutuel wagering were also a concern to some areas of our state — Natchitoches and Vinton — in particular. Your Director worked actively with the citizens in those areas in opposing the establishment of such tracks, and made a number of contacts with the Louisiana Racing Commission and the Governor. At this time Clarence Downs, located near Natchitoches, is not in operation for pari-mutuel wagering, and no construction at the track at Vinton is under way.

Your Executive Director was recently appointed to the legislative committee of the Community Action for Corrections which committee is primarily concerned with pardons and paroles.

A sincere expression of gratitude is due this Board for its splendid spirit of cooperation with the administration. Truly ours is a teamwork in seeking a "Christian solution to the moral problems of our state."

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Lower
Executive Director

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BOB ANDERSON speaking to adults on Alcohol, Drugs and Youth.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR READERS

Dear Concerned Friends:

There are many reasons why **right** now is an important time to give financial support to the LOUISIANA MORAL and CIVIC FOUNDATION. But the main reason is that **today** a deadly plague is sweeping across our country striking — mostly our young people. This plague is DRUG ABUSE.

Unknowingly, some of our youth become "hooked" because they are ignorant of the harmful effects of drugs and narcotics.

To reach thousands of Louisiana's youth with the **true facts**, LMCF is conducting Drug Rallies in strategic centers across the state. These rallies are planned to reach both young people and their elders in separate meetings held simultaneously. Assisting in these rallies are: doctors, lawyers, law enforcement officials, former addicts, athletes and others.

Art Linkletter, recently said, at a White House Conference: "I think we should make the next generation understand what they are putting into their blood is **not** an answer to life's problems." This is exactly what LMCF is seeking to do throughout Louisiana.

You can help strengthen your Foundation's efforts in its campaign against drugs and drug abuse, with your check. This is your fight, too. The fight must be won!

Please be generous and send your contribution today.

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What Happens When a Community Votes Wet

Ward 5 of DeSoto Parish an example

Rev. Arnold F. Nelson
106 Hope Street
Mansfield, Louisiana 71052

Dear Rev. Nelson:

I am enclosing statistics on arrests before and after liquor was voted legal in Ward 5, per your request.

As you understand, the Town of Zwolle is supposed to be legally dry during this period of time. First, I want to say that Ward 5 almost circles the town of Zwolle and these arrests will only show the coming through of people from the liquor places outside of town. I would also like to add that the Town of Zwolle added two employes, two additional police officers at the cost of $1000 per month and they take no revenue from the liquor business except the fines paid by the offenders who, in most cases, are not able to pay them.

Attached you will find a comparison of the years June 1, 1966 to May 31, 1967 and from June 1, 1968 to May 31, 1969. In making this comparison I skipped the first year that liquor was legal, that year being June 1, 1967 to May 31, 1968, to give a "cooling off" period for things to level off.

Now this only takes care of the violations in the City of Zwolle, it does not take care of the felony offenses. They are taken care of at District Court in Many. The misdemeanor cases happening in Ward 5 are also taken care of in District Court in Many. This will only show that we, in Zwolle, are victims of and I would like to notc that, to my knowledge, the felony offences, such as shootings, cuttings and killings are up five to one.

Hoping that this is the information you desired and that it will be of some benefit to you in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Quinton Brandon
City Marshall
P. O. Box 546
Zwolle, La. 71486

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Before liquor was legalized in Ward 5:
1966-1967

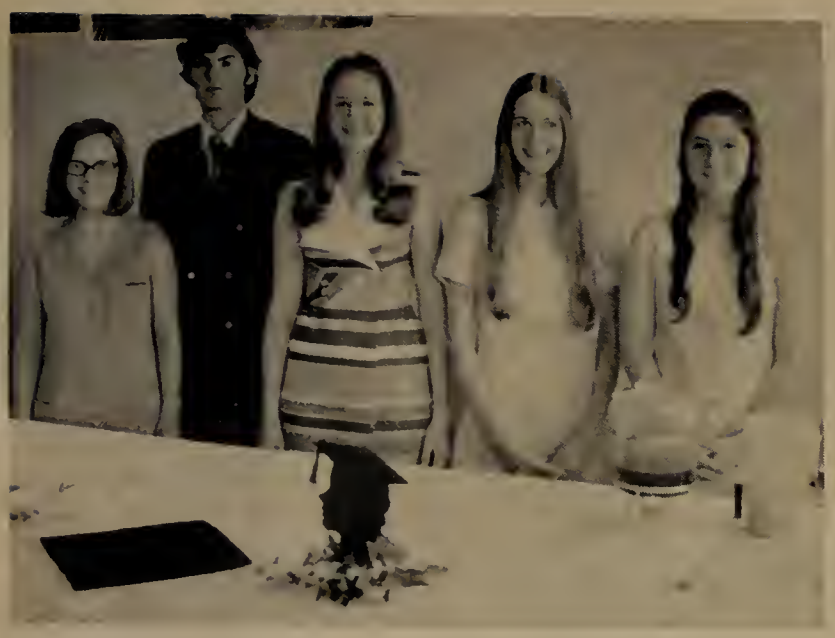
DWI	38
Careless & reckless driving	33
Disturbing the peace	43
Drunks	87
Hit & Run	2
Resisting Officer	none
Drinking in Public	6

After Liquor was legalized in Ward 5:
1968-1969

DWI	110
Careless & reckless driving	102
Disturbing the peace	138
Drunks	204
Hit & Run	15
Resisting Officer	28
Drinking in Public	76

This is a true and correct copy of convictions taken from City Court Documents of The City of Zwolle, Louisiana.

Quinton Brandon, City Marshall



Seniors and parents at St. Luke's Church in Shreveport were recently honored with a breakfast served by the Women's Society of Christian Service. Seniors (l. to r.): Carol Sherman, Jim Poole, Kathy Stahl, Barbara Hysell, and Annette Hilburn. The Rev. James M. Poole is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Durham II and sons Tracy and Hunter of First United Methodist Church, Hammond, shown receiving the "Family of the Year for 1971" oward from the Rev. Henry C. Blount Jr., pastor. Mr. Durham is currently choirman of the building program at First Church and Mrs. Durham, the former Nelie Dobson, is o teocher in the church school.

George Simmonton, narcotics specialist of Lincoln Parish sheriff's department was the featured speaker for a recent United Methodist Men's Breakfast at Grace Church in Ruston.

UMYFers at St. Luke's Church, Shreveport, formed a "bicycle brigade" and corrying sack lunches they rode nearly 12 miles where they waded in the Red River. This is only port of the group.

Cooks for the Men's Breakfast at Groce Church, Ruston (l. to r.): Don McGehee, Buddy McFadden, ond Chuck Mead; George Mead stirs the hash browns.

John Lee, a senior member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Shreveport, tries one of the hearing aids placed in the sanctuary by the UMYF of the church during the dedication ceremony. Mrs. John Hollingsworth is UMYF counselor. The Rev. John Hollingsworth is pastor.

High school graudotes at Vidalia United Methodist Church received Bibles from the Women's Society of Christion Service during the Moy 16 morning worship hour. Moking the presentation was Mrs. Ann Higgs, president of the orgonization (front, left). The Rev. Bob Bengtson, pastor is shown ot right.

Group confirmed ond received into the membership of First Church, Gueydan. The Rev. Fronk C. Lankford is minister.

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Walter Harris (l.), New Orleans District treasurer of the 1000 Club and the Rev. John Koelemay, treasurer of the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation. Harris is shown presenting a check in the amount of $3,159.14 representing the sum collected on the Third Call of the 1000 Club. The District voted for this Call to go to the Wesley Foundation Building Fund. The special effort was under the leadership of Truman Ward, District lay leader and the Rev. Roy Nash, campus minister.

Methodist Hospital reports on churches' contributions

By action of the Annual Conference, Methodist Hospital Sunday was placed on the Conference Calendar to be observed on Sunday, February 7, 1971, "with every local church lifting up the needs of this newest conference agency."

Through publicity releases and special offering envelopes, as well as through District Workshops and District Conferences, the Hospital informed the Conference that the financial need now is for funds to strengthen and undergird its charity (free care) program. It has been pointed out that in the past 12 months, such care has been offered totalling more than $80,000. With no other source of funds to meet this important service to mankind, we turned to the Methodist Christian community.

As of May 15, we have received contributions from 120 churches, of the 460 Methodist Churches in Louisiana, only 26 per cent. The amounts have varied from $1 to $258, and the total has reached $5,412.62, less than 7 per cent of our need. No response has been forthcoming from many of the largest churches. The top district total, as should be expected, is New Orleans, with $1,771. Next highest is Shreveport with $761.75. Others are as follows: Alexandria—$346.41; Baton Rouge—$229.59; Hammond—$320.11; Lafayette—$522.95; Lake Charles—$423.50; Monroe—$624.83; Ruston—$411.80.

We are grateful for the support which has been forthcoming: we earnestly request that our needs be lifted up by all the churches which have not as yet done so. All Methodists should have the privilege of deciding for themselves concerning this support of Methodist Hospital.

Student Day to bolster Loan/ Scholarship Fund

The United Methodist Churches of the Louisiana Annual Conference will observe United Methodist Student Day this year on June 20 to honor thousands of young students and to receive a special offering to support the Loan and Scholarship Fund.

The Rev. Grayson B. Watson, Director of Church Relations at Centenary College, in announcing four United Methodist Scholarship appointments at the College for 1971-72, pointed out that the Loan and Scholarship program has played a key role in the career of almost every professional church leader today.

"Our help to these young students through our offering on this one day of the year will assure the future vitality of the church through the training of tomorrow's leaders," he said.

Two sophomores, Junie Sue Havard and Curtis J. Melancon, have had their scholarships renewed for next year, and two new awards have been made to Cherale Meda Townsend, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Townsend of Slaughter and Deborah Diane Deane, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Brook of Alexandria. Two other students, Debra Diane Cox and Michael Marshall Marcell have just completed the 1970-71 term on a United Methodist Scholarship at Centenary.

Watson said that Centenary students have been receiving these Methodist Scholarships since the year 1945, with 125 students accepting awards totalling $52,386 during that time. At the national level, last year the Church granted scholarships to 484 students at a total cost of $232,198, and loans to

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Centenary group departs for mission to Alaska

by Maurie Wayne

Siberia will be only 162 miles away when twelve Centenary College students and their advisers do missionary work in Nome, Alaska this summer. They left on June 2 for three and one-half weeks of intensive manual labor and a Bible school for Eskimo children.

The projects they will undertake include the repainting of the United Methodist Church and parsonage, raising and leveling the buildings at the Nome Community Center that have been turned and twisted by shifts in the perma-frost, and the installation of indoor plumbing for both the church and community center. What spare time they have will be spent with the Bible school and a variety of recreation projects for teenagers.

Nome has a population of 2,800. Eighty percent of its residents are Eskimo. Because of the severe weather and a lack of job opportunities, there is poverty and great health problems. While the group is there the high temperature will be in the 50's and the low temperature in the 30's and there is a possibility it will snow.

The group will sleep on the floor of the church.

Many of the students are taking academic credit for the workcamp in either religion, sociology, education or psychology. They have done a great deal of research on Alaska and Eskimo culture and will be writing research papers after they return.

This will be the ninth workcamp conducted by Dean Aamodt. It will be the fifth workcamp since his association with Centenary College. The College Chaplain, the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, will accompany the group. Mrs. William Murdock, an alumna of Centenary, will also be going. This will be her fourth workcamp. This will be the second workcamp for the college nurse, Mrs. Robbie Campbell. She will be working in the Methodist hospital in Nome as well as on the construction projects of the Centenary group.

Dean Aamodt will be doing the cooking for the group. Because of the cost of food in Nome they will be taking most of their own provisions with them. On the last Alaska workcamp members of the group gained from four to fourteen pounds during the four week period.

Plans are already underway for another workcamp in the Caribbean during the month of January.

Students making the trip to Nome are: Jane Brady, Winnfield, La.; Paul Giessen, Lake Charles, La.; Jess Gilbert, Sicily Island, La.; Nancy Lenz, Memphis, Tenn.; Theresa McConnell, Springhill, La.; Linda Miller, New Orleans, La.; Kathy Parrish, Monroe, La.; Michael Pass, Metairie, La.; Cherry Payne, Pascagoula, Miss.; Elizabeth Ponsford, Penarth Glam, Wales; Liddell Smith, Haughton, La., and Sally Wood, Leesville, La.

(see picture, page 2)

As we go to press this Tuesday morning, June 1, 1971, an historic event in Louisiana United Methodism is about to take place at the new Physical Education Center at Centenary College (pictured here). At 7:30 this evening Conferences A and B are scheduled to meet under the self-supported gold aluminum dome for a Ceremony of Merger.

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Student Day

2,793 students totalling $1,412,940.

"On campuses throughout the country today, many fine Methodist students are finding that rising costs in the colleges are defeating their chances of completing their education. These are conscientious, intelligent, deserving students who, with our help on Student Day, June 20, will become competent doctors, teachers, pastors, artists, scientists and technicians. Some day society will depend on their talents and skills," Watson said.

Loans are made to Methodist students who attend any accredited college in the United States while the scholarships are awarded to qualified Methodist students attending United Methodist church-related colleges.

Watson said he was asking all pastors, laymen, and students to make a special effort to participate in United Methodist Student Day this year. "The Church both strengthens the cause of Christian higher education by aiding those who need assistance, and invests in its own future by fostering a trained and committed leadership," he said.

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Centenary College President Dr. John H. Allen stops to chat with four students attending college on United Methodist Scholarships. FROM LEFT: Michael Marshall Marcell, Debra Diane Cox, Junie Sue Havard, and Curtis J. Melancon, Jr. Miss Cox and Marcell have completed the two-year maximum on the scholarships while Miss Havard and Melancon have had their grants renewed for next term.

Cherale Meda Townsend, one of two to receive new scholarship awards.

Deborah Deane, the other new recipient of a scholarship award.

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Nome, Alaska scenes

ABOVE: Some of the neighborhood kids in Nome.

One of the new government housing units recently built in Nome.

A typical retreat in Nome—no igloos!

The Centenary College Board of Trustees met at Hamilton Hall Monday, May 3 for their annual spring meeting. They approved the budget for 1971-72, approved the degrees for the graduating seniors, and heard reports from President John H. Allen and members of his staff. Posing on the steps of Hamilton Hall prior to the meeting, (first row, l. to r.) J. Hugh Watson, Howard Crumley, Dr. Bentley Sloane, Mrs. D. P. Hamilton, James C. Gardner, President John H. Allen, Mrs. G. M. Anderson, and George D. Nelson, chairman of the Board of Trustees, (second row) the Rev. Douglas McGuire, Dr. Sam Nader, Dr. Carl Lueg, Dr. B. C. Taylor, Mrs. Beynon S. Cheesman, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. E. E. Hurley, Mrs. Justin R. Querbes, III, and Charles Ellis Brown, (third row) Cecil E. Ramey, Jr., Charlton H. Lyons, Jr., Floyd C. Boswell, Mrs. Thomas E. Hogan, Dr. J. Henry Bowden, Dr. Charles D. Knight, Dr. D. L. Dykes, and Paul Heffington, President of the Student Senate, (fourth row) John B. Atkins, Jr., J. C. Love, Dr. George F. Pearce, Jr., Emmett R. Hook, G. W. James, James N. Patterson, and Dr. Jack Cooke.

guest editorial

by Eugene L. Stockwell
Assistant General Secretary
United Methodist Board of Missions

HOW COME FEWER MISSIONARIES ?

Most American Protestant denominations are reducing their number of overseas missionaries. The United Methodist Church is no exception. Some churchmen view this development with alarm, others welcome it, still others withhold judgment and wonder why.

The Christian missionary movement of the past century and a half has had many ups and downs. On the positive side it has had many ups and downs. On the positive side it has provided a worldwide witness to Jesus Christ which has resulted in vast improvements for mankind in faith, education, health, status of women, freedom from ancient shackles, service to individual and social need, confrontation of age-old structures with the newness of the gospel, and much more. On the negative side it has too often accepted an identification with western colonialism, it has provided palliative service instead of root change, it has exported divisions between church groups, it has sometimes produced dependency rather than independence.

Whatever assessment one may come to as the positive and negative are balanced out, it is clear that the mainline historical denominations of our country are sending fewer missionaries than they were only a few years ago, and the trend is decidedly downward. The United Methodist Church, for example, which as recently as 1968 had over 1500 missionaries now has less than 1200 and its projections are that the number may soon reach 1000. What is happening?

The first and most obvious explanation is that churches are in financial trouble and cannot pay for as many missionaries today as before. This is only partially true. It is a fact that the costs of missionary support rise. Also, of every dollar United Methodists put in their offering plates, less than two and a half cents goes to support the entire overseas church outreach of the church, including the sending of missionaries. But finances alone are only a partial explanation. In the United Methodist Church the overall giving to churchwide purposes in 1970 increased slightly, but the share of that giving for mission use outside the United States decreased. This points to a second factor in the life of U.S. churches.

For another the church at large is giving an increasingly higher proportionate importance to mission in the United States and a correspondingly decreasing priority to mission abroad. In every local church the question is heard: "Why send missionaries or money overseas when we have such tremendous problems here at home: racial tensions, urban rot, group polarizations, poverty, etc.?" A healthy concern for mission at home leads many to turn the use of resources to home needs, often without consideration as to what this may mean for good or ill abroad. The United Methodist General Conference has contributed to this trend with nationwide efforts to raise $20,000,000 for the Fund for Reconciliation, $4,000,000 for the Commission on Religion and Race, and substantial funds for higher and ministerial education at home. Such efforts (supported, incidentally, by boards of missions that send missionaries overseas) tend to leave as a by-product less income for the worldwide program of the church beyond our national borders.

This same concern for national priorities affects missionary presence in another way also: many young people who in former times would have presented themselves for overseas service are challenged by our nation's own need and prefer to work in our U.S. mission frontiers. Also, some overseas missionaries decide that since they went overseas situations have changed and they return to continue in mission on another front closer to home.

A third reason why missionaries are fewer in number is that many churches overseas to which we are related do not sense a need for missionaries now as they did in the past, due to the great increase in the number of competent national leaders in the countries where missionaries have served. In a way this is a tribute to the missionaries who, as the old phrase has it, were supposed "to work themselves out of a job." In many places they did exactly that. Many calls still come for missionaries but they tend to have a different tone to them than the calls of previous decades: highly trained technicians are requested more than the generalist or willing individual who will do any one of a hundred different jobs. Able national leaders, rooted in their own culture and language, can shoulder jobs formerly held by missionaries, and do so with eminent skill.

Developing nationalisms around the world also affect the number of missionaries sent abroad. Both the healthy nationalism that leads peoples to take their destiny in their own hands for a better future, and the unhealthy nationalism which is exclusivistic, ingrown and chauvinistic, lead frequently to reduced possibilities for foreign missionaries, who are either excluded entirely (China, eastern Europe, Cuba, Burma, for example) or are curtailed in presence or activity for a host of different reasons (as in Angola, Mozambique, Nigeria, Malaysia, to mention only a few). Closely allied to this factor is the recognition at many points that American presence around the world today is so enormous (militarily, economically, in the communications media, touristically, etc.) that either by the express will of others or by our own restraint a diminution of this powerful Leviathan is desirable. A "lower profile" seems wise. Overseas churches, as well as many missionaries and mission boards, wrestle with this issue and consider that for this moment in history American missionary presence around the world should be reduced even as the many burgeoning missionary sending movements crisscrossing the world with home bases in Asian, Latin American and African countries are encouraged.

This is a great day for Christian mission, at home or abroad. The gospel is for the whole world; "the world is our parish." We trust there will never come a day in our "global village" when men and women will not be ready to leave home and family to go to the uttermost parts of the earth in the name of Jesus Christ, but this historical moment, in the minds of many, is a moment when some necessities, some deeply held convictions and some national concern and restraint lead to a decrease in the number of American missionaries abroad. What the future holds no one can tell.

the Editor's Corner

Busy Conference Time

In the middle of the activities of the first of the Annual Conference sessions for which we have responsibility—the Little Rock Conference meeting in Hot Springs—we would like to try to share with you something of the kind of schedule followed by a combination editor-Methodist Information director.

For a number of years we have had the trust of the local and state papers to the extent that they have let us provide them with news releases twice a day. This means we can set our own pace instead of working along with a local correspondent for the papers. Sometimes the stories are printed just as we write them, while at other times we discover drastic changes in the thoughts we are trying to communicate.

This dual relationship becomes especially trying when there are controversial items on the agenda of the conference, as for example, the vote of the Little Rock Conference this week on the proposal concerning the merger with the Southwest Conference. We know that the vote hinged around the section concerning the naming of district superintendents for a period of 12 years, but that's difficult to interpret to the readers of secular newspapers. That's when you wish you were not sitting in as correspondent for the papers and the news services.

While we are thinking in that Methodist Information capacity, we must also keep in mind the plans for the next edition of our own paper, trying to get enough pictures to give representative coverage, and also feeding some copy to the office for processing. Each day of conference we realize how much we are indebted to the staff back in Little Rock whose responsibilities are increased by conference just as ours are. They are a great team, and we are ever mindful that the production of the paper and the processing of the news releases is a team effort.

This is an expression of gratitude to the workers in the office and to all of you for the assistance you render in helping to "get the word around."

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Tillman Durdin of The New York Times — the first American journalist to be granted a one-month entrance visa to mainland China since 1950—has reported that "old religious practices" were among "four olds"—old things, ideas, customs, and habits —that were targeted for elimination early in the Cultural Revolution which began in 1966. Durdin remarked that, on the basis of the evidence, "mainly visual," the concerted drive against the "old religious practices" has had "sweeping effect." "No religious practices were discoverable during the trip in China, and guides said there were none. Religious edifices have been turned to use as schools, warehouses or recreation centers," according to The Times correspondent.

Following the first mass audience survey of radio listeners taken by missions in Africa, the Sudan Interior Mission has initiated major changes in its radio programming. Radio station ELWA has adopted the motto, "Your good friend station, showing you the way to a better life." Programming reflecting local customs and experiences, and using local people are said to be replacing programs produced by non-Africans. The staff is now concentrating on what the survey shows to be a growing young audience, with a multi-media youth-oriented campaign using radio, literature and evangelistic meetings planned.

President J. Brooke Mosley of Union Theological Seminary (N.Y.) told the annual alumni association that the interdenominational institution is facing a "financial crisis." A 19-member planning group is being appointed, he said, to lead the seminary community in a study of its goals and priorities. One question under discussion at Union is the relative emphasis that should be placed on advanced degree programs, particularly in view of a decline in job openings for graduates with doctorates in theology. Also at issue is how far to go in acceding to increasing demands, particularly from students, that the seminary use its endowment for social purposes —investment in minority-run businesses, bail for Black Panthers, etc.—rather than seeking to get the highest return possible.

The Episcopal Diocese of New York has voted to "phase out" virtually all support given to local parishes and to triple the amount the parishes are assessed for the work of the diocese. However, certain "outreach" programs will continue to be funded by the diocese. Other support—for a congregation's own operating expenses—will decrease by 20 per cent each year for the next five years. According to Religious News Service the "outreach" programs which would allow a parish to continue to receive diocesan support generally include community action efforts directed towards those who are not members of the Church.

The American Jewish community has been challenged to avoid alignment with either the radical left or the ultra-conservative right. Instead, Rabbi Louis Bernstein, first vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America which represents 1.5 million Orthodox Jews in the U.S. and Canada, urged constituents to turn to moral standards of the Judaic faith to resolve current problems. The Rabbi emphasized the need to convince Jewish youth that "Judaism is not of the left, not of the center, and not of the right, but only of the 'above.' "

A $9,850 grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission will be used by the newly-organized Religious Ecumenical Council on Crime and Delinquency to organize a statewide conference of religious leaders to map an anti-crime program. According to the Rev. George Rice, chairman of the nine-member ecumenical council, most of the major faith groups are expected to take part in a proposed conference this fall. One spokesman said the innovative program "opens new avenues for the greater utilization of spiritual values as a crime deterrent."

The cause of Christian unity in Britain is reported to have received its most promising boost in London when annual national assemblies of Congregationalists and English Presbyterians voted overwhelmingly for merger of their denominations into the "United Reformed Church." The voting was carried out by more than 2,000 Congregational delegates in London and, simultaneously, by nearly 500 Presbyterian delegates in assembly at Newcastle. However, before this historic vote can culminate in actual union, the plan must be discussed by the 15 Presbyteries of England—and simultaneously, local Congregational churches and must receive majority approval not later than Dec. 15.

In a major papal document, Pope Paul VI summoned Christians to participate actively in social reform, while at the same time safeguarding the values of "liberty, responsibility, and openness to the spiritual." Christians are free to choose their own ways of promoting social justice, provided they "remain faithful to Christian principles," the document said. The pontiff warned against the dangers of Marxist ideology, with its "atheistic materialism," its "dialectic of violence," and the way it "absorbs the individual in the collectivity" while denying all "transcendence" to man.

Roman Catholic and Anglican (Episcopal) Churches "will be one within our lifetime," predicts Father Charles Angell, editor of The Lamp, a "Christian unity magazine" with roots in both traditions. The editor suggested that perhaps an Anglican relationship to the Vatican similar to that of the Eastern Rite Churches might come about. Pointing to joint theological studies, Angell said "The conversations look forward toward ultimate full organic unity between the Anglican and Roman Catholic communions." Recognizing "obstacles" he noted that "four centuries of separation cannot be overcome in a day."

More than 2,000 young people are expected to attend the 51st annual convention of the Christian Endeavor movement which will be held July 5-9 in St. Louis. Vonda Kay Van Dyke, a former Miss America, is scheduled to receive the 13th International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation during the convention. Miss Van Dyke has frequently spoken at religious gatherings since her reign as Miss America. The World's Christian Endeavor Union has about 3 million members in 75 countries.

Declarations that the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) "is dead" constitute exercises in "faddism" and "ghoulishness," according to The Christian Century, an ecumenical weekly published in Chicago. The editorial said in defense of COCU, that it "can become the most effective vehicle of a revitalized Protestantism in the 1970s and beyond . . . We don't believe most Protestants these days — whether devout or casual in their faith, whether clergy or laity—can satisfy their yearnings for identity by going back to Wesley or Calvin or Henry VIII." Concerning the prospects for COCU, the Century said that concern can be voiced on the "manageability of the proposed 'Church of Christ Uniting' " but "reports of COCU's death are somewhat exaggerated."

The American Baptist Convention, meeting in Minneapolis, voted to ask President Nixon and Congress to withdraw all U.S. military forces from Indo-China "hopefully" by Dec. 31, 1971. The vote was 1,451 to 199. A resolution on the Middle East called for a U.N. peacekeeping force which guarantees the borders between Israel and Arab nations and "creates the conditions in which the slow work of conciliation could take place."

Rep. Emanuel Celler (N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Comm. and Sen. Philip A. Hart (Mich.) are scheduled to introduce a bill calling for a two-year "national stay" of executions while Congress considers whether to abolish the death sentence altogether. The Supreme Court has not yet acted on pleas to decide whether capital punishment constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment" barred by the 8th Amendment. Sponsors of the measure said "a national stay" of execution was essential to give "breathing space" to Congress, which would use the time to decide whether to attempt total abolition through federal law or through a constitutional amendment.

An immediate review of national policy toward gambling is imperative, says Rep. John S. Monagan (Conn.), because of "harm caused to our nation's economic, social, and moral well-being by illicit drug operations and infiltration of legitimate business by organized crime." The Congressman has introduced legislation to amend the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 to provide that a "commission to review national policy toward gambling" be formed by Oct. 15 this year rather than Oct. 15, 1972, as set in the original law.

A rapid growth of churches in Ethiopia and Indonesia has been attributed to the readiness of laymen to assume responsibility for parish life and to witness to their faith daily. The Rev. Gudina Tumsa, executive secretary of the Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Ethiopia, told the Commission on Church Cooperation of the Lutheran World Federation that the assistance of voluntary agencies in Europe and N. America is needed to provide leadership training.

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Mrs. Lais H. Stair of Waukesha, Wisc., wos elected maderator of the United Presbyterian Church at the denamination's 183rd General Assembly in Rachester, N.Y. It wos the first time in histary thot the denominatian had named a wamon as its leader. The 47-year-old moderator will serve for ane year as the titulor head of the 3.1-million-member Church. (RNS Photo)

— A Report on Migrant Ministry

Migrant children pick in the fields and also carry berries to the packing shed, so their parents can continue picking.

The migrants go to the berry fields at dawn and pick until noon or whenever the crop is picked for the day. At the peak of the season they may be in the fields until 3 p.m. School age children are picked up at 11:30, by the school bus to attend the Migrant School.

Church Women United from New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette visit the strawberry farm of Mr. George Perrin near Ponchatoula.

A migrant grandmother (right) is babysitting with the preschool children and cooking tortillas for her family group numbering about 15.

Among the migrant children visited by Church Women United was a little girl aged two years (left) who has a heart defect.

The Louisiana Migrant Ministry Committee met in Hammond at the First United Methodist Church on May 6 with 20 board members present and the three chaplains and their helpers who are serving the migrant workers during the strawberry season.

Although the strawberry acreage is decreasing each year there are still a large number of migrants who move into the Hammond area to pick strawberries. Louisiana Employment Security reports that they placed about 500 workers on the farms of 25 growers. Of these workers about 350 were Spanish American. A large number of resident negroes work in the strawberry fields. These are not included in the count of migrant workers, although many of them are a part of the migrant stream and leave the Hammond area to work in other crops in other states. Some farmers secure their own labor and these workers are not included in the count of LES.

Employment Security blames the decreased acreage on a number of factors — many of the older farmers have died and no one in the family has continued farming — many farmers have quit planting berries because of the difficulty of getting labor and because of precarious market conditions due in part to the flood of Mexican berries on the market before the Louisiana harvest.

The Louisiana Migrant Ministry continues to serve the migrants in many ways. The chaplains reported they contacted over 500 migrants. They distributed 778 health and friendship kits and 103 sewing kits, used clothing, sheets and blankets. They also distributed 16 new boxer shorts and 13 new dresses made by a group in the Lake Vista United Methodist Church in New Orleans. The new clothing was delivered the Saturday before Easter. Mrs. Rowell, a wife of one of the chaplains said, "You should have seen the migrants' faces when they received the new dresses."

Boxes of food were given to three families who were in need before the berries were ready to pick.

The Rev. Henry C. Blount, chairman of the committee and one of the chaplains were able to help a migrant family who were involved in a car wreck as they were traveling through Hammond.

The committee also heard of a migrant family whose car broke down near Sulphur, La. They were helped by several churches in Sulphur and Lake Charles.

The Migrant Committee sponsored Visitation Days on April 23 and April 29. The tours included visits to the strawberry farms and to the Migrant School. About 150 people from New Orleans and Baton Rouge went on the tour on April 23 and 30 people from New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette participated in the tour on April 29.

The Migrant School has been administered by the Tangipohoa School Board since 1966. There are more than 100 children attending the Migrant School. Most of the children are Spanish American, because they are the largest number who move in for the strawberry harvest. Most of the negroes working in berries are residents of Tangipohoa Parish, therefore their children are attending public school. There are some negroes and Caucasians who qualify for attendance at the Migrant School.

The Committee wishes to thank all who have supported Migrant Ministry with their gifts of money, kits, clothing, sheets and other gifts. We continue to need your support. Remember Migrant Ministry receives no state or federal funds. All of our money comes from the churches in Louisiana. The Migrant Ministry is an Advance Special of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference. It can also be a sharing project for your VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS. Contributions of money may be sent to the Conference Treasurer, Rev. Leonard Cooke, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, La. 71104.

For leaflets telling the story of Louisiana Migrant Ministry, write to Program Council, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, La. 71104. For a free loan of slides and script write to Mrs. Edward R. Thomas, 6645 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70124.

A group of migrant children at the Migrant School sing during the visit of Church Women United.

At Lake Vista United Methodist Church in New Orleans women sewed new garments for the migrant children. FROM LEFT: Mrs. Philip Reidenouer, Mrs. Luke Cochron and Mrs. C. P. Besse.

A migrant mother (left) receives a new dress for her little girl from Mrs. Rowell, the wife of one of the chaplains. This dress was one of the garments made by a sewing group at Lake Vista United Methodist Church, in New Orleans.

Members of the Migrant Committee look at clothes made from the sewing kits. In center is Mrs. Anne Coburn, coordinator for the chaplains' work.

Attending the Annual Report Meeting of the Migrant Committee on May 6, at First United Methodist Church in Hammond were Mrs. Butler, chaplain's helper, the Rev. Lewis Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Inter-church Conference, Mrs. Rowell, chaplain's wife, the Rev. Garland Deen, Mrs. Coburn, and Mrs. Edward Thomas.

The Methodist Youth Chair of Mansfield presented a plaque in memory of Mrs. Grace Wimberly Mahfouz Sunday, May 9, at the Mansfield High School Stadium Flagpole. Charles Jenkins spoke in behalf of the graduating class af 1969 who erected the flagpole far services given to the attendance of Mansfield High School. The invocation and devotianal were given by the Rev. George W. Harkins, pastor of the First United Methodist Church af Mansfield. Casey Stokes, President af the Methodist Youth Choir, is presenting the plaque.

These four young men were recently presented the God and Country scouting award at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church af Metairie. The boys are: Roger Dannenberg, Steve Geldmacher, Steve Kern, and Altan Riddick. The Rev. Milton Guttierrez, assaciate pastar, had worked with the boys during the past year. Quentin Alexander, Boy Scaut executive, explained the significance of the Gad and Country Award.

News and Notes

DR. FRED BENNETT, surgeon, and Mrs. Louie McIntosh, R.N., discussed "Understanding the Dying Patient" in the second of a monthly series of Seminars on Pastoral Care for the Hospital Patient at Glenwood Hospital in West Monroe. In the third of the series, Dr. Allen Green, Jr., radiologist, and Mrs. Jacob Strickland, R.N. led a discussion on "The Cancer Patient and His Treatment." The seminar is being attended by ministers of several denominations in the area.

DR. AND MRS. HENRY RICKEY are conducting a tour for 26 people to Hawaii, from June 29 through July 12. Half of the time will be spent in Honolulu, and half on the outer islands.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. Johns who will be observing their 50th wedding anniversary this month. Dr. Johns is a retired minister and the couple lives in Monroe. Their children will be hosts at a reception in their honor on Sunday, June 13, in First United Methodist Church, Monroe, from 3-5 p.m.

THE REV. TOM CROSBY, pastor of Jefferson Church in Baton Rouge, was one of the speakers during Religious Emphasis Week in Baton Rouge General Hospital.

THE MITCHELL UNITED Methodist Church, Shreveport District, will have the annual homecoming on Sunday, June 6. Worship services will be at 10 a.m. and dinner-on-the-ground at noon. Old and new friends are invited. The Rev. James E. Constable is pastor of the Mitchell, Pleasant Hill, and Pelican Churches.

TROOPER R. J. NELSON of Troop F, Louisiana State Police, spoke at a family night supper at McGuire United Methodist Church recently, showing a film depicting the results of drinking while driving. His remarks in introducing the film indicated the concern with which state troopers view this problem of death on the highways. The program was planned by the work area of Social Concerns. The Rev. John Sewell is the McGuire pastor.

THE ANNUAL REVIVAL at the Sieper United Methodist Church will be held June 13-18, with services at 7:30 p.m. daily. Mrs. Bob Hart of Westlake will be the organist. The Rev. C. D. Pinkard, pastor, will be the evangelist.

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THE REV. AND MRS. LOUIS M. Coppage announce the adoption of their second child. A baby boy, Louis Michael, arrived in their household on May 21. Mr. Coppage is pastor of Lakeview United Methodist Church in Minden.

RAYVILLE CHURCH CLUB SPONSORS EXHIBIT

The Arts and Crafts Show held in Rayville on Saturday, May 15, was sponsored by the Arts and Crafts Club of the Rayville First United Methodist Church. The club is a community project and is open to all ages for their leisure time enjoyment. The show attracted 88 entries from all over the state. Held at the Producer's Gin on Highway 80 West, the show attracted over 500 visitors. The Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr. is the pastor.

At Rayville, Mrs. Annie Ferguson and Mrs. Geneva Norman visit the Arts and Crafts Show, May 15. Both are residents af Colanial Manor Guest Hame and are active in the Arts and Crafts Club af First United Methodist Church, which spansared the shaw.

Pictured are several members of Monroe's X.Y.Z. Club of Memorial Methodist Church at the Home of the Rev. and Mrs. Ira W. Flawers. The group made a caravan and drove down to Lecompte far a covered dish lunchean and visit at the home of their farmer pastor.

EUNICE SENIOR CITIZENS HEAR BOOK REVIEW

The W.Y.O. (Was Young Once) Club of the First United Methodist Church of Eunice participated in Senior Citizens' month by being host to a large group of senior citizens of Eunice on May 11. The program was presented by Mrs. Leycester LeDoux. She reviewed the book, "Faith, Hope and Hilarity" by Dick VanDyke. She also led the singing of songs from the early 1900's.

The Women's Society and the Young Adult Class helped to prepare the turkey dinner that was served to over 65 people. Thirty-five dinners were delivered to shut-ins who were unable to attend. The Rev. Carey Martin is the pastor.

Eunice senior citizens were hanared at a dinner May 11 in First United Methadist Church. Some af thase hanared are shawn above.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

June 6—Sunday	Mal. 3:7-12
June 7	Mark 1:5-11
June 8	Acts 2:41-47
June 9	Acts 13:44-52
June 10	Rom. 5:1-5
June 11	Rom. 15:7-13
June 12	Gal. 5:22-25
June 13—Sun.	I Thessa. 1:5-10

The Many Church Women's Society of Christian Service holds an annual luncheon at Hodges Garden Motor Inn. The group at right are shown at the May 18 event. Mrs. W. H. Bengtson is WSCS president; Mrs. Glen Phares, spiritual growth chairman brought the devotion on a "rainbow" theme. Mrs. C. B. Byrd, chairman of local church activities, was in charge of arrangements.

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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE A

Dear Guilders,

On May 1 and 2 the Conference Committees on Program for the Guild Weekend and Annual Meeting met in conjunction with a meeting of the Conference Guild Committee. The programs were discussed and planned for the Guild Weekend, July 23-24, to be immediately followed by the Cooperative School of Christian Mission July 24-25, and the Annual Meeting to be held September 24-26. The Committees labored long and hard to try to make the programs for both events informative and interesting.

We have attempted to have the Guild Weekend take the form of a training and interpretative time. We hope all of you know that the Guild Weekend program will not carry any information for the studies. These will be given in the Cooperative School of Christian Mission by trained personnel and in a much fuller scope than your Conference Guild Committee can present them. In order to get the full benefit of the Weekend you should plan to remain at Centenary from July 23 through July 25.

Our Annual Meeting, to be held at First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, September 24-26 will be a very important one and merits your attendance. The business items to be considered at this meeting will be amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules, the merger with Conference B Guild and the election of new officers.

A meaningful ceremony is needed for the merger of Conferences A and B Guilds. We are asking members to write such a ceremony and submit it by July 1 to the Chairman of the Committee on Plans for Merger, Mrs. Vera Packer. One will be selected and used for this historical meeting. Please put your talent to work for your Guild. Your service and cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely, Mildred Evans, chairman

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NEWS and NOTES

LADIES' NIGHT AT AURORA United Methodist Church, New Orleans, featured a "Mother-Daughter-Sister" dinner.

"DANGERFIELD NEWBY Moves Uptown," presented in First Church, Baton Rouge, was directed by Mrs. James Walsh. Characters were depicted by Susan Redding, John Williams, Bert Yates and Claude Nesser. The Rev. David R. Dykes, associate pastor, led a dialogue following the presentation.

THE SILVER CIRCLE of First Church, Shreveport, held their annual picnic at the Myrtle Hill Plantation in Gloster on Thursday, May 20.

THE DERIDDER SENIOR UMY held a retreat at the Lake Charles District Camp on Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH of Bossier City featured a cross made of red and white carnations in honor/memory of mothers, May 9. Sponsored by the Work Area of Missions, donations honoring mothers and grandmothers were applied to World Service. The Rev. George B. Cunningham is pastor.

BILL MANN, minister of music at First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be at First United Methodist Church of Boyce, June 7-10. The full evenings will be spent in singing as Mr. Mann gives instructions on the proper use of the Methodist Hymnal. Neighboring churches are invited to participate by the Rev. C. D. Pinkard, Boyce pastor. Services are to be at 7:30 daily.

MRS. GLENN E. LASKEY of Ruston was the speaker for the May meeting of the Women's Society of First Church, Minden. Her subject was "The Plan of Union of the Consultation on Church Union." Mrs. Laskey is the former national president of Methodist women.

AT MONROE, the Twin Cities Prayer Breakfast held Friday, May 14, was in St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Ray Guillot, St. Paul layman, was the devotional speaker.

DR. CARLTON YOUNG from Southern Methodist University and John Westbrook from Springfield, Missouri, led a series of special services in Asbury Church, Lafayette, May 21-23.

Ladies of the Women's Society at St. James Church, Morrero, served a "silver tea" at the parsonage, Sunday, May 16. At the table above are, from left: Mrs. Lindy Fromenthal, Mrs. Joan Coffelt, Mrs. Ted Smith, and Mrs. Totsie Tettleton. The Rev. Ted Smith is pastor.

Members of the Women's Society of the Melville United Methodist Church are shown on the porch of the church. Mrs. W. C. Boiley (center) is being presented with her Special Membership pin by Mrs. Alvin Hill, president of the Melville WSCS.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clark Bell, who are retiring at the current session of Annual Conference, were honored at Tolluloh United Methodist Church recently. As a tribute for their eight years of service at Tolluloh, Max McDonald (at left) presented the couple with a treasure chest containing a love offering to be used in the construction of their new home in New Albany, Mississippi.

Dr. and Mrs. Lumon E. Douglas were honored by pastors and wives of the Baton Rouge District at a seafood dinner in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sibley in Ploquemine. RIGHT: the Rev. Glen Messer (at left) presents a gift (a silver meat platter) from the group. Dr. Douglas, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District for the past two years, is taking a disability retirement at Annual Conference this week.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JUNE 13: "Thy Kingdom Come"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:2-7; 11:1-10

MEMORY SELECTION: He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. (Isaiah 2:4)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help class members recognize that the foundations for a peaceful world must be established on spiritual bases; to discover the messianic roots in the great passages of Isaiah and to receive from them the confident assurance of the coming of God's kingdom.

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In this last of our lessons on Isaiah we will be dealing with some of the most familiar and powerful of all the words of this prophet—those which speak to us of a coming reign of peace and of the expectancy concerning the coming Messiah. In one of the lesson plans it is suggested that a recording on Handel's **Messiah** might be used to introduce the class period.

Today we will be seeking the meaning and message of words like: "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (2:4) and "For us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders" (9:6). These are words which have communicated great strength through the centuries to those who needed assurance that God was and that he was concerned with the needs of men.

Just as the concept of the Kingdom was primary in the teachings of Jesus, so was such a dream strong in the thinking of the prophet Isaiah. A few days ago we read a quotation from a prominent political figure in which he said that "Utopia is confined to books of fiction." The book which we hold so dear in our Christian faith does have something to say about a future time in which ideal circumstances will exist for man's living. Unless we believe that the dreams are reachable then our faith is vain, and we can be legitimately accused of hypocrisy. As Dr. Charles M. Laymon says, "When men are discouraged and human efforts fail, it is heartening to recall the promises of the Bible.. Even in the absence of visable evidence, God calls upon us to believe these words of hope."

Although there are those who will argue that there must always be "wars and rumors of war," have we not just about reached the point that we can see that the most impractical future is one of continued war? Isaiah's words have been meaningful in every century but never more so than now.

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PEACE ON THE LORD'S MOUNTAIN

The passage from the 2nd Chapter of Isaiah is a prediction of peace that appears in two prophetic books Isaiah and Micah (4:1-4). This causes many Bible scholars to conclude that both writers must have been quoting words that came from another source. How these words came to be in these two books is not as important as the fact that these spokesmen for God felt that they needed quoting. It is one of the greatest prophetic utterances of all times, expressing the deepest longing of the human heart for peace.

The language used refers to peace coming to the "mountain of the house of the Lord." This is a reference to the hill on which the Temple stood in Jerusalem, but it is in no sense limited just to the cessation of hostilities at that location. It is a parable of peace everywhere expressed by one who believed that the utterances from God's house were the most meaningful words ever heard by men.

Isaiah knew that there existed in the mind of God the ideal of a day when mankind could live together and walk together in faith, righteousness and brotherhood. Dr. G. G. D. Kilpatrick, in **Interpreter's Bible** says: "We have in each generation the strange, tragic spectacle of men endowed with genius, yet wholly unable to learn the art of living together in peace. Even with bitter experience of the horrors of war, every proposal for peace is basically related to the use of brute force. It is a question to ponder how long the paticnce of Almighty God will be shown to a people apparently bent on self-destruction."

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EMPHASIS ON THE UNIVERSALITY OF RELIGION

Although the language of this dream of peace contains references to the holy places of the Hebrews, the prophet carries us beyond any narrow concepts of Jewish nationalism. "All the nations shall flow to it" (v.2) speaks of hope that goes beyond Hebrew particularism. Nevertheless, it does speak of the people of Moses and the prophets as the channels for the revelation of God. "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

We must take note of Isaiah's emphasis on the outreach beyond the localized community of faith. Dr. Walter G. Williams points out (International Lesson Annual): "Emphasis is placed upon the universality of religion as it has been made known through the Hebrew people. All nations are considered to be subject to the law of Moses. With the spread of Western jurisprudence and the acceptance of much of that same law through Islam, a major portion of the world recognizes the principles of such laws as the Ten Commandments."

When one stands today in old Jerusalem near the spot where the Temple stood, he is forced to think in terms of the universality of the faith. For many centuries a Mohammedan mosque, the Dome of the Rock, has stood on the spot where the Temple stood. Perhaps there is no experience like a visit there to remind one that "all nations shall flow to it."

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SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

Prophets in every age have dreamed of a world without war. And yet have we ever dared to believe in its possibility? There are still those who think that "peace" is a nasty word and that those who dream and work for it are suspect in their citizenship.

The planet on which we live has such amazing resources for the enrichment of life, and yet we have not even begun to tap those resources because of the great drain through military expenditures. The benefits of life are unevenly divided. Sometimes it seems that for every step we take forward we slip back two.

The prophecy of Isaiah about world peace has a supreme and crucial relevance. He paints in glowing colors the picture of a united world, held together not by a treaty but by a common faith. Dr. Kilpatrick points out four aspects of this vision of peace. First, there is the supremacy of faith in God. The preeminence of religion is the key to all that follows. So many people who dream of peace and world order forget that their vision must start here. Second, is the response of mankind. There must be a willingness on the part of men to learn the new ways. Third, there is an entirely new spirit in international relationships, because God is brought into every issue of life. Man's attempts at arbitration are continually foiled by mutual suspicion and fear of hidden purposes.

Finally, as a consequence of faith at work, there is a great transformation. The forces of destruction become the agencies of construction. For more than 25 years we have been seeking the peaceful harnessing of the power of the atom. It is just beginning to become a reality.

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"FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN"

Having told us of the reality of peace as a hope for mankind in the first part of our lesson, Isaiah moves on in the 9th Chapter to speak of the power of "the Prince of Peace." Many scholars believe that this poem of messianic hope was prepared for the coronation of an unusually promising king in his own time. However, there is no denying that Christians have laid hold on these words and made them apply with great meaning to Jesus the Christ. Jesus did give rich and new meaning to these words of Isaiah.

Note throughout this passage a continuing reference to light and darkness and the sharp contrast between good and evil.

The people to whom Isaiah was speaking could not think of the Kingdom apart from a king, so he thought it proper to speak of the expected one as "the Prince of Peace." Most of us have been so conditioned to the messianic interpretation of this passage that it speaks to us of our Christ and his teachings concerning the Kingdom of God.

Again we would quote from **The Interpreter's Bible** concerning the timelessness of this passage: "Across the centuries it leaps; spoken to the despairing hearts of a handful of Jews more than twenty-five hundred years ago, it gives voice to the thanksgiving of all the sons of men for a great deliverance and a divine Savior. Timeless and universal, it is the song of the Redeemer and his kingdom. How perfectly it mirrors the hopes of men!"

Do we not in our time need to recover a dream, a vision of the good life, a picture of the kind of world God means to have? If more of us could accept the heart of the message of Isaiah we might be in a position to make such a dream live as the basic motivating power among us.

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THE IDEAL KING

Steeped as we are in the traditions of a democracy, it may be difficult for us to think with Isaiah as he describes the ideal king. But for the people to whom the words were first spoken the glory of the vision was in its king. Following the glory of the reign of King David, they looked unto each succeeding monarch for his traits of leadership. At every coronation festival the question stirred again in their hearts, Is this he, the God-anointed one? Is this the Messiah? Such a king never appeared, but they went on believing. This is the courage of faith.

Our day is far different from Isaiah's time, and we express our needs in different ways. But the prophet had keen vision and he saw through to the secret of national greatness. The centuries have not removed us from the need for justice and righteousness, and the leader who has had these central in his administration has been judged by history as a great man.

We should reach one conclusion about these priceless gems from Isaiah. It is that the words of promise are not "the impossible dream." These are characteristics of a society that is entirely within the realm of possibility. In our own time we are getting a vision of new and unanticipated possibilities for the inhabitants of the earth. This picture of the future has some very concrete possibilities.

At the conclusion of this lesson may we suggest that you reread words of Isaiah which have formed the basis for discussion and think how the prophet might have restated them if he were one of the prophets of our own time.

● June 6-11

Ecumenical Mission at Mt. Sequoyah

The Mt. Sequoyah Conference on Ecumenical Mission (formerly known as the Southwest Conference on the Christian World Mission) will be held at Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 6-11. It is one of 11 regional interdenominational conferences held each summer under regional leadership in cooperation with the Department of Education for Mission of the National Council of Churches. Church Women United also cooperates.

The interdenominational studies in Christian mission being offered this year include "New Machines and the New Humanity" and "The New Generation in Africa." Dr. Jerry Polinard, associate professor of political science at Oklahoma State University, will teach the machines and humanity course, and Mr. Lucas M. Chideya of Zambia, East Africa, will direct the African study. The Rev. Roy Griggs, pastor of First Christian Church, Jefferson City, Missouri, will be back this summer to teach the Bible course.

The Church Women United Workshop will be led by Mrs. Kyle Haselden, Evanston, Illinois, a vice-president of Church Women United, and special co-ordinator for Urban Projects. The Senior High Youth Workshop will be led by the Rev. and Mrs. Clement Graham of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Junior High Youth Workshop by Mrs. M. L. Vickers of Oklahoma City.

Registration is through Mrs. R. C. Allmon, 204 East Kansas, Walters, Oklahoma, 73572. Additional information may be obtained through the offices of State Councils of Churches: for Louisiana, 721 Government St., Room 328, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802; for Arkansas, Box 6011, Little Rock, 72206.

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Withdrawal of support from film rating system upheld

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. Gene Carter and the Rev. Nelson Price, two United Methodist communications officials who serve on the executive committee of the Broadcasting, Film Commission (BFC) of the National Council of Churches say they are in full support of a recent decision to withdraw support from the film rating system maintained by the Motion Picture Association of America.

The BFC and the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures made a joint announcement May 18 in New York declaring they could "no longer commend" the system.

"It is our judgment that the public's confidence in the plan has already been eroded," the statement said, "and that its confidence will not be restored until the ratings become more reliable, more local theatres seriously enforce the ratings, and advertising reflects more concern for informing the public and less with exploiting sex and violence."

A former BFC chairman who has worked with the Motion Picture Association as it developed the rating system, Dr. Carter said conditions are such that he must declare "it simply isn't working." The ratings began in November, 1968.

Dr. Carter said the industry has allowed the system to "degenerate into an audience-building, promotional gimmick." The only way it can be salvaged, he believes, is for the movie ratings to be made by a "blue-ribbon panel" of individuals unrelated to the movie industry.

"It has become obvious to us and to parents that these ratings are of no assistance in helping them determine what movies they will or will not let their children see," Dr. Carter said. "Too much emphasis has been placed on the number of 'hells and damns' and nudity and not enough on the overall message of a film." Many films rated "GP" (general, parental guidance suggested), he said, do not have profanity or nudity but have terrible, unChristian inhuman messages."

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Little Rock Conference Appointments

TRANSFERRED IN

Howard S. Ritchie, Elder, from the Texas Conference, September 1, 1970
A. Richard Moore, Elder, from the North Arkansas Conference, June 1, 1970
S. Eugene Davis, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference
Calvin D. Mitchell, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference
Rufus F. Sorrells, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference
Harold Wilson, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference
D. Mouzon Mann, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference

TRANSFERRED OUT

L. Gordon Smith, Probationer to Kansas East Conference, June 1, 1970
G. Larry Maxwell, Elder, to Louisiana Conference, August 1, 1970
John T. Adkinson, Jr., Elder, to North Arkansas Conference
Raymond L. Franks, Elder, to North Arkansas Conference
Merle A. Johnson, Jr., Elder, to North Arkansas Conference
Harould Scott, Elder, to North Arkansas Conference
Billy Boyd Smith, Elder, to North Arkansas Conference
Myron C. Pearce, Elder, to Louisiana Conference
Charles W. Baughman, Elder, to the Missouri West Conference, January 1, 1971
Elmo A. Thomason, Elder, to North Arkansas Conference

APPOINTMENTS BY SPECIAL VOTE OF THE CONFERENCE

Grover A. Zinn, Faculty, Oberlin College
Donald A. Lau, Faculty, Southern State College
William C. Gentry, Faculty, Henderson State College
Frank V. Hilliard, Faculty, The Ecumenical Institute
Gerald C. Dean, Counselor, Woodbridge Senior High School, Prince William County, Virginia
E. Eugene Efird, Arkansas Guidance Foundation

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONED WORKERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

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Miss Pauline Whitacre, Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock

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Names with (1) following indicate new appointment.

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Amity	Ralph E. Hemund	(9)
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Dalark Circuit	Harold G. Rogers	(3)
Delight Circuit	(Fred W. Hunter)	(3)
Glenwood-Daisy	Fred R. Smith A.M.	(6)
Grant Chapel Circuit	TBS	
Gurdon-Mt. Zion	Cagle E. Fair	(5)
Hot Springs		
First	George F. Ivey	(5)
Gardner-New Salem	Claude E. Barron	(2)
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Oaklawn	Fred H. Arnold	(2)
Pullman-Heights-Fountain Lake	O. W. Hoover	(3)
Tigert-Morning Star	(Robert E. Woody)	(2)
Gum Springs	TBS	
Malvern		
First	Charles G. Ashcraft	(2)
Keith-Butterfield	Charles V. Mashburn	(1)
St. Paul Parish	Thomas J. Nation	(2)
Associate (Rolla-L'eau Frais)	(W. C. Onstead)	(2)
Mt. Ida-Oden	Harold S. Bailey	(2)
Murfreesboro-Japany	Harold W. Brent	(3)
Piney Grove-Mt. Pine	(Harold S. Botteron)	(2)
Shorewood Hills Circuit	Fred R. Harrison	(1)
Sparkman Parish	Albert M. Elder	(4)
Wesley Foundation-Okolona Circuit	David M. Hankins, Jr.	(6)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (With Annuity)

Student, Perkins School of Theology — Claire Elaine Smith (2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (Without Annuity)

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Bearden-Thornton	Howell O. Richardson	(6)
Bradley	(Benny G. Jester)	(8)
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First	Edwin B. Dodson	(5)
Associate	David F. Prothro	(2)
St. Mark	Darrell Van Smith	(2)
Timothy-Buena Vista	Doyne E. Graham	(5)
Westside	(Marion W. Miller)	(2)
Chidester Circuit	George C. Bailey	(4)
Columbia Circuit	(Richard Dale Justice)	(1)
Dumas-Lisbon Veo	E. Green A.M.	(4)
El Dorado		
Centennial	TBS	
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St. Paul	F. Gladwin Connell	(3)
Vantrease	Kirvin A. Hale	(2)
Emerson	(Leland Clegg)	(2)
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Harmony Grove Circuit	Robert C. Ekberg A.M.	(3)
Huttig-Bolding	Robert H. Jackson A.M.	(6)
Holly Springs Circuit	(Edward E. Warren)	(3)
Junction City Circuit	E. Stanley Wagner A.M.	(4)
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Liberty-Louann	(R. M. Crain)	(2)
Magnolia		
Asbury	Don F. Nolley	(1)
First	Howard L. Williams	(3)
Associate and Wesley Foundation	Allen B. Bonsall	(2)
Magnolia Circuit	(Welcome R. Burleson)	(11)
Marysville-Silver Hill	Fred H. Haustein	(2)
Norphlet-Calion	James E. Robken	(4)
Parker's Chapel-Bethel	James B. Swain	(3)
Pleasant Grove	(Earl C. Mathis)	(2)
Smackover	John O. Alston	(2)
Stamps Parish	Robert W. Johnson	(2)
Stephens	John B. Ross	(1)
Strong-Rhodes Chapel	(Oscar A. Haire)	(1)
Taylor-New Era	Dale L. Diffee	(5)
Village Circuit	(Winston D. Roden)	(5)
Waldo-Willisville	J. Frank Hamm	(1)
Welcome	Leonard D. Yates A.M.	(2)
Extension Church: Kilgore Lodge	(Edgar T. Baldwin)	(2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (With Annuity)

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Student, Perkins School of Theology — Kenneth W. Klnard (2)
Student, Vanderbilt University — Larry W. Pearce (1)

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Bingen Circuit	(Thomas G. Lowery)	(1)
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Brownstown Circuit	TBS	
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Foreman	A. Richard Poss A.M.	(1)
Hatfield Circuit	(Charles E. Lawrence)	(2)
Associate	(Dewitt Harberson)	(2)

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

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Hope, First — Norris Steele (2)
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Horatio Circuit — John L. Prothro A.M. (2)
Lockesburg — J. R. Callicott A.M. (11)
Mena, First — Osborne E. White (4)
Mineral Springs — Daniel C. George (2)
Mt. View Circuit (Autrey J. Sirmon) (3)
Nashville — Robert W. Trieschmann (2)
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Prescott Circuit — (Guy J. Downing) (2)
Rondo Circuit — Dorsie T. Caldwell A.M. (3)
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Fairview — Winston Hudnall (6)
Few Memorial — W. W. Barron (3)
First — J. Ralph Hillis (6)
Washington Circuit — TBS

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS
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Student, Duke Divinity School — William Alfred Eason (1)

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DeWitt — Thurston Masters (8)
England-Keo — Harold D. Sadler (4)
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Grady-Trinity — Harold D. Hansford (3)
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Leola — Robert A. Boyd Clanton (1)
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Sheridan — Jack A. Wilson (3)
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Stuttgart
First — Robert O. Beck (6)
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Student, Candler School of Theology — William Bryant Springer (1)

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Coordinator of Interpretation named

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A church-wide service to help interpret the use of church school curriculum resources has been launched by the Division of Curriculum Resources of the United Methodist Board of Education.

Named to head the new work as Coordinator of Interpretation is the Rev. Howard E. Walker, assistant editor in the Division's Department of Children's Publications.

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, general secretary of the Division, said the interpretation program is in response to an authorization of the Division membership meeting last January.

Walker, previously a pastor of former Evangelical United Brethren churches in Indiana and California, will coordinate the efforts of staff persons both in Nashville and across the denomination in an educational interpretation of the use of curriculum resources. This will include an understanding of the underlying philosophy followed in preparing resources, and assistance to local churches in the choice and use of resources.

Interpretation activities, Dr. Bullock said, will be conducted in cooperation with the other divisions of the Board of Education and the Methodist Publishing House and will utilize print, film, recordings, personal contacts, group meetings, seminars, workshops, demonstration sessions, and counseling by mail, telephone and in person.

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WILLIAM R. SCHISLER

NEW YORK (UMI) — William R. Schisler, 81, an educator with 38 years' Methodist missionary service in Brazil, died May 11 at Wesley Woods, a United Methodist retirement home in Atlanta.

Born in Bono, Ark., Mr. Schisler attended Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., and was graduated in 1919 with an A.B. degree. He did graduate study at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., and received the M.A. degree in 1927. He first went to Brazil as a missionary in 1921.

Before his retirement in 1959, Mr. Schisler had served as a teacher and administrator in two southern Brazil schools related to the autonomous Methodist Church of Brazil. He was related longest to the Passo Fundo Institute, a primary, secondary and commercial school in Passo Fundo, with an enrollment of 700. He was a teacher for three years, and president for more than 20. For seven years, he was president of Union College, a primary, secondary and teacher-training school in Uruguaiana.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Frances Schisler of Atlanta, and three children, including two United Methodist missionaries in Brazil, Nancy Schisler (Mrs. James E. Tims and William R. Schisler, Jr. The funeral service was conducted May 13 in Atlanta.

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Student Dissent Discussed

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (UMI) — The right of dissent is a precious American privilege which should be guaranteed to every citizen, young or old, but at the same time if students are not willing to accept rules of their own campus they should go someplace else where they like it better.

These are among overwhelming reactions of readers sampled by the United Methodist Church's official national magazine, **Together,** and reported in its June issue released here in mid-May. The publication polled in advance a representative number of subscribers in reaction to an article on student protest by David V. Mays, a junior college student now studying in Vienna, Austria, after two years in Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio.

"Demonstrations, protest movements and marches," says Mays, "were born out of a genuine and deep concern about the condition of our country and the world." "The majority of demonstrators are not merely making trouble for trouble's sake, or marching out of boredom, but are honestly attempting to build a better world for all of us."

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Nancy Lenz

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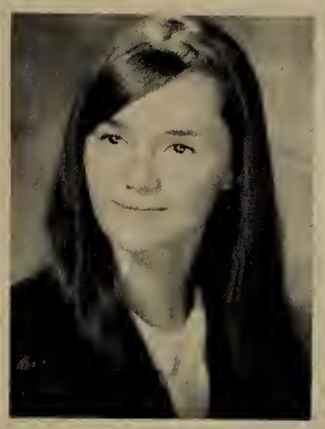

Kerry Bruce

Camille Greve

Camille Young

Kay Trevathan

Mary Ann Garrett

Coeds named to Maroon Jackets

Eight Centenary co-eds have been selected for membership in the Maroon Jackets, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a woman student at the College.

The new Maroon Jackets who will serve for the 1971-72 school term are: Mary Ann Garrett, Camille Greve and Theresa Springer of Shreveport, Kerry Bruce of Monroe, Linda Gillespie of Paducah, Kentucky, Nancy Lenz of Memphis, Tennessee, Kay Trevathan of Germantown, Tennessee and Camille Young of Morgan City, Louisiana.

The Maroon Jacket organization was established at Centenary College in 1931 by Dean Mabel Campbell to serve as the official hostesses of the College. Election is based on scholarship, leadership and character and is limited to women who have an average of 3.0 or better.

Miss Garrett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Garrett of Shreveport. She is a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Alpha Sigma, sophomore senator, Methodist Student Movement, Student Faculty Orientation and Advising Committee, and the Phyettes.

Miss Greve is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand J. Greve, Shreveport. She is treasurer of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, and a member of the Centenary Choir, Sophomore Service Organization, Senate Publicity Committee, the Dean's List, Cencoe, and was a contestant in the Miss Centenary contest.

Miss Springer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Springer, Shreveport. She is social chairman for the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, a Miss Centenary finalist, a justice of the Honor Court, clerk of WRA, a member of the Dean's List and has been active in the "Open Ear" project.

Miss Bruce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buford James Bruce of Monroe, Louisiana. She is membership chairman of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, a member of the Dean's List, a member of the Student Senate Publicity Committee, WRA, and the Young Republicans Club.

Miss Gillespie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gillespie of Paducah, Kentucky. She is a member of the Chi Omega sorority, WRA, Ambassador Committee, The Reader's Theatre, Phi Beta, a Pom Pom girl, senior senator and senior Panhellenic representative.

Miss Lenz is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Lenz of Memphis, Tennessee. She is a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, the Yoncopin staff, WRA, the Senate Publicity Committee, and served as a judge for the Forensic Tournament this year.

Miss Trevathan is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Trevathan of Germantown, Tennessee. She is scholarship chairman for the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, a member of the senate entertainment committee, the Dean's List, the Yoncopin staff and second vice-president of the Student Senate.

Miss Young is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Young of Morgan City, Louisiana. She is Chi Omega vice-president, a Miss Centenary contestant, and a member of the Phi Beta fraternity and the Rivertowne Players of the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse. She was a winner of the Shreveport Times Award for Best Supporting Actress.

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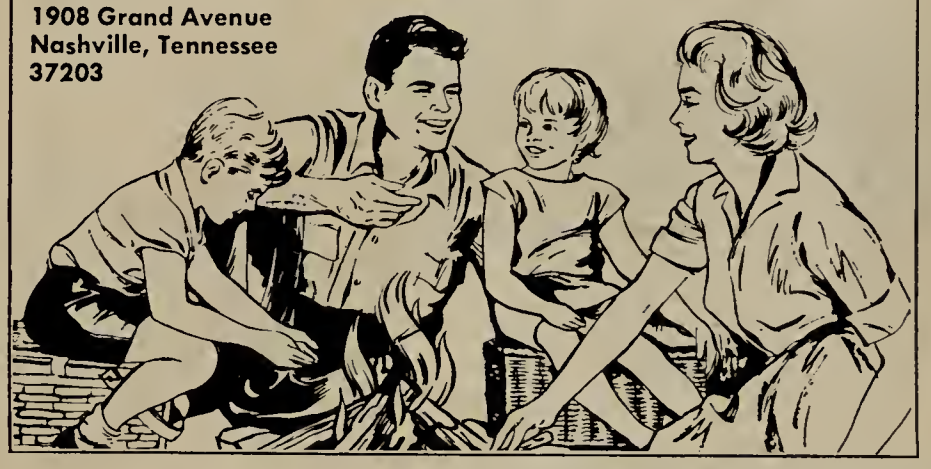

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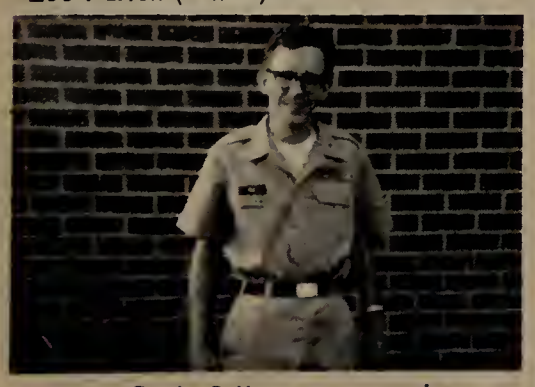
Seniors at Olla United Methodist Church in Alexandria District were recently honored at their church with a covered dish supper. The Rev. I. Elmer Malone is pastor.

UMYF members of Cameron Church in Lake Charles District recently presented a service featuring a blend of the contemporary and the traditional for the Cameron and Grand Chenier churches, in the absence of their pastor, the Rev. Arby Coody. Michael Kelley (second from left) was principal speaker.

The Vinton congregation attired in styles of 50 years ago worshipped in an "Old Fashioned" Sunday evening service recently. The sanctuary was illuminated with lanterns and lamplight, and old-time hymns were sung. The Rev. W. W. Bevill, minister, presented several guitar numbers, during the service which was planned by the Council on Ministries, headed by Nora Lee Parish (center).



Captain Dick Gill, a new member at Wesley Church in DeRidder and recently returned from service in Vietnam was featured speaker for the monthly Men's Club meeting. Gill is now stationed at Fort Polk and with Mrs. Gill lives in DeRidder. The Rev. Walter M. Clark is pastor at Wesley Church.

(Town Talk Staff Photo)

This group of musicians from the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State University took part in Sunday morning worship at Trinity United Methodist Church in Alexandria recently. From left: Steve Wells of Colfax, who played the washtub bass, a quartet made up of Kathi Breazeale, Natchitoches; Kathy Mier, Alexandria; Janet Parker, Port Allen; Gay Dezendorf, Alexandria, and the Rev. James Jones, Wesley Foundation director—and banjoist.

The St. Matthew's 56-voice Youth Choir of Metairie will begin its annual choir tour of June 4. Concerts will be presented in Atlanta, Ga. and Birmingham, Ala. and the young musicians will spend a day at Six Flags Over Georgia. Before leaving New Orleans they will present concerts at St. Matthew's, St. Luke's and Mt. Zion United Methodist churches. The choir is directed by Mrs. Doris Allen and is accompanied by Mrs. Kathy Guttierrez.

The Jennings Ricelanders pictured above sang at a recent family night fish supper held at Iowa United Methodist Church. The Rev. Raymond Crofoot is pastor.

Slidell Membership Class confirmed at May 16 service. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is minister.

Claiborne UMYF group about to partake of noon meal during Spiritual Life Retreat held May 14-15. Mike Shields, at center, is president of the group. The Rev. Terral T. Lowe is pastor.

Confirmation class received into membership at Merryville Church during a "Festival of the Christian Home" observance, May 9. The Rev. Walter Clarke is pastor.

Membership class at Wesley Church, DeRidder, received into the church during a "Commemoration of the Christian Home Sunday" observance.

Nathan T. Avant of Raymond United Methodist Church lends a hand with barbecuing for recent churchwide Chicken Bar-b-que. The Rev. Leland D. Wade is pastor at Raymond.

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Bishop Willis J. King, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and Bishop Paul E. Martin shared in the Service of Merger. (All pictures on this page by Jack Barham)

Dr. Jack Cooke and the Rev. Chapman J. Harrison were the marshals for the Service of Merger procession.

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Louisiana Conferences A and B merge in historic session at Shreveport

A high moment in Louisiana Methodist history was reached on Tuesday evening, June 1, when the service celebrating the merger of Louisiana Conference A and Louisiana Conference B was held under the gold dome of the new Physical Education facility at Centenary College, Shreveport.

A near capacity crowd of about 3,500 attended the service in which White and Black Louisiana Methodists literally and symbolically joined hands, pledging love and loyalty as they were led in the service of merger by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.

Bishop Walton likened the merger to the joining of two streams of Methodism into a flood. He warned that responsibility must be recognized as well as opportunity to make the merger work. He said, "I see in the future the new relationship of the Church spilling into society." He said that he believed the success of the merger is God's will and that he looks to the future when God's will is done on earth as in heaven.

Bishop Willis J. King of New Orleans, a retired bishop who formerly served over Conference B, and Bishop Paul E. Martin, a retired bishop who formerly administered the work of Conference A, recalled highlights in the history of the two conferences.

Bishop King said, "There is some understandable apprehension, particularly of the minority group, as to its future in the larger fellowship, and it is like going into a new and strange land for both groups."

Bishop Martin said: "The Church owes the world a steady demonstration of spiritual unity that lifts to the highest possible levels brotherhood, compassion and love. He continued, "Prejudice and divisions must be eliminated and religion must be lifted out of the realm of theory until it becomes a dynamic, verifable experience."

A cloud appeared over the merger session on Thursday when Bishop Walton suffered a heart attack and had to be hospitalized. Bishop Martin presided over the sessions starting Thursday morning, with Bishop King presiding briefly before he left the seat of the conference.

The Conference elected six clerical

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BISHOP WALTON SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton suffered a heart attack on Thursday morning at Centenary College where he was presiding over the session of the Louisiana Annual Conference. He is in the coronary care unit of Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Shreveport, where his physician, Dr. Keith Mason, reports that he is making satisfactory progress. He expects to place him in a private room about the middle of the week.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, who had been at the Conference to participate in the ceremony of merger of Louisiana Conference A and Louisiana Conference B, presided over the remaining sessions.

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The Rev. Nathaniel P. Williams and Dr. Jolly B. Harper

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James Stewart and Dorinda Muery

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Dr. G. Leon Netterville, Jr. and Thomas H. Matheny

Dr. W. Talbot Handy, Jr. and Dr. Benjamin R. Oliphint

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The Rev. Alfred Brown dies in Houston

The Rev. Alfred M. Brown, who had just left the pastorate of Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, to enter the Institute of Religion in Houston, died from a heart attack in Houston on Saturday evening, June 5, according to word that has just reached us as we go to press.

The funeral service was conducted in Mangum Memorial Church, Monday afternoon, June 7, by Dr. Jack Cooke, Shreveport District Superintendent, and the Rev. John Winn.

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At closing ceremony of Conference A (from left): Bishop Walton, Ricky Hebert, Bob Loy, Dr. Jomes Horris, the Rev. J. C. Skinner, Dr. Jolly B. Harper, the Rev. J. E. Heorn ond Wolter P. Harris.

At the closing ceremony of Conference B in St. Jomes United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Dr. L. L. Haynes, Jr. sketches the history of the Conference. Bishop Walton is in the choir.

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Conference

and six lay delegates to General Conference with representatives of both former Conferences included in both delegations. An additional seven clerical and seven lay delegates were elected to Jurisdictional Conference with each group naming three reserve delegates.

The delegates elected were: **General Conference: Clerical:** Benjamin R. Oliphint, W. T. Handy, Jr., B. A. Galloway, Jack Cooke, Robert Harrington and James Stovall; **Lay:** Thomas Matheny, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Hubert Blanchard, W. D. Cotton, Dr. Leon Netterville, Jr. and Allen E. Brown;

Jurisdictional Conference: Clerical: Douglas McGuire, D. L. Dykes, Jr., L. L. Haynes, Jr., J. J. Caraway, W. Ralph Cain, Henry A. Rickey and Woodrow Hearn; **Lay:** Cecil Bland, Dr. W. H. Patrick, Dr. Keith Mason, Truman Ward, Dudley Snow, Mrs. Glenn Laskey and John Tubb.

Jurisdictional Alternates: Clerical: W. D. Boddie, John Winn and Harvey Williamson; **Lay:** Dr. Alfred Stewart, Joe Solomon and Miss Ethel Alston.

When the appointments were read on Friday the charges of the 12 districts of the two former Annual Conferences were rearranged in the 10 districts of the new Louisiana Annual Conference. The Natchitoches District came into being as a new entity under the superintendency of Dr. G. W. Pomeroy who has been serving as head of the New Orleans District, Conference A.

Dr. Robert F. Harrington, district superintendent of the New Orleans District, Conference B, was named superintendent of the New Orleans District in the new conference. New district superintendents named were Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, Baton Rouge District, and the Rev. Kenneth G. McDowell, Lafayette District. Dr. McGuire has been pastor of Trinity Church, Ruston, and Mr. McDowell has been pastor of Munholland Memorial Church, Metairie.

Dr. Jeffery C. Bibbons who was district superintendent of Shreveport District, Conference B, was named pastor of Grace Church in New Orleans, and Dr. J. W. Wilson who was superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, Conference B, was appointed Associate Conference Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Pensions with headquarters in Shreveport. Dr. Luman E. Douglas who was district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, Conference A, was granted disability leave.

The Rev. Howard L. Milo, Program Council Director of Conference B, was named Associate Program Council Director of the new conference. Joining the staff of the Program Council as a new associate director was the Rev. Don Cottrill, a recent graduate of Vanderbilt School of Religion.

Service of Commemoration and Communion: Bishop Walton officiated at the Service of Commemoration and Communion on Monday evening honoring the ministers and ministers' wives and widows who died during the past year. The message was brought by Dr. Douglas L. McGuire. Special music was furnished by the Shreveport District Choir of Conference B, directed by the Rev. J. V. D. Hamilton and with J. David Roberts as organist.

The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. read the list of the honored dead of Conference A: **Ministers:** Lula E. Wardlow and Loyd E. Williams; **Wives and Widows:** Mrs. Robert L. Clayton, Mrs. Louis Hoffpauir, Mrs. John W. Lee, Mrs. John Wilson Mayne and Mrs. Theron T. McKisson. Dr. Jeffery C. Bibbons, conference secretary of Conference B, read the list of honored dead of Conference B: **Ministers:** Joseph Simon Dickson, David Lockard and Spencer P. Sanford; **Wives and Widows:** Mrs. Mary Amos, Mrs. Hazel Lillian O'Neal Calvin, Mrs. Alma Goins, Mrs. Pearl Harrell, Mrs. Arrillia M. Sanders, and Mrs. J. W. Washington.

Closing Session of Conference A: Conference A transacted its closing business in Brown Memorial Chapel, Centenary College, on Tuesday morning and afternoon. **Full Connection:** The following were received into full connection: John D. Bell, John Hamilton Casey (also elected to elder's orders), James E. Constable, M. L. Davis, Conrad Randal James, Isaac Elmer Malone (also elder's orders), Jimmie Dade Pyles (and elder's orders) and Carey Van Horn.

Dr. Jolly B. Harper, pastor of First Church, Natchitoches, brought an address on "A Witness of Faith and Love."

Closing Session of Conference B: Conference B met for its closing session at St. James Church, Shreveport, with Bishop Willis J. King officiating for the early part of the session and Bishop Walton in the chair for the closing ceremony. Dr. L. L. Haynes, Jr., pastor of Wesley Church, Baton Rouge, gave the history of Conference B including the story of the old Mississippi Conference.

Service of Merger: The marshals for the processional were Dr. Jack Cooke, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, Conference A, and the Rev. Chapman J. Harrison, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, Conference B. In addition to the three bishops, participants in the service included: Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, chairman of the Cabinet, Conference A; Dr. Jeffery C. Bibbons, chairman of the Cabinet, Conference B; Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, past president of the Women's Division of Christian Service; Mrs. O. B. Medlock, associate lay leader of Conference B; Dr. W. Talbot Handy, Sr., retired member of Conference B; and the Rev. R. R. Branton, retired member of Conference A.

Dr. Jolly B. Harper and the Rev. Nathaniel P. Williams, who had served as chairmen of their respective conference committees on merger, announced the Declaration of Readiness for Merger. Others who joined in the Declaration of Merger were: Benjamin Moon and Rhett Myers, representing the children; Dorinda Muery and James Stewart, representing youth; Mrs. C. B. McGowan and Miss Ethel Alston, representing the women; Thomas H. Matheny and Dr. G. Leon Netterville, Jr., representing the laity; and Dr. Benjamin R. Oliphint and Dr. W. Talbot Handy, Jr., representing the ministers.

The United Choir for the Service, composed of members of choirs of the Shreveport area, was directed by Dr. A. C. Voran with Dr. Robert N. Hallquist as organist.

Organization of Boards and Agencies: The Rev. W. Ralph Cain, secretary of the Cabinet, presented the nominations for membership on boards and agencies. These met for organization on Wednesday morning. A partial list of the chairmen selected follows:

Board of Education: Dr. Benjamin R. Oliphint; Board of Evangelism, the Rev. Kenneth G. Rorie; Board of Health and Welfare Ministries; the Rev. Terral T. Lowe, Board of the Ministry: Dr. W. T. Handy, Jr.; Board of Missions: Dr. L. L. Haynes, Jr.; Board of Pensions: the Rev. Edward R. Thomas; Board of Christian Social Concerns: the Rev. James L. Stovall;

Commission on Archives and History: Mrs. W. M. Nolan; Commission on Minimum Salary: the Rev. Edward O. Pickens; Town and Country Commission: the Rev. W. C. August; Commission on World Service and Finance: Dr. Henry Rickey; Commission on Worship: the Rev. Grayson Watson; Committee on District Conference Records: the Rev. Albert A. Collins; Conference Investigation Committee: the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick;

Tom Matheny, Conference Lay Leoder, presented ploques to Joe Solomon, left, as Laymen of the Yeor, and Mrs. C. B. McGowan as Loywoman of the Yeor.

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Editorial

CHURCH GROUPS AND THE MOVIE RATINGS

For some time church people have been concerned about the rating system used for the classification of motion pictures, wondering if they were not giving some aid and comfort to the exploiters in this industry. Although the plan had come into existence through the cooperation of some of our leaders in religious communications, there have been a number of questions raised in recent months. Now Protestant and Catholic communications organizations have announced that they can no longer give their endorsement to the ratings.

The action was announced in a joint press conference statement on May 18 by the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission (BFC) and the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (NCOMP). Spokesmen who joined in the statement were the Rev. William F. Fore, a United Methodist minister who serves as director of BFC, and the Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, director of NCOMP.

"The basic criterion for evaluating the rating program," the statement said, "is whether it protects the young from material beyond their ability to cope. We believe that the ratings at the present do not take into account sufficiently the total context of a given film, that they place too much weight on overt visual sex, and not enough on the implicit exploitation of sex and the overall impact of violence and other anti-social aspects of the film on the child."

The statement went on to say, "In addition, overt visual sex is now finding its way into the 'GP' (All ages admitted, Parental Guidance Suggested) films. This pivotal rating thus has become worse than useless because, a parent having once been misled, had no way of knowing whether other 'GP' rated films contain similar material."

In releasing their statement, the two groups cited examples of "GP" films which they felt should have been rated "R" (restricted to persons over 16 unless accompanied by parent or guardian). Among these were: "Bananas" (said to be primarily "adult humor"), "Ryan's Daughter" (containing "explicit" love scenes), "Valdez is Coming" (grim violence") and "10 Rillington Place" ("mass murder").

As we pointed out, the two groups had endorsed the system when it was introduced in October, 1968 as being "consistent with the rights and obligations of free speech and artistic expression, as well as with the duty of parents and society to safeguard the young in their growth to responsible adulthood." At that time they promised to work with the plan to help its implementation and to report back to the public on their estimate of its success. We joined at that time with the editors of many other religious periodicals in publicizing the rating system and in issuing a challenge to parents to familiarize themselves with the ratings and use them in their family experiences.

In May of last year, BFC and NCOMP warned parents and the film industry that the rating system was not working well. They said that it was in danger of failure unless immediate steps were taken to improve the system in these areas: more reliability in the ratings themselves, and especially in the "GP" rating; better theater compliance, more honesty in advertising, and elimination of "R" and "X" trailers shown with "G" and "GP" films.

The two groups believe that their lack of confidence in the rating system is in the interest of the moviegoing public and the industry as a whole. The statement affirmed, "It is essential that the motion picture industry itself realize that it must develop a workable, dependable and credible system of self-regulation as an alternative to governmental censorship."

BFC and NCOMP have pledged themselves to continue to periodically re-examine the performance of the rating system and to make further reports to the public.

The action of the Broadcasting and Film Commission to withdraw support was taken at an Executive Committee meeting on May 13. United Methodist members at the meeting and who supported the action were Dr. Gene W. Carter and Nelson Price of the staff of TRAFCO. Dr. Carter said that the only way the rating system can be saved is for the ratings to be set by a panel of persons unrelated to the movie industry.

Jack Valenti, president of Motion Picture Association of America, has called the action of the church groups unfair. He says that the latest opinion research shows that a majority of parents find the rating system helpful.

It is our opinion that the actions taken by the Protestant and Catholic communications leaders represent responsible stewardship on their part. Having played such a large part in the creation of the rating system, and having worked so hard to make people aware of it, they do now have every right to call the attention of the American public to inadequacies which they feel have crept into it. The film industry had agreed that there would be responsible self-regulation, and there are now many evidences that this is not taking place. We had high hopes for the rating system, and we believe it is still possible for it to succeed through a sound response to the challenge of the Protestant and Catholic groups.

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the Editor's Corner

"Media and Democracy"

One of the finest analyses of the part played by the mass media in American politics is found in an article by Dr. William F. Fore in the May 17 issue of **Christianity and Crisis** under the title "Media and Democracy."

After tracing the manner in which the media have influenced political campaigns through the years, Dr. Fore points out that a number of factors are contributing to the decline of radio and television. He says, "However, at the moment of its greatest power, broadcasting (and television in particular) is becoming less rather than more responsive to the needs of society."

This article advances the prediction that in the next decade television will slowly cease to play the centralized, unifying information role it has played for the past two decades. He feels that cable television, video cartridges and other innovations in the field will bring about a radical demonopolizing of communications. It is his opinion that this will apply to the entertainment part of television as well as to the new and public service programs. All of this seems to indicate that there will be a growing centralization of local control over the news. With changes such as these, Dr. Fore is of the opinion that there will be a decline in the number of issues that are debated nationally in political campaigns and that "political campaigns will become increasingly personality-package-oriented."

Because this becomes a moral issue concerning the evil effects of the breakdown in our systems of communication, he feels that the churches have a great responsibility to help develop community groups that will give voice to the public interest in the communications field. Another challenge to the churches is that to help develop a strong national public broadcasting system.

The concluding sentence of this fine article says: "The churches, more than any other institution, have a stake in the development of an effective nationwide communication system, since it will have a fundamental impact on what men become."

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Twelve thousand young Methodists swarmed into London from all parts of the country on a recent weekend combining fun and serious discussion. Some came by plane from as far away as Ireland and the Channel Islands. Others came by train, bus and car. All were taking part in what is known as their "London Weekend," organized by the Methodist Assn. of Youth Clubs. According to an Assn. spokesman, this year's event captured more headlines and attracted more participants than before. Perhaps in part because of two or three "older people" who were on the program. They included Cliff Richard, 30, a nationally known pop singer often seen at Church musical events, Lord Soper, former Methodist Conference president and Des Wilson, leader of Shelter, a national campaign for homeless people. The men appeared individually at a massive debate on "People" interspersed with intermittent "singsongs."

An Anglican clergyman has been appointed religion editor of Canada's largest newspaper. The Rev. Tom Harpur, 42, former Rhodes scholar and theology professor at Toronto's Wycliffe College, is the new religion editor of the Toronto Daily Star. Editor Harpur says, "I think we are on the edge of a great religious revival which will make the Reformation look small by comparison."

The Western Catholic Reporter, archdiocesan weekly based in Edmonton, Alberta (Can.) will change its format and initiate a parish coverage plan aimed at putting the newspaper into every Catholic home, according to Archbishop Anthony Jordan, disclosing a five-year development plan. It is precisely because of declining Church attendance that religious publications must be maintained, he noted. "In my opinion the best service that members of a parish council can make to their parish is to support this development plan," he said. Editor Douglas Roche commented, "Our paper will . . . continue its blend of world and local news that helps the Christian cope with the changing world."

More than 100 members of the Mennonite Disaster Service, a relief agency, came from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Delaware to clean up West Potomac Park and the Washington Monument grounds following May Day anti-war demonstrations during which the throngs left debris and destruction. The group worked without compensation, emphasizing that the "clean up" was their way of "showing we're for peace" and that Mennonites, as pacifists, "want to be constructive, not destructive." The group said their "policy is to pray for, pay and obey the government."

Speaking before mission executives at the Interchurch Center in New York, the Rev. Faud Bahnan of the Nat'l. Evangelical Church of Beirut and Halim Saba, a Jordanian and Greek Orthodox layman, appealed for U.S. church support of Arab Christian schools in Jerusalem. They said Arab Christians support six schools in Israel-occupied Jerusalem, and added that the institutions are being "overburdened" by an influx of Muslim newcomers whose parents fear their children will lose their Arab cultural identity if they go to public school. The "Old City" of Jerusalem was under Jordanian control until the Six-Day War of 1967, when it came into Israeli hands.

Dr. Harold Roberts, a former president of the British Methodist Conference, issued a blunt warning that "there is no future for a divided Church." He said, "There are those within and without the Church who are anxious to hasten its decline and to repudiate institutional religion with its buildings, historic ministry and traditional worship." He continued, "Before the demolition squads complete their task, they might well pause to consider the question: What is the Church? . . . . Primarily the Church is not an institution, nor is it to be exclusively identified with the hierarchy or the ministry or the laity. The Church is the people of God created by God on the stage of history through the life, death and resurrection of Christ."

Twin Circle—a national Catholic publication paid a tribute to the Mormon way of life in its May 23rd issue. "Amid today's frequent flux and sometimes downright disintegration of religious values," the publication said, "the tremendous growth of the Mormon Church—which has doubled its membership in the past 10 years and now numbers 3 million—is an impressive phenomenon." The newspaper noted that the growth is more remarkable because of the strict requirements of the Mormon faith—"Mormons abstain from alcohol and stimulants such as tea, coffee and tobacco; contribute 10 per cent of their income to the Church; and finance their youth through two years of voluntary missionary activity."

Reformed Church of American Women, convening in Cleveland, O., were challenged to fulfill their roles as "the traditional keepers of the moral values" by becoming more involved in politics and government. Mrs. Lois Joice, an editor of the denomination and a member of the New Jersey Comm. on Women said "There is a real need for our special point of view in politics, the whole field of government needs women with a Christian outlook . . . we do think differently from men."

Sen. John G. Tower of Texas speaking concerning a mounting number of co-sponsored bills in both the Senate and the House which would authorize acceptance into this country of an additional 30,000 Russian Jewish refugees each year said the idea behind the bill is "very simple." It is the welcoming of people from another country where they are persecuted "simply because of their religious belief." Noting that "America has always been a haven for those who are religiously oppressed," the Senator said supporting this bill "will reaffirm our support for the most basic principle of freedom of religion."

In the closing session of an unpredecented ecumenical series of services held in Santiago, Chile, Methodist Pastor Samuel Vallette called for a united commitment of all Christians to the Gospel. Clergy from various Churches answered questions and offered a united catechetical presentation. "Ecumenicism in Chile is a growing flame," said one participating clergyman. Considered a major step in the cooperative movement among the churches was the participation of the Pentecostal and Baptist Churches in the recently-concluded National Encounter of Protestants and Catholics.

Sven Svenson, editor of the Swedish Baptist Union's weekly newspaper, who recently completed a three-week tour of Baptist churches in Russia, noted that Russia's "dissident Baptists," who resist government restrictions on religious activity, have "shown the authorities that there are Christians in Russia willing to stand up and battle for their religious beliefs." Baptists in Russia have been split over the question of whether or not to comply with the government limitations, the editor stated. But the difference of opinion did not paralyze the Baptist cause, as the Soviet government apparently expected, he said.

The award-winning film "Martin Luther," originally produced in 1953, has been condensed and submitted to more than 70 film festivals in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America and Canada for use during 1971-72. A 29-minute excerpt from the movie was edited by Teaching Film Custodians and the American Historical Assn.

The 1970 construction of church and synagogue structures of all types was lower "cost-wise" than it has been since 1958, U.S. Dept. of Commerce statistics indicate. A total of $921 million was expended for erection of worship, educational and fellowship facilities last year. The "low" for the period was $863 million in 1958. However, because of inflation and other factors, these figures are not an accurate representation of the amount of useful space created, according to Aaron Sabghir, director of the construction and building materials program of the Dept.'s Bureau of Domestic Commerce. He went on to say that in the 1920s religious groups did not erect so many multipurpose structures as they do now, so there is better utility of space today. Religious structures in the Twenties tended to be more ornate than those constructed now when religious architecture has tended toward "plainness."

(RNS Photo)

DALLAS – Paul Eshleman, 28-year-old director of the International Student Congress on Evangelism (EXPLO '72), has been given the task of coordinating an effort to bring 100,000 students and laymen to the Dallas Cotton Bowl during June 12-17, for the congress. Sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ International, EXPLO '72 will "launch a strategy to train 500,000 people during 1972 for a spiritual explosion across America and around the world." Eshleman, a staff member of the Campus Crusade since 1966, will be heading up a staff of some 35 people—all headquartered in Dallas.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, center, congratulates the Rev. and Mrs. Clark Bell and Mrs. James T. Harris at the time of their retirement.

On behalf of the Cabinet, the Rev. W. D. Boddie, left, and Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, right, presented gifts to the men leaving that group: the Rev. J. W. Wilson, the Rev. Merlin Merrill and the Rev. Jeffery Bibbons.

New Officers of the Board of the Laity (from right): Tom Matheny, chairman; Allen E. Brown, vice chairman; Hubert Blanchard, associate lay leader for Lay Life and Work; and Dr. Alfred Stewart, Jr., associate for Stewardship and Finance.

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Review and Resolutions Committee: the Rev. George W. Ross; Quadrennial Emphasis Committee: Dr. George Pearce, Jr.; Commission on Ecumenical Affairs: the Rev. L. Ray Branton.

Legal Committee: The conference unanimously adopted the report of the Legal Committee, including the Resolution of Ratification and the Declaration of Merger.

Military Chaplains: The following military chaplains were introduced to the conferences: Thomas M. Babington, III, Paul G. Durbin, James E. Reaves and Glen Power.

Board of Education: Included in the report of the Board of Education adopted by the conference were requests for emergency grants from the World Service and Finance Commission for the establishment of programs of campus ministry at Southern University and at LSU-New Orleans. The report also asked for the formation of a committee to conduct a campaign for $150,000 for the purchase of land and building of a Wesley Foundation building at Southern University.

Quadrennial Emphasis Committee and Fund for Reconciliation: Dr. George Pearce, Jr., presented this report, and Dr. W. T. Handy, Jr. spoke on behalf of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee of 50. Dr. Jeffery C. Bibbons introduced a number of persons related to Fund for Reconciliation projects in the conference.

Missions: Dr. L. L. Haynes, Jr. presented the report of the Board of Missions. Included in the report were authorizations for the establishment of a Conference Task Force Committee on Human Relations and Economic Development. This group would act as a liaison group for the Board of Missions or any other Board or Agency, General or Jurisdictional, wishing to support special projects within the Louisiana Conference.

Evangelism: The Rev. Kenneth G. Rorie presented the report of the Board of Evangelism underscoring three emphases for the coming year: a study on prayer and the devotional life for October, November, December, 1971; a Membership Recovery Workshop to be held January 20-21; and a systematic study of the Book of Acts or Romans during April, May, June, 1972.

Service of Ordination: Bishop Paul E. Martin officiated at the Service of Ordination on Thursday evening. Dr. L. L. Haynes, Jr. brought the ordination sermon. The following were ordained: **Deacons:** Homer Vernon Bailes, William Ed Parks, Lionel J. Marcel, Richard E. Stegall, Harold Bond Babin, Jay Vernon Daigle, Sr., Noel Gaines, Thomas A. Hoover, Jr., Dan Washington, James Monroe Wilkes, John Perry Bell, Louis Gilbert Blankenbaker, Thomas Ashton Dunbar, Kenneth J. Fisher, Charles Lindbergh, Floyd, Jr., Alvin Swindell Hodges, Russell L. Jones, Terry Clark Lowe, Maurice Major, Larry Nolan Ramsey, John Roddy Taylor and James Albert Trickett;

Elders: John Hamilton Casey, James Arthur Graham, Conrad Randal James, Isaac Elmer Malone and Jimmie Dade Pyles.

Christian Social Concerns: The Rev. James Stovall presented the report of the Board of Christian Social Concerns containing significant statements on world peace, violence, alcoholism, pornography, sex education, housing and problems of the aging.

Laity: As a part of the report of the Board of Laity, presented by Thomas Matheny, tribute was paid to the late Monroe Stringer, who served a number of years as Conference Lay Leader of Conference B. Mr. Matheny presented a memorial plaque to his pastor, the Rev. Samuel W. Walker, Sr.

Recognized as "Laywoman of the Year" was Mrs. C. B. McGowan of Baton Rouge, president of the Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service. Honored as "Layman of the Year" was Joe Solomon of Monroe.

Vote on Constitutional Amendments: The two proposed Constitutional Amendments were voted on Friday morning. Both of these are to provide means for greater youth participation in the Annual Conference. The vote was: **No. 5:** 320 For; 2 Against; and 5 not voting; **No. 6:** 321 For; 3 Against; and 1 not voting.

Recognitions: Dr. Jack Cooke presented Mrs. Bessie Kerr, Bishop Walton's secretary to the conference.

The Cabinet recognized the members who were leaving this responsibility: Dr. J. W. Wilson, Dr. Luman E. Douglas, the Rev. Merlin Merrill, and Dr. Jeffery E. Bibbons.

Dr. G. W. Pomeroy presented a gift to Bishop Paul E. Martin and praised the manner in which he had stepped in to preside following Bishop Walton's illness.

Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton spoke briefly to the Conference and thanked them for their prayers and concern.

1972 Conference: Dr. Allen invited the Conference to return to Centenary for the 1972 session, and Dr. Bibbons issued an invitation for New Orleans. The invitation of Centenary was accepted.

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News in Brief

The Rev. Bill Garrett, director of youth projects for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, will leave his post in June for graduate study in mass communication and interpersonal communication in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Ordained Elders: (Front) Isaac Elmer Malone, John Hamilton Casey, Jimmie Dade Pyles; Back: Conrad Randal James and James Arthur Graham.

Funds from the One Thousand Club helped to rebuild the recently completed sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Kinder. Built at a cost of approximately $40,000, the new sanctuary replaces the one destroyed by fire on November 15, 1969. The new facility was occupied and used for the first Service of Worship on Sunday, May 9. On Sunday morning, May 30, the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, Lake Charles District superintendent, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Matthews, officiated at a Service of Consecration. An "Open House" was held during the afternoon hours.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

TRANSFERRED IN:

Donald Reginald Avery, Deacon on Probation, from the Southern New England Conference.
Donald Charles Cottrill, Deacon on Probation, from the Tennessee Conference.
Arthur A. Robinson, Elder in Full Connection, from the Holston Conference.
Les P. Thompson, Elder in Full Connection, from the Oklahoma Conference.
John J. Rasmussen, Jr., Elder in Full Connection, from the North Texas Conference.

TRANSFERRED OUT:

Carlos Perez, Elder in Full Connection, to the Rio Grande Conference.
Howard L. Daughenbaugh, Jr., Elder in Full Connection, to the Central Illinois Conference.

Name with (1) following indicates new appointment.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JUNE 20: God Requires Economic Justice

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Micah 2 and 3

MEMORY SELECTION: Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1:17)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons recognize God's concern for the poor and how he has sent spokesmen throughout history to call mankind to a realization of its responsibility for others.

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Frequently this writer receives letters objecting to the emphasis being made on the needs of the poor and underprivileged by church periodicals and church program agencies. Some of these letters accuse the church of being an innovator in this concern and some even go so far as to say that we are about to be taken over by communism. These people are sadly mistaken if they think this concern comes from reading leftist propaganda. It goes much farther back than that to a prophet named Micah who insisted that God requires economic justice for all men.

When Jesus came, he was identified with the poor and claimed endorsement for his ministry in words from Isaiah, "He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor" (Luke 4:18). No voice in all the Bible is more clearly heard on this theme than Micah's.

We conclude our series on the prophets with two lessons on Micah, the fourth of the great spokesmen of the eighth century. Although he is classed as a "minor" prophet, we should remember that this only means that his book was a short one. It would be entirely wrong to imply that his message was unimportant or that his influence was minor. In a vivid and direct style he spoke out as strongly for mercy and righteousness as the other prophets we have been studying.

Dr. Rolland E. Wolfe says in **Interpreter's Bible:** "Of all the prophets, Micah is perhaps the one whose contributions have been most habitually underestimated . . . In these days, when the relative significance of the various prophets is being reappraised, the prestige of Micah is rising in the estimation of biblical scholars. Because of this trend, we may approach the study of Micah with new expectation, realizing that we are not dealing with a second-rate individual but with an important link in the great prophetic succession."

We know very little about Micah except that he was from a small rural community in the southwestern foothills of Judah called Moresheth. It was near the border between Judah and Philistia and was so situated on the route to Egypt that it was in constant danger of attack from armies approaching from the west or the south. We do not know about his "call" to the prophetic ministry. There is a remote implication that he was influenced by one "Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah," but Dr. Wolfe feels that the more immediate stimulus was provided by his neighbor Amos, who had lived only twenty miles from Mareshah.

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GENERAL BACKGROUND OF MICAH'S MESSAGE

In social status Micah differed from the other prophets we have studied. Amos was a shepherd from the mountain wilderness; Hosea was a prosperous farmer from northern Israel; and Isaiah, an aristocrat reared at court in the capital city of Jerusalem. Micah apparently was a small town artisan with a deep sympathy for the poor.

Although we cannot be sure of the date of his activity, it seems that he must have been a contemporary of Isaiah. Wolfe says: "Although nothing can be proved for any specific dating of Micah's mission, indications point to the years 714-700 B.C. for the period of his public activity.

Micah's major concern was for the people who lived on the land. Dr. Walter G. Williams says in **International Lesson Annual:** "He believed that the blame for the sorry plight of the people in the small towns was due to the avariciousness of the wealthy classes in the big cities. . . Micah also believed that the cities were centers of moral decay and that infection would spread throughout the country."

Dr. Harold A. Bosley gives the exposition of Micah in **Interpreter's Bible,** and in his opening statement of that material he says, "The book of Micah is a lesson in how to take God seriously. It is instructive in the way one looks at life, particularly the life of one's own time . . . A dynamic prophetic faith is not so much a possession of man as the possessor of man. Micah's faith literally hurls him at the great issues of the day."

The name "Micah" meant "Who is like Jehovah?" His anger was aroused by the infamy of the high and the mighty. He pictures men in high positions pondering schemes for ravishing the weak and the poor. There can be no loyalty to God without man's willingness to be helpful to God's children wherever they happen to be in need. As one has put it, "The true Christian looks upward in his adoration of God and looks outward with concern upon the needs of all of God's children. God requires economic justice in man's dealing with men, else there is no fidelity to him who is pleasing and acceptable."

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MICAH WAS A CHAMPION OF THE POOR

Micah places such stress on the problems of the poor that poverty must have been one of the real concerns of the time. One historian suggests that there was such heavy taxation as a result of the war with Assyria that the rich who were most affected by the taxes were striking back by misappropriating the property of the poor. In Micah 2:1 we read, "Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand." Apparently there was such a conspiracy among the powerful that even when they went to bed at night they kept right on thinking of methods of defrauding their next victims. They could hardly wait for morning to carry out their evil purposes.

The book of Jeremiah (26:16 ff.) tells us something about Micah and his message. We are told that he came to Jerusalem calling for mercy and equity in the reign of King Hezekiah. We are told that he was arrested, but was released, thanks to influential men who were apparently impressed by his attitude of authority. Dr. Emil Kraeling, in his book **The Prophets,** suggests that this visit may have been at a time when Isaiah had retired temporarily from prophetic activity. There is no indication of any contact between them.

The kind of evil Micah describes is not accidental—it is premeditated. Dr. Bosley says, "It is the kind of evil which is deliberate, intentional, fathered by a conscious purpose and a full awareness of both the pleasurable consequences to the doer and the painful consequences to the victim."

One interesting phrase sticks in the memory from this section of Micah. He speaks of people who do evil "because it is in the power of their hands." In every age there have been people who could not be trusted with power because of their inclination to turn it to their selfish ends.

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THE EVIL OF REAL ESTATE GRABBING

Many have discovered in our time that real estate is their path to wealth. The plot which we have seen visualized in so many western movies is as old as Micah and his prophecy. The rich not only coveted other people's property but took it by violence. You can recall the story of King Ahab and Naboth's vineyard (1 Kings 21). This story of how uncontrolled desire may lead to murder. Stealing a man's land was morally wrong of itself; but it was especially obnoxious to the Hebrews who considered family property as a heritage to be passed on from one generation to another.

Micah spoke most sharply against this organized crime in his time. In fact he used language that is as contemporary as today's fear of the Mafia. He speaks of "this family of evildoers" (2:3). Like the Cosa Nostra—a term which means "our family"—they sought security in solidarity; but they could never be strong enough to thwart the processes of divine justice. Their haughty defiance of man and his needs would lead them to certain calamity, said Micah.

The prophet must have been "heckled" during his preaching. The voice from the audience is quoted in 2:6; "One should not preach of such things; disgrace will not overtake us." There were people in that day just like many in our own time who do not want to listen to the preacher's indictment of their social wrongs. But Micah would not be silenced, and neither will the prophet in our own time. It is encouraging to note that an increasing number of congregations are seeking points at which they take hold of contemporary society's attack on poverty.

We should all give serious consideration to what our individual responsibility is for persons who are trapped in poverty.

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DOOM FOR THE EXPLOITERS OF PEOPLE

The passage from the third chapter of Micah contains some of the strongest language of condemnation to be found anywhere. Bosley feels that he is most effective in getting across his emotions in this matter. He says, "In a few over one hundred words he does what Dickens and Dostoevski devote an entire book to; he gives the feel of the social situation in which revolutions are born."

Micah was not interested in writing a literary classic; he was trying to tell his own people that God's wrath was about to strike them and utterly destroy them.

The prophet knew that the only way to avert the catastrophe was to bring the people under real conviction so that there might be a turning about—a conversion. He knew that the word must be heard and heeded by those who were helping to create the problem. Many of those whom Micah denounced considered themselves very religious people. Micah and Isaiah both called this the hypocrisy that it was and challenged those who were the leaders in religion to prove that they loved their country and their God by working for economic justice.

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WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

We would miss the main point of the prophecy of Micah if we did not come from this discussion with a determination to do something about the needs of our time. Sometime ago we sat in a committee meeting with a worker in the war against poverty. He said that there are many counties and municipalities in which no effective inroads have been made against poverty, because those in authority would not admit that there was such a problem.

Dr. J. Edward Carothers in his book, **Keepers of the Poor,** said, "It seems clear that even if those in poverty wanted to meet the expectations of the prosperous and fit into their world of values in order to crawl out of poverty, they would not be able to do so. They are victims of powerful social forces over which they have little or no control."

We are excited about the large number of church groups that are seriously heeding the challenge to become involved with groups trapped in poverty and see if something cannot be done to help them find a way out. The prophet Micah would be excited about that, too.

The teaching of literacy is one of the most important aspects of many mission projects sponsored by the World Division of the Board of Missions throughout the world. Here Alberta Galusha, a United Methodist Missionary in La Paz, Bolivia, helps an Indian woman learn to read. (Toge Fujihira)

MISSIONS

news summaries

Prepared by World Division staff executives of the United Methodist Board of Missions

INDIA. The Methodist Church in Southern Asia is making "tremendous strides" in drawing on its own potential in terms of leadership and finances. The stewardship program of the church is making progress in urban congregations and gives promise of even greater advances in the near future.

HONG KONG. The foundation stone was laid recently for the United Christian Hospital, after some seven years of planning and fund-raising. Located in an industrialized area where there are massive new resettlement complexes, it will be the only general hospital. It is to be a 379-bed facility with a full range of services including outpatient department, community health, post-graduate medical training and nurses' training. United Methodists have been active in the hospital project since its inception.

KOREA. What is described as "political strife" within the Korea Methodist Church reportedly has expressed itself in a decision of some 50 congregations in the Kyung Gi area near Seoul to withdraw from the present Central Annual Conference and form a new Kyunggi Annual Conference. The General Board of the church has declared the action of the Kyunggi Conference churches illegal. The Taejon Theological Seminary is undertaking two developments — a School of Sacred Music, and amplification of a dairy program. Also in Taejon, the Union Christian Service Center is reported embarking on a new program development, involving training of staff in new areas of animal husbandry, sheep raising and comunity development. Land is being bought in the mountains for new sheep raising. There is a new site to support a 100-cow dairy. The purpose is to give 30 heifer calves each year to farmers on credit.

BURMA. Economic conditions continue to deteriorate, according to reports, but the church shows vitality. The Chinese church community, with 50% of its members emigrating to other countries, has, by winning converts, just about maintained itself. The Indian community has been more depleted, and several centers of work have closed, reports say. However, two gospel centers have opened in new places, indicating something of the spirit of outreach in the church. Church union plans with the Upper Burma Methodist Church (British-related) are taken seriously, church leaders report, with a group of Lower Burma Methodists (U.S.-related) meeting weekly to study plans developed by the Upper Burma Methodists.

INDONESIA. The growth of the Karo Batak Church on Sumatra during the last several years has leveled off. Talk of the church is now centered on conserving the great gains that have been reached.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Reports have come of a crisis in the life of the Dominican Evangelical Church, resulting in expulsion of a section of youth membership which had come into conflict with authorities in its pursuit of "church renewal."

ARGENTINA. Development of an interdenominational, urban program in downtown Buenos Aires on the premises of the century-old First Methodist Church is reported to be providing a new Spanish-language ministry, following a traditional ministry to English-speaking residents and tourists. New ministries include an open sanctuary for prayer during the day, concerts, cultural activities, social services directed by a case worker and small group meetings. Those, as well as traditional worship services, are reported to be reaching more than 600 persons a month.

CHILE. El Vergel Agricultural Institute is working with the agrarian reform program in training rural leadership. Increased awareness is reported of the responsibility of the church to the Mapuche Indian community in southern Chile, and the Board of Rural Work has asked for a social anthropologist to work with them to determine the scope of its work in that area.

ECUADOR. The Center for Theological Studies in Quito continues to provide theological training for laymen for the United Evangelical Church. The church has embarked on a program of self-support for its pastoral leadership.

RHODESIA. Church sources say a letter from the white-dominated Rhodesian government of Prime Minister Ian Smith has informed Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa that the ban on his visits to Tribal Trust Lands (black areas) will not be lifted at present. Since many United Methodist churches and other institutions are in Tribal Trust Lands, the 10-month-old ban, which has been protested by churchmen inside and outside Rhodesia, cuts Bishop Muzorewa off from more than half of his members. He has continued to oppose the Land Tenure Act, which sets aside allegedly "equal" amounts of land for Rhodesia's 4,800,000 blacks and 250,000 whites. Most of the rural primary schools which were relinquished by the church have been re-opened under local administration. The church decided to pull out of rural primary education in protest since the Government was reducing its subsidy.

ZAMBIA. Under development is a "School on Wheels" at Mindolo, Zambia. Courses in the school, which usually last two months, are "mini" courses in sewing, cooking, knitting, budgeting, mothercraft and first aid, following the plan for the longer courses at the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation. Leaders say the School on Wheels can move into rural areas, reaching women who cannot leave the villages, and can strengthen agricultural programs by providing a follow-up for former students at Mindolo.

Emiko Iwatsuki, the first woman to participate in an exchange program between Nagoya Gakuin University, Nagoya, Japan, and Alaska Methodist University, instructs several young women in conversational Japanese. AMU is one of the 128 United Methodist related schools which receive counsel and guidance from the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education, a World Service agency.

Husband-wife team to work as coordinators in alcohol/drugs program

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — A unique husband and wife, both ministers and members of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, recently began work as a team of educational program coordinators in the Department of Alcohol Problems and Drug Abuse, the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The Rev. Larry Wayman and the Rev. Phyllis Wayman, who both received the master of divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary here May 24, joined the department's staff this month to assist, according to the clergy couple, "in bridging the gap between the church and what is happening in society" in relation to alcohol problems and drug abuse.

Dr. Thomas E. Price, director of the department, said "the Waymans will be available to conferences, not to carry out drug and alcohol programs for them, but to assist them in planning their own programs."

Mr. Wayman, no newcomer to the United Methodist Building on Capitol Hill that houses the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, had for eight months served as an assistant in the Board's Washington Study Program.

In 1969, Mrs. Wayman became the first recipient of a scholarship from the Laskey Fund, set up by the Women's Division in honor of past president Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey to aid women studying theology. At the recent Wesley Seminary graduation, Mrs. Wayman received the Grace Mercier Shea Memorial Award in Pastoral Theology, a presentation by the Department of Pastoral Theology to the person showing promise in pastoral care. This summer she will work as a student chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, national center for mental health service, training and research.

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Among the Directors present at a Conference Program Directors' meeting in Oklahoma City to review the 1971 summer's leadership training program at Mt. Sequayah were: (l. to r. standing) Dr. Virgil D. Marris, Jurisdiction Program Director, and Conference Program Directors Dr. J. Woodraw Hearn, Louisiana; Dr. S. Duane Bruce, Northwest Texas; (seated) Dr. Robert B. Kendall, Kansas East; Dr. Lester A. Meyer, Oklahoma; Dr. John F. Wichelt, Nebraska; Dr. W. Cannan Kinnard, Missouri East.

UMCOR executive says Bengali refugee plight desperate

NEW YORK (UMI) — In response to the most recent disaster in East Pakistan — the massive spillover of Bengali refugees into neighboring India, the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) is releasing $25,000 as an initial grant for refugee relief.

Announcing release of the funds, Dr. J. Harry Haines, New York, UMCOR executive secretary, said the situation is desperate, that up to 2,000,000 persons have fled across the border, and there is "strong liklihood that the flow of refugees will continue for an indefinite period."

The destruction and terror of civil war between East and West Pakistanis have escalated the woes of an area already immersed in the aftermath of last fall's disastrous typhoon/tidal wave. Dr. Haines said press reports and other information received by UMCOR indicate that conditions created by the flight of refugees to India are even worse than those following the typhoon. Given the confused nature of the situation along the border, he said, "it is very difficult to plan anything at this point except immediate measures for food, temporary shelter and medical care for refugees. Only after the influx stops will it be possible to give any serious attention to long-term needs."

The $25,000 released for refugee relief in India is from East Pakistan emergency funds, and a continuing flow of aid is essential, Dr. Haines said. Gifts for East Pakistan relief, he specified, should be sent through Annual Conference Treasurers or to: United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Room 406, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

Spokesman for Indian churchmen

NEW YORK (UMI) — Leaders in an estimated 15,000-member American Indian constituency in the United Methodist Church have established a spokesman/advocate office for Indian church members and the larger Indian community, and have given it the title of "ombudsman." The first person chosen for this office, an unusual one in the denomination, is the Rev. Raymond G. Baines of Tempe, Arizona.

The office of ombudsman was made possible under a $65,000 grant, covering a two-year period (1971-72), from the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race. It was one of 10 grants totaling $475,000 made by the Commission February 23 for minority group self-determination projects. The Commission said the grants were for projects and programs demonstrating the principle of self-determination by ethnic minority groups, and were not to support individuals or organizations in themselves.

Officially on the job as American Indian ombudsman as of June 1, Mr. Baines was selected for the new office recently by a caucus and committee of United Methodist Indian leaders. He said he is responsible in policy-making and program to the American Indian Caucus in the United Methodist Church.

He is the second American Indian to become a national-level church executive within a month. At its May meeting in Buffalo, N.Y., the Board of Missions chose the Rev. Homer Noley as a staff member in the Board's National Division with responsibilities related to American Indian concerns. Mr. Noley has been director of American Indian Ministries in the Nebraska United Methodist Conference. While in separate agencies and working in different structures, Mr. Baines and Mr. Noley have relationships to a constituency said to be the largest American Indian membership in any Protestant denomination.

Protestant Church of Belgium in three-way talks

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two years after United Methodists joined with another body, The Evangelical Protestant Church, to form the Protestant Church of Belgium, the new denomination is reported in three-way talks looking toward a union that, if consummated, would merge much of what is considered "mainstream Protestantism" in the country.

The Synod of the 20,000-member Protestant Church of Belgium has voted its "intention to unite" and has also approved a document outlining bases for negotiation and issues to be settled, said Dr. Andre J. Pieters, president of the church, in an interview on a recent visit to America.

The other parties to the conversations, two churches in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, are to vote this year on the "intention to unite" and on whether to proceed with negotiations. If union comes, said Dr. Pieters, the resulting 40,000-member church would encompass about 60 per cent of Belgium's Protestants — in a country where Protestants constitute an estimated 1 per cent of the population, most of the rest (at least nominally) Roman Catholic.

Dr. Pieters, a former Methodist Crusade Scholar and theologian, said the two years since formation of the Protestant Church of Belgium have been ones of consolidation and "learning to live together." Dr. Pieters said the new church continues to be related to the United Methodist Church as an affiliated united body. He is a member of the Conference of Bishops, which comprises not only United Methodist bishops but also bishops and other heads of affiliated autonomous Methodist and united churches.

FIRST BLACK DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED IN FLORIDA

LAKELAND, Fla. (FUMI) — The first Negro district superintendent in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church since the formerly separate black and white conferences merged in 1969 has been appointed by Bishop James W. Henley. He is the Rev. John B. F. Williams, who was named superintendent of the four-county Melbourne District which numbers 33 churches of predominantly white membership.

A graduate of Clark College and Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., he has been pastor of Tyer Temple in Tampa since 1967. Previously, he served pastorates and as a district superintendent in both the former all black Florida Conference and the Central Alabama Conference..

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DR. GERALD B. HARVEY DIES

MONROVIA, Calif.—Dr. Gerald B. Harvey, 69, who travelled more than a million miles in 12 years as field secretary for Christian Education in the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions prior to his retirement in 1968, died at his home here May 24, following an apparent heart attack.

His service with the World Division began in 1956 and his "parish" included 46 nations of the world. He was president of the National Methodist Conference of Christian Education in 1954, and was a former trustee of the College of the Pacific (now the University of the Pacific) at Stockton, Calif., and Samuel Houston (now Houston Tillotson) College in Austin, Texas.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

June 13—Sun. I Thessa. 1:5-10
June 14 ..... Psalms 89:15-21
June 15 ..... Psalms 149:1-9
June 16 ..... Isaiah 35:1-10
June 17 ..... Isaiah 60:10-17
June 18 ..... Isaiah 61:4-11
June 19 ..... Luke 10:1-20
June 20—Sunday .. John 15:7-11

Scout leader Frank H. "Budge" Dennis gives final instructians ta traap at Grace Church in Rustan, before recent departure by bus for annual camping trip ta Buffalo River State Park in Arkansas. The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. is their pastor.

The Rev. Rabert Jamiesan, pastar at Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur, was the guest speaker at a recent Wesley Church Family night in DeRidder. He spake cancerning the history af Methodism in the area.

High schaal grads at Franklin First Church mingle with fellaw grads, parents and spansors before Graduatian Breakfast served by the W.S.C.S. af their church. The Rev. C. E. McCamman is pastar.

Graduating seniors at DeQuincy United Methodist Church were hanored by their church with a Senior Banquet. The Rev. Walter Clarke, pastor of Wesley Church (DeRidder) and Merryville Church, was guest speaker; the Rev. Robert I. Galatas is minister.

A softball game captures the attention of these members af Claibarne United Methodist Church during a recent church picnic held at Cheniere Lake Park. Nearly 100 persons were present for hamburgers, hat dags, games and singing. The Rev. Terral T. Lowe is minister.

Members of Iowa United Methodist Church get tagether for a "clean-up and paint-up" day. The Rev. Raymand Crofoot is pastar.

Twenty-eight persons (60 years of age or older) attending the May 16 morning worship at Vinton First Church were given special recognition by the Rev. W. W. Bevill, minister. Those pictured here were honored as part of the church's observance of Senior Citizens' Month.

Dr. Henry A. Rickey, pastor, presenting First Church, Minden high schaal graduates Testaments bound in olive wood crafted in Bethlehem.

Youth who participated in recent Lay Witness Mission at Raymond during dinner in the home af Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Doucet. FROM LEFT: Kathy Jester, Raymond; Jana Dommert, Jennings; Kathy Siely, Westlake; Ralph Terry, DeRidder; Carol Laing, First Church in Shreveport, and Roberta Louise Doucet, Raymond. Youth activities were led by Felicia Mangum of Monroe; the Rev. Leland D. Wade is pastor at Raymond.

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Three new members appointed to Centenary Board

The Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church approved the appointment of three new members to the Board of Trustees of Centenary College at their meeting June 1. The new Trustees are U. S. Representative Joe D. Waggonner, Jr., of Plain Dealing; retired U. S. Air Force Lt. Gen. John S. Hardy of Shreveport; and the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, pastor of Broadmoor United Methodist Church of Shreveport.

All three of the new Trustees were elected to three-year terms expiring in 1974.

Eleven members of the Board whose terms expired this year were reappointed to three-year terms running until 1974: Mrs. G. M. Anderson, Douglas F. Attaway, Jr., Sam B. Grayson, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Dr. Charles D. Knight, J. C. Love, Jr., Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, Dr. Sam Nader, James N. Patterson, Cecil E. Ramey, Jr., and Dale Waller.

For years of devoted service to Centenary College, four Board members were named Honorary Life Members: Mrs. Ruth Jones Cadwallader, New Orleans; former Gov. Sam H. Jones, Lake Charles; the Rev. James T. Harris, New Orleans; and Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, New Orleans.

George D. Nelson, who has served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1957 and chairman since 1965, was re-elected chairman, and the other officers, James C. Gardner, vice-chairman, and Charlton H. Lyons, Jr., secretary, were also re-elected.

Congressman Waggonner was born near Plain Dealing in Bossier Parish, graduated from high school there in 1935, and earned his B.A. degree from Louisiana Tech in 1941. He served as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy during World War II and was recalled to serve in Korea in 1951-1952. The operator of a wholesale petroleum products agency in Plain Dealing, Waggonner was first elected to public office in 1954 when he ran for the local school board. He was later elected to the Louisiana State Board of Education, and in 1961 ran in a special election for the congressional seat he now holds. He was elected to a full two-year term the following year and since then has won re-election three times.

Because of his seniority, Congressman Waggonner was recently appointed a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. He is a member of the United Methodist Church. He and Mrs. Waggonner, the former Mary Ruth Carter, are the parents of two grown children, Carol Jean and David.

General Hardy is a native of Logansport, and is a graduate of Logansport High School, and received his B. A. degree from Centenary College in 1938.

He entered aviation cadet training at Randolph Field, Texas, in 1935 and received his wings at Kelly Field one year later, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1937. He had been on continuous active duty since that time until his retirement last year with the rank of Lieutenant General.

After various assignments in the United States, General Hardy was sent to England with the Eighth Air Force in 1942 and was named Chief of Operations in 1943. For his work during this period of massive airpower build-up in England, he received the Distinguished Service Medal.

General Hardy served in various personnel and planning positions with the United States Air Force and graduated from both the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base and the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington.

His last assignments in the Air Force included Commander of the 3rd Air Force, England, from 1964-66; Commander of Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, 1966-68; and Commandant, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D. C., from 1968 until his retirement last year.

BISHOP WALTON IS IMPROVING

We are so happy to pass along to you the word that Bishop Walton is improving from the effects of the heart attack which he suffered during Annual Conference. He has been moved from the Intensive Care Unit and is in a private room at Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Shreveport. We know you will continue to remember the Waltons and the doctors and nurses in your prayers.

General and Mrs. Hardy, the former Virginia Doyle of Shreveport, have three children, Mrs. Ira Stephen George and John S. Hardy, Jr., of Baton Rouge, and George Dickens Hardy of New Haven, Connecticut, and Shreveport.

Kilpatrick is a native of Alabama and holds the A.B. degree from Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Methodist University, Dallas. He was elected an elder in the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1941 and has served as chairman of the Board of Evangelism and a member of the Board of Missions. He is presently serving on the Board of Education.

He was District Superintendent of the Alexandria District before his appointment to the Broadmoor United Methodist Church last year.

The Kilpatricks are the parents of two sons, John F., Jr., and Paul Jerome. Mrs. Kilpatrick graduated from Centenary in 1940 and Paul Jerome in 1968.

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Dr. Woodrow Hearn, Program Director, is shown with two new ossociates on the Progrom Council staff: the Rev. Howard Milo, left, and the Rev. Don Cottrill.

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Improvements made at Mt. Sequoyah

by the Rev. N. Lee Cate, Superintendent

In preparation for the 1971 season, several improvements have been made at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly. Central air-conditioning and heating have been installed in Parker Hall, built in 1924 by the Epworth Leagues of Central Texas, North Texas, East Oklahoma, Northwest Texas, Little Rock, St. Louis, Louisiana, Southwest Missouri, Missouri, Texas, North Arkansas and West Oklahoma Conferences.

The library, located on the first floor of Parker Hall, has had fluorescent lighting installed and draperies placed over the windows. These improvements in the library were made possible through the generosity of Miss Mary Frances Hickman of Houston. Texas.

Wesley Hall, formerly known as the Women's Building, has had its appearance enhanced by the removal of the aging screens from the windows. The window frames and sashes have been repainted.

Twelve new beds have been placed in Texas Lodge. Seven of the white, frame cottages now have air-conditioning.

Tour Groups Welcome

During the past two summers a number of Mission Tour Groups have visited Mt. Sequoyah, some of them to spend only a short time, and others to spend one or more nights. The Assembly is glad to welcome such groups.

Please write to Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701 to make arrangements for your summer tour.

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ALFRED M. BROWN

The Rev. Alfred M. Brown, 56, pastor of Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, for two years, died June 6 in Houston, Tex., following a sudden illness. He left the church at conference to begin studies at the Institute of Religion in Houston.

A native of Algiers, he was the son of the late Rev. Robert M. Brown, also a Methodist minister in the Louisiana Annual Conference. He had served several pastorates at Rodessa, Vivian, Zwolle, Hammond, Crowley, Slidell and Bossier City.

Graveside services were held at Forest Park Cemetery, Shreveport, with Dr. Jack Cooke, Shreveport District Superintendent, and the Rev. John Winn, pastor of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, officiating. A memorial service was held at Mangum Memorial Church following the graveside service.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Mrs. Martha Brown of Shreveport; one son, Steve Brown of Shreveport; three daughters, Mrs. Becky Watts of Jackson, Miss., Miss Cindy Brown and Miss Ellen Brown, both of Shreveport; three sisters, Miss Miriam Brown and Mrs. D. L. Dykes, both of Shreveport, and Mrs. J. W. Mathews of Kinder, and one brother, Robert L. Brown of Shreveport.

New India Church invites Methodists

JULLUNDUR CITY, India (UMI) —The first synod of the Church of North India has sent a message to United Methodist, Baptist and Lutheran churches inviting them to participate in the new church, according to a dispatch from Ecumenical Press Service.

The message to the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (as United Methodism is known in that region) expressed sadness at "the misunderstandings" that kept the Methodists from taking part in the united church and asked the church leaders to join in looking towards the future and in attempting to cultivate mutual trust. In an action now being challenged in church courts, the United Methodists withdrew from the proposed union after it had been scheduled to be the largest participating body.

The Fisher United Methodist Church at Fronklinton recommended Michoel Calmes for a License to Preoch during the Moy 30 service. "Mike," shown above with his mother, Mrs. N. B. Colmes, will enter the Boston Theological Seminary this fall.

Dewoy Green (l.), o member of Blockwoter United Methodist Church has received o License to Preoch from the Louisiano Conference. He preoched his first sermon on Sunday evening, May 30 ot his home church. He is shown here with his postor, the Rev. William Blakely.

Pictures of Louisiana Annual Conference

New District Superintendents of the Conference ore Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, left, Baton Rouge District, and the Rev. Kenneth McDowell, right, Lafayette District.

Tom Matheny, Conference Loy Leoder, right, presented to the Rev. Somuel W. Walker, Sr. o plaque honoring the late Monroe Stringer, Conference B Loy Leoder.

Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, right, presented o gift to Bishop Poul E. Mortin in oppreciotion for his leadership of the Conference following Bishop Walton's illness.

At the closing session of Conference B, the Rev. Leroy Fields, the oldest retired minister present, tells of his experiences.

The final session of Louisiona Conference B ot St. James' United Methodist Church, Shreveport.

Three generotions ond four ministers in the Carawoy fomily (from left): the Rev. Porter M. Caroway, the Rev. Stone W. Corawoy, the Rev. James J. Carowoy, and Joy Caraway. Porter is Dod, Stone and James ore brothers, and Jay is James' son.

Dr. George Pearce introduced the choplains present ot the Conference.

Editorial

THE EVENT IS IN THE HAND OF GOD

All around us are people who seem to think that they can develop solutions to the needs and agony of the world without maintaining standards of decency and morality. As we read some of the material that is being written and hear some of the permissive words that are being spoken we are reminded of one of the briefest, yet most significant speeches that George Washington ever made. It was delivered to the Constitutional Convention in the difficult days when it seemed that the new nation might not survive. He said:

"It is too probable that no plan we propose will be adopted. Perhaps another dreadful conflict is to be sustained. If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work? Let us raise the standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. The event is in the hand of God."

There are many patterns of righteousness held by persons who claim to be building their lives on scriptural foundations. To some the standards of one group appear to be a long way from the pattern of life they were taught to accept as the Christian life. To others there is a real inconsistency between the professions and the practices of a large number of Christians. As we have previously stated in these columns, these two groups would not be so far apart if they understood each other better. We are encouraged by many signs of a decrease of tensions and the fading of polarities which were once widespread.

However, it is our conviction that the words of Washington are applicable to the emphasis on righteousness which needs to be rediscovered and reapplied in a time that is threatened with moral anarchy.

For some the conviction that Jesus was interested only in the spiritual well-being of man offers a real temptation to hide and avoid involvement. Any honest Bible scholar knows that the Master, far from being just concerned about men's souls, manifested a immense concern about their day-by-day, practical, mundane needs. He spent much time healing people. He told a parable of the Last Judgment in which he said the future destiny of men would be determined by whether or not they had ministered to the needs of their fellow men. For him the sight of a rich man in luxury while poor men suffered at the gate was intolerable. These are not the pronouncements of Marx or any other political theorist.

This was the basic point of view of Jesus of Nazareth, and if we could get people to admit this, communication would be so much easier.

Of course, what is needed is a proper balance between the physical and the spiritual in Christian pronouncements and Christian programs. We cannot be sure which groups among us are the greatest distance from this balance. However, we would remind you that Jesus said on one occasion, "Your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Jesus never said that human needs and wants were unimportant. He said that they must not occupy the whole of our thinking —that we should not "get the cart before the horse." Such a commonplace text as this ought not to confuse us, but it so often does. Many of us become so concerned about seeking the good things of life and devote so much time and energy to their pursuit that we become very impractical. So many of us say, "I want what I want when I want it," and all the while Jesus says, "You are justified in wanting them, but you will never endure getting them until you fulfill prior conditions."

Someone has said that Jesus, in making this emphasis, was pronouncing a law rather than just pointing to an ideal. Our Bible is filled with conditional promises, but we easily forget the "if clause" that is so often present. Sometime ago a friend announced the subject for his sermon on the Great Commission. It was: "No Go; No Lo!" You will remember that Jesus promised his disciples he would be with them until the end of the age, but before he promised that he charged them to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

The natural resources which have blessed us and made available so many material things in our time — were here as a part of God's world, but only as we saw them in new perspective and let God use men's minds did we have them at our disposal.

When we start out to put America first, or our individual needs first, we will not reach those goals. We must put something else first — righteousness — a decent world order — mankind organized for justice and peace — or our world will go from one disaster to another.

In the face of our domestic problems, in dealing with our international complexities, in family life, and in the other significant areas of human relations there is a motivation which can move us to success. It is the righteousness of Jesus Christ manifest in individual lives, but not ending there.

As Washington said, "If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work?"

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the Editor's Corner

RECOLLECTIONS OF FRANKLIN NUTTING PARKER

One of the chief reasons I am grateful that I attended theological school at the time I did was the opportunity it afforded to sit at the feet of Dr. Franklin Nutting Parker who was the dean of Candler School of Theology when I arrived there.

Dr. Parker was one of those consecrated geniuses who taught systematically by contagion and who radiated saintliness in the classroom and out. The son of an outstanding bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he was a member of one of the first families of Louisiana Methodism.

Dr. Parker introduced us to Jesus Christ as though he were a close friend, because he was. After hearing Dr. Parker talk about conversion, prayer, the atonement or the incarnation those of use who sat at his feet were challenged to communicate these Christian realities after his fashion— knowing all the while that we would fall short of his effectiveness.

Although his brother had served as the executive head of the Board of Education, Dr. Parker took great delight in joking about those who took staff positions in connectional Methodism. He would say, "Young men don't let them talk you into going to work for one of the boards. There were only two boards mentioned in the New Testament, and they nailed them together and crucified our Lord on them."

One of our textbooks was entitled "Paths That Lead to God." On the oral examination which we were required to take Dr. Parker asked me to outline the arguments for the existence of God. Then he said, "Mr. Knox, that was satisfactory. Now forget about that book, because you will never argue anyone into believing in God."

Dr. Parker had a deep Christian faith which reflected in everything that he said and did. This was especially apparent at the time of Mrs. Parker's death. I was sitting in his class when word came of her passing. He quietly informed us of the news and walked across the campus toward their home. Three days later he was back in his classroom witnessing to his faith.

This was a great man of God, and I am so glad that I had a chance to sit at his feet.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Mrs. Leon S. Price of Dallas, president of the national Parent-Teacher Assn. told convention delegates meeting in Oklahoma City that pornography, lowered sexual standards, drug abuse, consumerism, corruption, bribery, graft, disrespect for law and orderly justice, economic and racial discrimination and a callous unconcern for human life have contributed to the polluting of the nation's spiritual life. Calling the family the "promise and the process of achieving quality living," Mrs. Price added that it is the "seedbed in which the values that shape living and learning are sown and cultivated."

James Panoch, a consultant with the Religious Instruction Assn. of Fort Wayne, Ind., told the Nat'l. Congress of Parents and Teachers that while schools may not sponsor devotional periods, they have considerable latitude in teaching "about" religion. He encouraged Parent-Teacher Assns. to support a "moment of meditation" in schools each day. Since these are usually silent periods, they do not violate the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, he said.

The growth of non-sectarian courses "about" religion in Wisconsin's public schools has demonstrated the need of prospective public school teachers to undertake some college academic study of religions, according to a religious education specialist at Whitewater State University. Prof. Everett P. Fulton said that 94 per cent of high school social studies departments polled indicated that they devoted some classroom time teaching about religion, and reported that the typical time devoted to the subject was 24 days of each term. The State Dept. of Public Instruction has granted certification of WSU's "minor" in religious studies, he said. The course is offered to students preparing for teaching careers. The U. of Wisconsin at Madison reportedly offers about 50 courses which may be generally classified as religious studies.

"Women Together," a little-noticed organization of Protestant and Catholic women, has been "growing steadily in numbers, courage and ingenuity" in Northern Ireland, according to a recent Religious News Service release. The group organized last November to "break down the wall of antagonisms which continue to erupt in sporadic violence and bombings in Ulster." The organization is intended "to give women the corporate strength to resist undesirable pressures" . . . "to influence for peace in their homes, their streets, and their neighborhoods" . . . and "to foster a sense of pride in their localities."

Dr. G. N. M. Collins, moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, in an address before that body, charged that the ecumenical policy of "Let's get together first and scc if wc can agree later" was an over-simplification of the problem. "The plans of unity at present under discussion tend to disregard all positives," he argued. "Truths once held dearer than life itself are now demoted to mcre arguable propositions. What were once regarded as heresics and outright denials of the truth have now becn raised to higher levels of respectability," he said. "There is indeed need to deplore the divisions and to do our utmost to hcal them. But the way to do so is not to cast all our creedal statements onto the scrap-heap," he said as he defended the Free Church's refusal to take part in unity talks.

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis adopted by a voice a resolution urging the legislation of abortion in certain cases, including those where "carefully-ascertained evidence" indicates possible damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother."

Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs of Seattle, newly-elected president of the American Baptist Convention, was introduced to approximately 3,000 persons attending the Southern Baptist Women's annual Missionary Union meeting in St. Louis. Observers said the women were "cool" to Mrs. Rohlfs' suggestion that they work for the election of a woman as president of the Convention (largest Protestant denomination in the U.S.). Prior to Mrs. Rohlfs' challenge, leaders of the 1,400,000-member WMU had described as "progressive, but not militant" their attitude toward securing more governing roles for women in the church.

The Nat'l. Council of Churches is terminating the services of three top aides because of a financial squeeze, it was learned in N.Y. The three men are Dr. William A. Norgren, executive director of the Dept. of Faith and Order; Dr. Blahoslav S. Hruby, managing editor of "Religion in Communist Dominated Areas" and the Rev. James Stoner, assistant general secretary for executive operations. Hit by inflation and some decline in denominational backing, the NCC is said to have experienced other staff layoffs in the past year.

Anglican and Protestant congregations which largely serve foreign residents in Chile have agreed to merge because of a loss of membership that followed the election of Marxist President Salvatore Allende. Spokesmen for the congregations said many foreigners have been leaving as their professional work contracts have not been renewed. Chile's recent nationalization program is affecting mining and other foreign-operated industries. Bishop Francisco Anabalon of the Pentecostal Church said his denomination had to suspend construction of churches and welfare centers because of the departure of foreigners who supported the projects.

Dr. James A. Robinson, 39, provost and vice-president for academic affairs at Ohio State University, has been named president of Macalester College, a United Presbyterian-related school in St. Paul (Minn.). He will succeed Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, who is retiring to become chairman of the 1971 White House Conference on the Aging. Dr. Flemming is a former president of the Nat'l. Council of Churches.

The American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization, has made a third delivery of open heart surgical equipment to North Vietnam. Charles Read, secretary of the agency's international service division, who made the dclivery, handed letters from the families of U.S. servicemen held captive by North Vietnam to the Viet-My Committee, a group promoting "solidarity and peace" with the American people. He was given 28 letters from prisoners to bring back to their families. Mr. Read was denied permission to visit Americans held prisoner by Hanoi. Following its tradition of pacifism and concern for suffering, AFSC aids civilians on both sides in armed conflicts.

The United Presbyterian General Assembly, meeting in Rochester, N.Y., has denounced "the unjust confinement and forthcoming trials of those Soviet citizens of Jewish and Christian faiths who are being denied their right of self-determination and their right of emigration."

Fifteen Jersey, Charolais and Brahman calves, five quarter horses, and nine Yorkshire and Duroc Jersey pigs have recently been donated through the Agricultural Missions Foundation by U.S. farmers to upgrade the herds of Ecuadoran farmers. Begun in 1966, the breeding program has been one of the most successful of projects in Ecuador, said Samuel L. Simpson, a Southern Baptist missionary. The missionaries hope the mission farm will become a center of operations for an extension program with both agricultural and spiritual outreach.

Fifty-nine church burglaries were reported to Minneapolis police during the first four months of 1971, which is said to be an appreciable rise over the 1970 period. While most of the loot has been money or such saleable items as microphones and film projectors, some religious items have been stolen. The few burglars apprehended by Minneapolis police have for the most part been juveniles. Some pastors said they felt the burglaries reflected a general dip in the economy, increasing unemployment and a lowered esteem for established religion.

Addressing the third International Book Festival in Nice, France, Pope Paul appealed to the world's book publishers to avoid merely "commercial" considerations and to labor to promote books that will "illumine mankind" and guide it toward "its true well-being." "Not even the pretext of earnings," he stressed, "can justify the publishing of books that contribute to the corrosion of human values." Addressing himself to Christian writers, publishers and bookstore operators, the Pope reminded them of their duty as Christians "to spread Christ's message to the four corners of the earth."

(RNS Photo)

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass.— Reinhold Niebuhr, the Protestant theologian who had wide influence in the worlds of religion and politics, died June 1 in Stockbridge, Mass., after a long illness. On June 21 he would have been 79 years old. In this June 1951 photo, he is shown testifying before a Senate committee investigating morals and ethics in government. Niebuhr, then a professor of Applied Christianity at Union Theological Seminary in New York, told the committee that without a high moral standard the complex government demanded by modern society would break down.

Mrs. James J. Lunny and Lawrence Hoy shown preparing to burn the note as members of First Church, Franklin celebrated the full payment of their building indebtedness in a special ceremony in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, May 30. The building which includes a large fellowship hall, well-equipped kitchen, nursery and classrooms, was constructed five years ago at a cost of $148,000. The Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor.

Participants in dedication of cornerstone complex during recent Heritage Day ceremonies at First Church, Alexandria. The complex, which includes cornerstones from the church built in 1907; the education building constructed in 1927 and the stone listing the building committee members for the present structure. FROM LEFT: Dr. DeWitt Ginn, associate pastor; the Rev. Clyde Clark, Alexandria District superintendent; George M. Foote, chairman of the 1968 building committee; Roy O. Martin, Jr., who stands behind his son, Roy III, Mr. Martin, grandfather of Roy III (seated and only living member of the committee responsible for the education building), and Dr. Bentley Sloane, pastor.

St. Mark's Community Center "people" — not just building

by Ed Graham
U.S.-2 Missionary

Miss Louise Weeks was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans on Sunday afternoon, June 6. Miss Weeks, a community center consultant for the National Division of the United Methodist Church, challenged the center to respond openly to the needs of the people around it.

She went on to state that one of the greatest needs for people in poverty is to be able to shape the decisions that influence their lives. Miss Weeks explained how the structure of a community center makes it possible for effective neighborhood participation in the governing of the center. She reminded the gathering that a community center is not just a building, but rather it is **people** — "many people —"many people interacting in the process of building community; of believing in God together." The community center building not only houses programs and provides a base from which to work, but it also stands as "a symbol of the continuing love and concern of the church in mission."

In addition to Miss Week's speech, the annual meeting included an Open House and a short business meeting. The following persons were elected or re-elected to the Board of Directors: Miss Althea Butler, Kenneth Drezinski, Dr. Norma Kearby, Miss Mary Lewis, Miss Elizabeth Norsworthy, Mrs. A. J. Palazzo, William Panter, Edgar Poree, Miss Wilma Salmon, and Luis Zervigon.

The remaining members of the Board, who have at least one year remaining on their three year terms, include the following: Carroll Baham, Mrs. Emma Bromon, E. E. Cayard, Louis Charbonnet, Jr., Mrs. Leroy Dejan, Mrs. Naomi Duvernay, Edmund Harris, James Hayes, Mrs. Doris Morand, Howard Peachy, Father John Ricard, and Mike Stark. In addition there are several **ex officio** members who hold positions on the district and conference level of the United Methodist Church. St. Mark's board includes Methodist leaders, community resource persons, and people from the neighborhoods being served.

St. Mark's Community Center is located at 1130 North Rampart Street, in the heart of New Orleans. It is supported primarily by the United Methodist Church and by the United Fund of Greater New Orleans.

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Union Talks in Sweden Broken Off

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UMI) — Three religious bodies in Sweden have broken off discussions about uniting the three groups, reportedly because of a negative United Methodist response.

Participating in the discussions were the Baptist Union, the Mission Covenant Church of Sweden and the United Methodist Church in that country. It was reported by Baptist Press that the decision to consider the talks "dormant for a while" came after a United Methodist decision not to pursue them further at this time.

P. K. KORNER

ROBERT SCOTT CRICHLOW, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow, Jr., was dedicated in Christian Baptism in the chapel of First Church, New Orleans, June 8, with his grandfather, the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow officiating.

KATHLEEN NADER, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Nader, was wed on May 29, 1971 to Stephen Kurt Hube, son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Hube of Raleigh, North Carolina. It was the first wedding held in the beautiful setting of Hodges Gardens. Dr. Nader, pastor of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport, and father of the bride officiated. A reception was held in the Rose Garden patio.

The gentlemen shown above sported beards for a Second Century celebration held at First Church, Bastrop on May 30. A Memorial and Dedicatory Service were a part of the observance. In the picture at RIGHT are Arthur Green, chairman of the Administrative Board, and to his right, Dan Files, who for many years served as chairman—both of whom assisted the Rev. Cleburne Quaid, pastor, with the special service.

NEWS and NOTES

A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held in the DeQuincy United Methodist Church the weekend of June 25-27. John Tubb, lay leader of the Alexandria District, will be the coordinator. Mrs. Huey Johnson is local chairman. The Rev. Byrd Lee Terry was recently appointed to the DeQuincy pastorate.

WAYNE C. HOBBS, choirmaster at First United Methodist, New Orleans, received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Musicology from LSUNO on Monday, May 31.

THE WESLEYAN BELL CHOIR of Lake Charles First Church is on a tour, presenting 35 concerts in 24 states and Canada. Included on the itinerary are St. Louis for the Southern Baptist Annual Church Music Conference, and Jamestown, North Dakota, for the Annual Meeting of Presbyterian Synod of North Dakota. The tour will culminate with the national festival of Handbell Ringers in Morehead, Kentucky, June 26-30. Don Allured is director of the Lake Charles group.

"ALONE IN THE MIDST of the Land," a critique on the environmental crisis, was presented as part of the Study on Environment to a Monday Night group and to the Senior Citizens group of First Church, New Orleans, under the leadership of Mrs. LeRoy Tonkin, Director of Education. The Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

FORMER ASSOCIATE PASTORS are preaching in First Church, Shreveport, on Sunday evenings during June. The Rev. Barry Bailey, now pastor of Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, preached on June 6; the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., Hammond minister, spoke June 13; the Rev. Jimmy Caraway, Hammond District superintendent, will speak June 20; and Dr. Bentley Sloane, pastor of First Church, Alexandria, is scheduled for June 27. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spillman were honored at the morning worship service, May 23, for ten years perfect church and church school attendance at the Blackwater United Methodist Church. A special certificate of recognition was presented to them and also a picture of "Grace" was presented to them from the "Fellowship Class." In the picture, the Rev. William Blakely is presenting the picture to them and Mrs. Spillman holds a copy of the certificate.

College and secondary students of seven different faiths spoke in the Lake Arthur United Methodist Church at a meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. R. O. Doland is Guild president. Mrs. Jerry Doland youth instructor, served as moderator of the panel. The Rev. Lester Nance is pastor. Shown above seated from left are: Christy Colston, Donna Smith Susan DeWitt, Sherry LaCour; standing: Tommy Smith, Dale Hahn, Bruce Grovenburg, Lou Hardee and Neil Smith.

The Rev. Lea Joyner (left), pastor of Southside Church, Monroe, spoke to the Jonesboro United Methodist Men's Club at the May meeting. She was accompanied by Joe Solomon (right), recently named "Layman of the Year" of the Louisiana Conference.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

June 20—Sunday	John 15:7-11
June 21	Phil. 3:1-10
June 22	John 16:19-24
June 23	Luke 15:7-10
June 24	Psalms 16:1-11
June 25	Psalms 30:1-5
June 26	Psalms 43:1-5
June 27—Sun.	Psalms 48:1-14

WELCOME BACK to Franklinton was expressed Sunday night, June 6 when the Franklinton Centenary Church and the Fisher Church sponsored a surprise ice cream party honoring the Rev. Jerry A. Means and his family on the occasion of their return to the pastorate of the two churches. The sentiment of the assembly was expressed by Harvell Pierce, and was captured in the inscription "God Loves You and We Love You," on the decorated cake, culinary art of Mrs. Herbert A. Sisson.

COLLEGE AVENUE Church of Natchitoches held a family patio supper at the residence of the James E. Dodds to honor Dr. and Mrs. Steve Browder and family. The Browders are leaving for Jacksonville, Florida, where Dr. Browder has accepted a position in the university. He has served in College Avenue Church as lay leader, Sunday school teacher, and on various commissions. Mrs. Browder is the current WSCS president and a member of the choir. A silver tray was presented to them in recognition of their service. The Women's Society sponsored the family supper. The Rev. Lillard Bevill is their pastor.

"YOU AND JESUS CHRIST, Superstar" was the topic when young people of University Church, Baton Rouge, held a School of Religion the week of June 7-10.

A RECORD-BREAKING 60 persons were involved in the May 24-June 4 vacation church school program at Wesley United Methodist Church in DeRidder.

The Lake Charles First Church WSCS honored 22 new members at the annual New Member Coffee held in the home of Mrs. Paul Palmer in May. Shown at left are Mrs. Howard Carter, WSCS president, Mrs. Palmer, hostess, and Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., minister's wife. Four of the new members are shown at right: Mrs. H. B. McKeown, Mrs. Lamar Oliver, III, Mrs. Jack Doland and Mrs. Rayford Jones.

A Special membership pin was presented to the Rev. Merlin Merrill, Lafayette District Superintendent by the Lafayette District Women's Society and Guild, in appreciation of his support to all the 25 societies and 7 guilds in the district. Above, Mrs. Louie Chrisman, district president, made the presentation recently at a meeting in Franklin.

METHODIST WOMAN QUOTED IN McCALL'S MAGAZINE

(Marjorie Hyer)

NEW YORK (UMI) — Miss Theressa Hoover is one of seven women religious leaders featured in an article, "Unequal in the Sight of God," in the June issue of nationally circulated **McCall's** magazine. Along with other Protestant, Catholic and Jewish women, her views are quoted in a series of interviews by writer Gary MacEoin.

The chief executive of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, says in the article that the church should not only be involved in the Women's Liberation movement but should be in the forefront. "Too often the church just tags along, when it should be on the frontier," she asserts.

Miss Hoover compares the position of blacks in the church to that of women in the church, but asserts the two are "not fully parallel. The black in this country is in an inferior position both economically and numerically. Women in the churches are numerically strong—probably a majority — and economically they are definitely in a superior position. What holds back change is the passivity of so many women, but I see change coming. Churchwomen of all ages have a latent dissatisfaction with the roles assigned them. The young ones in particular are projecting a church of the future."

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COMMENT

Missionary Education

Two quotations have been very meaningful to me in the past few months. One is from Miss Barbara Campbell, Women's Division, Office of Leadership for Schools and Mission Education. Miss Campbell will be one of our leaders at Louisiana Conference Schools this summer. She wrote: "Study is our business."

This is not superficial reading about mission, but a sincere, honest searching the needs of the world, at home and abroad, and the plans of the church to meet those needs. This kind of study drives us to our knees—this is Spiritual Growth; it forces us to roll up our sleeves—this is Christian Social Relations; and loosens the ties on our check books—this is pledging and giving dollars for mission.

Let's not apologize for the time we spend with study or feel guilty that we are not "doing something." Study, real study, helps reveal how God is speaking to ALL the world TODAY.

The 1970 Annual Report of the Board of Missions ($2.00 from Service Center) should be available in every Society Guild. The statements by Bishop Lloyd Wicke, President, and Dr. Tracey K. Jones, General Secretary, are worth the price of the book. Financial statements, reports of each Division—the dreams, the goals, achievements—all make this one of our most valuable resources for study.

Have you read, "Studying: Why Send Missionaries?" in April **response?** The double sized issue of the **New World Outlook** is worth the subscription!

The other meaningful quotation came from Rabbi Marvin Reznikoff of the Liberal Synagogue in Baton Rouge as he spoke at my local church. "Study is a form of worship." If you have not approached study in this way, I challenge you to try . . . then watch the change in your life.

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Conference Chairman, Missionary Education

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Three members of the Dulac Community Center's Day Care program say "Thank You" to the ladies of First Church in Lake Charles. First Church's W.S.C.S. raised $800 at a rummage sale last Spring to purchase the fence.

The Reily Memorial Church of Collinston honored the Rev. and Mrs. Ira A. Love at a fellowship supper on May 26 and presented them with a money-tree, shown at right.

The Rev. and Mrs. James Adams were presented a $500 love offering by members of the Jonesboro United Methodist Church at their final service there June 6. Willard Kilpatrick (center), chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, made the presentation.

Seen at the Istrouma Church Country Fair: Mrs. Walter H. Brock, Baton Rouge District WSCS president and member of First Church; D. M. (Pappy) DeWeese, Istrouma member who entertained; and the Rev. Ed J. Barksdale, Istrouma pastor.

LOUISIANA SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

For: Conference and district missionary secretaries, local church ministers, work area chairmen, WSCS and WSG officers on local, district and conference levels, and anyone concerned about the Mission of the Church.
When: July 20-23; Weekend School, July 24-25.
Where: Centenary College, Shreveport.

Members of Henning Memorial Church of Sulphur honored the Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Jamieson, right, with a dinner on May 25. J. B. Mount, president of the Board, presented a gift to them from the church. Their new appointment is Munholland Church, Metairie.

The Rev. Douglas L. McGuire, Mrs. McGuire and their family were the honor guests at a farewell reception given by the people of Trinity Church, Ruston. In the receiving line with Dr. McGuire, who will assume the position of superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, were Mrs. Mabel McGuire, their daughters, Betsy and Vickie, and Walter Savage, chairman of the Administrative Board. Savage made the presentation of gifts to the McGuires during the evening—a gun and fishing rod and reel, a dozen silver goblets, and a check in the amount of $1325.00.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JUNE 27: God Requires Personal Righteousness

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Micah 6 and 7

MEMORY SELECTION: "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To give careful consideration to the type of personal commitment and conduct God expects of man; to remind us that many acts of worship may be empty and meaningless if they are not motivated by personal commitment.

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In this last of our scries of lessons on the prophets we will be considcring the high point in prophctic utterance which is represented in Micah 6:8. But we shall also be trying to summarize all that we have been studying from Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah. Through the words of these men we have been traveling on the peaks of Old Testament revelation and looking across from that vantage point into the land of the New Testament.

This lesson concludes the series, "Prophets of Righteousness and Mercy." Although the prophets have been impressing us at times with words of reproof and condemnation, they have also given us insight into redemptive truth. Although there is much in each of these prophets that is grim and foreboding, we ought not to leave our study of these men without taking with us some of the positive dreams they had of what the world could become if men would only understand what it is that God expects of them.

The emphasis of our lesson last week was on the challenge of making society responsive to the needs of men, many of which have been brought on by the advances of science and technology. Even in Micah's day there were some who realized that prosperity and affluence do not always benefit everybody. We were reminded that while some Western nations have developed rapidly, there are still many lands where development has taken place at a much slower pace. The prophets realized in the eighth century B.C. that the "haves" must realize their obligation to the "have nots."

Today's lesson carries us into another area of want in the presence of plenty. It is the problem of an increasing number of people who have experienced emptiness in the presence of plenty. One of the areas of new life in our land today emphasizes the deep spiritual needs that can exist even in an affluent society. Many are telling us that the social emphases of the prophets were really built on foundations of individual commitment.

It was our privilege to participate in the Evangelism Convocation in New Orleans in January. We found there an accent on cooperation between those who felt that the major concern of religion is personal piety and those who have been devoting the main part of their attention to social concerns. It seems that this was the main emphasis of Micah as he asked, "What doth the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

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"PLEAD YOUR CASE BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS"

Many scholars feel that Micah 6 follows so closely the material of Chapter 3 that there really should have been no break or separation. There Micah had begun his description of the nature of justice, and he continues effectively in this chapter.

The setting is some kind of heavenly court in which God challenges man to defend his systems of injustice. The chapter begins with the words, "Arise, plead your case before the mountains." Thus in a very dramatic locale the prophet thinks of parts of God's creation that are greater than man sitting in judgment on man. God is holding court and he calls on Judah to come before him in the presence of the everlasting hills. When we think of such a courtroom we see how difficult it is to make much of a case for some of our petty indifferences and the cruel way in which we have treated some of our fellowmen.

In this chapter it seems that we are in the presence of the great traditions of prophecy. We read of what happens when sinful man confronts the claims of God whom he has forsaken. Dr. Harold A. Bosley says in **Interpreter's Bible:** "It is no wonder that the supreme expression of ethical religion in the Old Testament is reached in this mood."

We cannot get away from the fact that we must be constantly on trial. The idea of a great climactic day of judgment sometime in the distant future is not nearly so life-shaking for most people as is the reality of a dramatic courtroom scene like that described by Micah. Dr. Charles M. Laymon quotes Robert Louis Stevenson who once said, "Everybody soon or later sits down to a banquet of consequences."

It was God's desire that through the prophets he might gain the ear of his people. They had strayed far from his intentions for them. He wanted them to come back, to talk things over, to find out where they had erred. This is part of God's loving nature. God is ever outgoing trying to win man back to himself. As one has put it, "Only as we heed the summons to his court of appeals can we learn the facts of the case. Man may go on ignoring God's appeal, but God will keep on trying to get man to listen."

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"THE LORD HAS A CONTROVERSY WITH HIS PEOPLE"

In verse 2 we read, "Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and your enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel." Here again we are dealing with a literary style that we have seen often in our study of the prophets. God is demanding a hearing of his people. He summons them to give account of themselves, not merely in the presence of each other, but in the presence of the loftiest, most permanent realities of the physical world — the mountains.

What we really have here is a parable of the will of God as visualized by the prophet. To him this is higher than the mountains and of more solid foundations than any of his creation. The mountains are used in this simile not just to suggest that they will send back empty echoes. The prophet meant to remind man of how small he was against the majesty of the hills and how petty his own purposes were as contrasted with the will of God. Our witness grows dim so aften because our sight is restricted to the tiny mole hills of our own self-centered desires, and we cannot see beyond them to the majesty of the hills. It took men like Micah to remind people of this, and unless we hear his voice or some other prophetic word we will be destroyed by our own littleness.

Although this material is in the form of questions, there was no doubt in God's mind as to where the blame rested for his people's waywardness and rebellion. By their actions they had implied that they were tired of God. They had rejected his laws and even turned from him to idols. The divine voice seemed to be saying, "If there is something wrong with my law, tell me now what it is." But in this divine courtroom man remained silent.

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THE FUTILITY OF ABUNDANT SACRIFICE

The next important section of this lesson is verse 6 and 7 where the divine prosecutor wants to know if man thinks that his way back into the good graces of God lies in a super-abundance of worship. He asks, "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?" We will recognize that Micah is resorting to hyperbole, but there should be no doubt as to his meaning. Like the other prophets, Micah sees many people who know the proper routine of sacrifice and worship, but who do not seem to understand what the will of God is pointing out to them as their duty to their neighbors.

The system of animal sacrifice had been a part of the Jewish ritual since the days of Moses. It was intended to teach the seriousness of sin, the need for forgiveness, God's willingness to forgive, and the high cost involved. The ideal of sacrifice lay at the heart of the New Testament interpretation of the gift of God's love through Jesus Christ.

But Micah and the other prophets saw that the ritual of sacrifice had become an end in itself with so many people, and the idea emerged that the more sacrifices were offered, and the greater their cost, the better pleased God would be.

There were some who thought that this was a way in which God could be bribed. This element has always worked itself into religion, and our own day is not free from the man who thinks that by an abundance of worship he can be right with God whether he works for justice or not. There is a very pertinent sentence in Broadman Comments: "This does not mean that the practices of worship are valueless and therefore to be rejected. They are only of value, however, when offered by persons whose lives are in tune with the nature and will of God."

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"WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?"

From time to time we have expressed our reluctance to brand one verse of scripture as among the greatest in the Bible. However, several of the commentators have encouraged our boldness in saying that Micah 6:8 belongs in that category: "What doth the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah feels reluctant to close this trial without telling man what it is that God has been looking for all along. Dr. Charles Laymon says in **International Lesson Annual:** "This dramatic and incisive statement of God's moral demands for man summarizes the teachings of the other prophets we have been studying. Justice and kindness toward others are combined with true humility toward God."

Micah is here saying that the true basis of acceptance by God is not a ritual observance but an attitude of life. The whole field of godly faith and practice is involved in this phrase, for a man who walks humbly with his God will be repentant for sin, dependent on divine forgiveness, grateful for every grace and mercy experienced in response to God's will, energetic in his effort to discover what he can do to contribute to the total body of justice and goodness.

We are constantly being reminded in these days that our religion must get outside "the four cozy walls" of the church. And so it must if we hear what Micah is saying to us. In our time there is a great new accent on justice, and there are many challenges coming to us to follow that leadership. Moffatt has translated the latter part of this verse, "To be just and kind and live in quiet fellowship with your God." Dr. Bosley comments that, "This may sound comforting and comfortable to the man who has never tried it, but the unanimous verdict of prophetic spirits through the ages underscores its costliness . . . Mercy and humility are surely two of the highest and holiest of virtues — and no others are more difficult of the kind of achievement God requires, i.e. incarnation. Yet Micah joins the prophetic succession of Amos, Hosea and Isaiah in demanding just this."

Arkansas missionary returns for retirement

Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary-teacher in China and Japan for 42 years, is retiring. She arrived in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Monday, June 7, to begin her final furlough year.

The letter below, which we received from her in April, reveals her plans. In Little Rock, she will be staying with her sister whose address is: Mrs. H. C. Smith, 4801 North Hills Blvd., North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72116.

西村 万原 谷本 マケー先生 松尾 竹内 高木 森本

Dear Friends:

Another school year has ended -- for me the last one in Japan. The time for my retirement has come, though it is hard for me to believe. I expect to arrive in the United States early in June for pre-retirement furlough. I hope that I shall see many of you.

As one faces retirement it is natural to look back over the years that have passed as well as to the future. It was forty-two years ago that I first went to China. After a year of language study in Peking I taught for several years in McTyeire School in Shanghai. Then, because a missionary in Sungkiang had to go home for health reasons, I went to Susan B. Wilson School to help in the work there. Later I taught in the Bible Teachers' Training School in Nanking. After the United States became involved in the war, I could no longer work there so returned to the States. As soon as the war was over I was privileged to re-open the school and assisting in various ways. Though people were war-weary -- after eight years of fighting on their own soil -- and lacked many things, there was enthusiam for rebuilding the country. It was a thrilling time to be there. For three happy years we were able to help some with reconstruction. Then the Communists gained control and we could no longer carry on our work so once again I left China. Soon after my return to the States I was invited to Seiwa College for Christian Workers to help in the Department of Christian Workers which was just being started. Here I have had the privilege of teaching for about twenty years, and of assisting in the church school program locally and in wider areas. I am grateful for the opportunities and joys the friends and fellowship which the years have brought.

Soon there will be another big change for me -- retirement! Some people think of retirement as a time of leisure and rest. Many years ago I heard a missionary compare her retirement to the re-tiring of an old automobile. When the tires on a car become old and thin and are no longer able to serve as in the past, the car is re-tired so that it can still be used. So I think of retirement as a change of location and work. Just what I shall do after retirement I do not know, but I am sure that there are many things to be done in the States. As God has led in the past I trust Him to lead in the future.

My address in the States will be in care of my sister, Mrs. Henry C. Smith, Lakewood House, Apartment 4-A, 4801 North Hills Boulevard, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116. I shall be happy to hear from you and see you whenever there is opportunity to do so.

Pearle McCain

Alice Hammond Sharp, retired missionary, recently observed her 100th birthday.

Meet Alice Hammond Sharp

by Elaine Magalis

In the year 1900, when she was 29 years old, Alice Hammond went to Korea as a missionary. Mrs. Alice Hammond Sharp recently celebrated her 100th birthday at Robincroft, a United Methodist home for retired missionaries in Pasadena, California. Her friends gathered together for the occasion and honored her with a special "This is Your Life, Alice Sharp" program.

Mrs. Sharp was born in Cherboque, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. "I was brought up in a Christian home," she says, "and, when in my teens, God gave me a very rich experience and became very precious to me. My heart's desire was to follow in His footsteps and do His will. In my early twenties I felt a call to Christian work, but I was ill prepared; I waited and prayed for guidance."

A friend told her about the Union Missionary Training Institute in Brooklyn, New York, an interdenominational school headed by a retired Methodist missionary. It was there that she met Robert Sharp, an intense young man as passionately committed to the mission as she was. When she graduated in 1900 she went to Korea. Robert Sharp followed her a few years later and they were married in 1903 in Korea. Together they worked in the Konju district for three years until Robert, only 34 years old, died.

For thirty-nine years Alice Sharp served in Korea, retiring in 1939.

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins

Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

A subject which would have been unthinkable as a public issue has made the headlines in Britain. It is the question of the Queen's income. Left-wing editor of the *New Statesman* the "quality" weekly of the non-conservatives, Mr. Crossman admired what he called the "cheek" of the Queen for asking for more money from Parliament.

The fact is that she needs the Royal purse strengthened because of inflation which sweeps the world, and her income has not been increased from Government sources for a very long time. The argument rages, of course, and I thought it would be of special interest to Americans because I have the thought (probably quite wrongly) that you, like myself in my youth have the romantic idea that Kings and Queens and things do not actually need hard cash like other mortals but live in some mysterious way known as "royal."

The facts are very different. To do the amount of entertaining she does—from your own President to every imaginable Head of State she needs to keep up a huge household—a kind of extra White House. While our No. 10 Downing Street, I suppose, is the equal of your White House where the elected Head of State presides, we also have Buckingham Palace, where millions of visitors to Britain every year watch that magnificent ceremony of the Changing of the Guard. In Buckingham Palace the Queen must receive an endless stream of dignitaries, hold Garden Parties, Investitures, Diplomatic occasions and so on and so on.

For all this the Government gives her money which has nothing to do with her private money. One of the sources of the argument currently going on is that she is not taxed either by Income Tax or Death Duties. This means that the Royal Family through their own very considerable fortunes can build up estates of a kind denied, I suppose, to everyone else.

And those who are not keen on the monarchy do not really see why all this should be added to the income which is given to her, quite properly, for her State work.

But the second part of my reason for writing about this is that until very recently I suspect there would have been great reluctance to bring the debate about the Queen's income out into the open in this way. It is, after all, not a new thing for Parliament to be asked to help the Royal Purse — it happens at least at every Accession to the Throne, and now that it has had to be done between reigns it is not surprising that some comment might have been discreetly made.

But at least to this eye the Queen is being put into the position of a Civil Servant who is asking for a rise in pay.

I'm not saying that this is necessarily wrong. All I say is that the romantic notion of Queenship or Kingship seems to be challenged. This may be a very good thing. But at the same time we need to be very careful what we are thinking about throwing out.

In the realm of religion, for instance, we need to get rid of the old-fashioned and out-of-date attitudes which were often the product, not of religion, but of social convention and the pressure of powerful people who wanted others to live their way. Yet at the same time it is too easy to throw the baby out with the bathwater, and lose everything that is of abiding value.

What is the tie-up between what I hope has been an interesting discussion about the Queen, who always seems to the Americans I meet to be a kind of fairyland-plus-romance figure, her money, and the way we think about our religion?

Well, for me, it all represents the need for true realism. We have romantic elements in life. It is fatal to lose them because to take the shine off life like that can do terrible harm to old and young. But we have realism to contend with too, and it was, after all, Jesus who could talk about love, live like a man and die like a God. That's the mixture we need.

■ Religion In American Life

United Methodists active in RIAL . . . . interfaith agency promoting religious life

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists figured prominently in the annual meeting of Religion in American Life here June 3.

Singled out for special honor was RIAL's immediate past president, Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., of Princeton, N. J., who headed the interdenominational agency for three years.

His successor, Dr. Theophilus M. Taylor, New York, secretary of the General Council of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., presented a clock-radio desk set to Bishop Taylor on behalf of the RIAL board of directors.

Bishop Taylor was also re-elected to the board for a three-year term. He also serves on RIAL's Religious Advisory Council and the Planning Committee.

RIAL is recognized by the United Methodist General Conference as an interfaith agency through which the denomination, in cooperation with other religious groups and the Advertising Council, works to direct attention to church attendance and the application of religious principles to daily life.

Nearly 30 religious bodies contribute to RIAL's budget but a sizeable portion of the annual budget is raised through contributions of business firms to an annual dinner meeting. The United Methodist Church's contribution of $35,000 comes by General Conference action from the General Administration Fund.

Executive vice president of RIAL is a United Methodist minister, the Rev. David W. Gockley, who supervises the organization's activities from offices at 475 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Other United Methodists serving as members of the RIAL board include: Robert W. Boggs, Rockville Centre, N.Y., businessman, Dr. Paul V. Church, Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of the Program Council; George Hergesheimer, president of the Ocean Grove (N. J.) Camp Meeting Association; Bishop J. Gordon Howard of the Philadelphia Area; Dr. Arthur West, Dayton, Ohio, executive secretary of the Commission on Public Relations and United Methodist Information; Leonard M. Perryman, Information Director of the Board of Missions and director of United Methodist Information's New York Office; the Rev. David O. Poindexter, New York, director of the Population Crisis Media Project; and Dr. William C. Walzer, New York, executive director of the Department of Education for Mission of the National Council of Churches.

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Colorful ceremonies to open World Methodist Conference in Denver

DENVER, Colo. (UMI) — Colorful ceremonies will open the 12th World Methodist Conference here Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Denver University Arena.

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Lake Junaluska, N. C., general secretary of the World Methodist Council, has reminded delegates, visitors and observers at the world gathering to bring their academic gowns and hoods or appropriate ecclesiastical vestments and has invited them to share in a processional which will open the inaugural session of the conference at 7:30 p.m.

The World Methodist Conference, which will meet at Denver from Aug. 18-26, represents about 50 different Methodist bodies in 87 countries with a total membership of more than 22 million and an estimated constituency of 50 million persons.

Presiding at the conference will be Dr. Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N. J., president of the Council, who will also give his presidential address. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Russell Hindmarsh, of England.

Preceding the main conference, the executive committee will meet on Aug. 16 and the World Methodist Council, on Aug. 17-18.

Several ancillary meetings for special interest groups are scheduled for Denver or its environs immediately before the World Methodist Conference or upon its adjournment. These include: Aug. 12-16, World Federation of Methodist Women; Aug. 15-17, World Methodist Convocation on Theological Education; Aug. 14-18, World Methodist Family Life Convocation; Aug. 16-18, International Methodist Historical Society; and Aug. 26-29, World Methodist Conference on Worship.

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Increased investments for Development Fund

NEW YORK (UMI) — A report on increased investments, election of officers, continuation of a 6½ per cent interest rate to investors, and a prediction that by fall it may be possible to resume granting new loans marked the annual meeting of the United Methodist Development Fund (UMDF) board of directors here June 3.

UMDF is a national fund in which United Methodist individuals, churches and agencies can invest, and from which loans are made to congregations for building purposes. It is related to the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

Officers were named at the meeting for the coming year: President—Bishop Paul A. Washburn (re-elected), Minneapolis, Minn.; vice-presidents—W. Howard Belanga (re-elected), Norfolk, Va., and the Rev. Kenneth W. Hulit (re-elected), Akron, Ohio; secretary—the Rev. Jesse D. DeWitt (new), New York; treasurer—Miss Beverley C. Berry (new), New York; executive secretary—the Rev. Martin A. Leist (re-elected), New York. Elected to the board of directors was Barnette E. Greene, Jr., Vero Beach, Fla.

The directors heard treasurer Stephen F. Brimigion, New York, report investments continue upward, with April bringing in $1,310,745, the Fund's largest monthly total. As of April 30, he said, the amount in the UMDF was a record $35,304,369. Mr. Leist commented: "The Fund has been confronted during the past year with an erratic investment market. It was a period of high interest rates followed by an extremely rapid decline in all areas of investment return. The Fund's interest rate to investors and the rate charged for loans have proven very acceptable during this period of adjustment and fluctuation." He also credited a stepped-up promotional program with helping to increase investments.

The interest rate of 6½ per cent to investors in the Fund was continued for the July 1-December 31 period by action of the directors, as was the 7½ per cent rate on loans to churches. The directors also voted that interest would be paid investors on the basis of "day of deposit 'til day of withdrawal," a change from previous policy.

As in the past year, the Fund directors agreed that they were not able to grant new loans at the meeting. However, they heard Mr. Leist report a heavy schedule of payments continues on loans granted earlier. He said the situation may be sufficiently changed by the Fund's fall meeting so as to permit resumption of making new loans, adding that "a substantial backlog of loan applications are now being held."

In discussion a director, the Rev. Will M. Hildebrand, Los Angeles, said pressure for loans were good from at least one standpoint—it requires that United Methodists look at their church extension strategy to see if high costs and other factors indicate an increasing need to build facilities for shared use with other religious groups.

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COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE HELD HONORING FOUNDER OF FORMER BRANCH OF UNITED CHURCH

KLEINFELTERSVILLE, Pa. (UMI) — An historical pilgrimage honoring Jacob Albright was held at the Albright Chapel here May 23.

Bishop Albright, spiritual leader and "founding father" of the Evangelical Association, died May 18, 1808, at the nearby Becker farm and was buried in the family cemetery now owned by the church. The Evangelical Association was one of the antecedent bodies of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, which united with the Methodist Church in 1968 to form the present United Methodist Church.

Speaker at the commemorative service was the Rev. Alton P. Albright, great-great grandson of Jacob Albright, and pastor of the United Church of Christ, Leesport, Pa. Dr. William C. Jason, Jr., Philadelphia, chairman of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Commission on Archives and History, presided at the service.

Next year the historical pilgrimage will be observed on Sunday, May 14.

Recently when the original gravestone of the Jacob Albright grave was removed to be re-etched, the part of the stone which was in the ground was removed, cleaned and cut in two inch cubes. A suitable identification label was affixed to each, indicating that the owner had made a donation to the Restoration Fund of the Albright Chapel and that the paperweight had come from the original tombstone. A record of each cube and its owner is being kept by the General Commission on Archives and History, Box 488, Lake Junaluska, N. C. 28745.

India Christians Challenged to Serve as Missionaries

NEW YORK (UMI) — The Rev. D. P. Titus, secretary of the Council of Evangelism of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (MCSA), cited what he called "an unprecedented rise and growth in missions" in the areas of the world that are generally referred to as "'Third World" — Africa, Asia and Latin America. His address at the India-wide meeting of the National Missionary Society in Delhi was published in the **Indian Witness,** publication of the 600,000-member MCSA.

"Missions and churches are growing in the Third World at a fantastic rate," the Indian churchman said. He credited unsettled political and economic situations in those areas with creating a climate in which Christianity could grow.

Mr. Titus challenged Indian Christians to become involved in missionary activity. "Our country has the largest church in Asia, however small it is," he said. Hence ours is the biggest responsibility for sending missionaries." He pointed out that "more than half the world population resides in Asia, but 99 people out of 100 have not received Christ even nominally." He called on Indian Christians to "raise more men and women for missions, and more prayers for funds."

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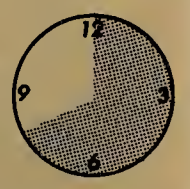

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Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries in action

The Shreveport Metropolitan Ministry has put into action a new program. It is called Metro-Ministry Emergency Bank. The purpose of this program is to collect clothes, staple goods, and furniture for people who need help during crises situations.

This program grew out of a great need expressed by persons in the Shreveport community. Recently Metro-Ministry received a request for help for a white woman who had seven children who had to sleep on a dirt floor. From time to time the children had to kill snakes which had entered their humble home. The Metro-Emergency Bank was able to provide the lady with two beds for her children.

In another case Metro-Ministry received a request from a woman who had to take care of her critically ill brother. Her refrigerator did not work. Metro-Ministry was able to help her get a refrigerator.

This program is another effort on the part of Metro-Ministry to extend the arm of the church into the community.

James A. Graham, director of Metropolitan Ministries in Shreveport, making a survey of Metro Bank.

Ladies of St. James United Methodist Church in Shreveport take a break from their volunteer project of painting the basement of their church.

Children from several Day Care Centers, under sponsorship of Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries, enjoyed a field trip to a local zoo. The 67 children who took part in the activity were from Baker Street Center of First United Methodist Church; St. James United Methodist Day Care Center; Fairfield United Methodist Church Day Care Center. Adults who accompanied the children are pictured with the group.

Youth from four churches in the West Calcausieu area taking part in recent "Youth Beach Party" at North Beach, Lake Charles. Participating groups were: Wesley Church, Sulphur; DeQuincy Church, and Wesley, DeRidder. More than 80 young persons and counselors took part in recreation, the cook-out and the Gospel-Folk Sing.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, prominent United Methodist churchman and a former president of the National Council of Churches, has been named chairman of the White House Conference on Aging to be held in Washington, D.C., in November.

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Miss Sarah E. Fernandez, 62, a Methodist missionary and deaconess for 39 years and the last Methodist missionary to leave Cuba after the Communist takeover, died May 24 in Miami, Fla., after suffering a heart attack.

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Four graduates from First Church, Vinton, who received major awards at Vinton High School's commencement exercises. FROM LEFT: Christy Futch, American Legion Award as best senior girl athlete; Ednadeen Breaux, American Legion Award as outstanding senior girl; Jeanie Brown, Lions Club Award for citizenship and Beta Club-Student Council College Scholarship; and Mary Baldwin, the Sabine Canal Company Award as outstanding senior home economics student. All are active in their church. The Rev. W. W. Bevill is minister.

Group entertaining at banquet for graduates at Gueydan United Methodist Church. FROM LEFT: Lynn Lankford, Cindy Hardee, Celine Johnston and Kathy LeJeune.

Graduating seniors at Centenary United Methodist Church, Franklinton, who were honored by their congregation on Senior Day. Each graduate was presented a gift from the Women's Society of Christian Service. The Rev. Jerry Means is pastor.

The Junior High UMYF at Christ Church, Shreveport–first organization within the church to pay its pledge to the church's building fund. Peter Tepley, president is shown presenting a check to the Rev. Hugh L. Baker, Jr., pastor; Lewis Broussard, counselor for the group (to left of pastor).

Miss Amy Jo Crowe was the single honoree at Fisher United Methodist Church on High School Senior Day. The Rev. Jerry Means is the pastor.

Seniors honored at Lakeview United Methodist Church, Shreveport recently. All are graduates of Fair Park High School. The Rev. William E. Nolan is minister.

Singers from Lafayette who recently led the congregation at Gueydan United Methodist Church in singing in "Rock Folk" style at a recent Sunday morning worship service. The Rev. Frank Lankford is shown with the singers.

The Kindergarten graduating class at Blackwater United Methodist Church. Teachers are Mrs. Bobby Browning, Mrs. Melvin Devall and Mrs. Charles Morgan.

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Louisiana Conference merger highlighted in news story

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — One merger of black and white United Methodist annual conferences has been completed this spring, and another is scheduled for late June, but four proposed unions have been rejected by one or more of the white conferences involved.

In other actions reported to the **Christian Advocate** and United, two proposed amendments to the denomination's constitution appear to be receiving more than two-thirds favorable votes needed for ratification.

The merger of the two conferences completed this spring was in Louisiana where the action was approved a year ago. In a dramatic ceremony on June 1, 460 white churches with 122,500 members and 160 black churches with a membership of 16,800 were brought under a single structural organization under Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.

Scheduled for completion later in June is the merger of the North Georgia and Georgia conferences. Final clearance for this union was given by the denomination's Judicial Council in late April.

Plans of merger were considered in South Carolina, Alabama, northern Mississippi, and Arkansas and Oklahoma, but failed to receive sufficient support and further explorations are proceeding looking toward approval in later sessions.

In South Carolina, the black conference approved the plan 241 to 9 with 9 abstentions, but the plan was rejected by the white conference by a 528 to 432 margin. It is expected that a committee will work out a new proposal and submit it later this year.

In Alabama, two of the conferences gave the plan the needed majority, but the third rejected it by a difference of 22 votes. The North Alabama Conference supported it by one vote, 424 to 423. The vote in the Alabama-West Florida Conference was 324 opposed and 302 in favor. The Central Alabama Conference had approved the proposal a year ago.

The proposal to merge the White North Mississippi Conference and the black Upper Mississippi unit was accepted 59-0 by the black conference, but rejected 273 to 128 by the white group. An analysis of the voting showed that North Mississippi ministers supported the plan 104 to 100, but the lay vote was opposed 173 to 24. The question is expected to be considered again in 1972.

The proposal to merge the black Southwest Conference with white conferences in Arkansas and Oklahoma was not approved because of constitutional objections, and a new plan will be drafted for submission to special sessions of the conferences. The Southwest Conference accepted the plan 49 to 0, the Little Rock Conference voted 176 to 25 against it and asked a new committee to draw up a new plan, and the North Arkansas and Oklahoma conferences adopted resolutions asking for a new committee and a new plan.

The Mississippi Conference (former Central Jurisdiction) voted to have a plan of merger with the white Mississippi Conference drafted by this autumn and sent to the churches for study with the final plan ready for a vote in 1972.

Besides the action on merger of black and white annual conferences, this spring has also seen the joining of former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren conferences in Oregon and Idaho, and in Pennsylvania. The actions this year complete the

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BISHOP WALTON RETURNS HOME

We have received word as we go to press that Bishop Walton has improved enough that he was to be released from the hospital and planned to return to New Orleans on Wednesday of this week. We know this is good news to everyone.

Evangelistic crusade planned for Monroe-West Monroe

The United Methodist churches of the Twin Cities area will engage in an evangelistic crusade beginning Monday, July 5, and continuing through Friday evening, July 9, at the Monroe Civic Center Theater, according to thc Rcv. W. D. Boddie, District Superintendent of the Monroe District.

The services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. There will be a crusade choir composed largely of the youth of the United Methodist churches involved.

The crusade will be led by an evangelistic team composed of four students from Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. Members of the team arc Terry Lowe of San Angelo, Tex., a probationary member of the Louisiana Annual Conference; Harold Custer of Parkersburg, W. Va., soloist, choir director and trumpeter; Ron Ball of Prestonburg, Ky., preacher, and Ed Cain of Dayton, Pa., preacher.

Lowe is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a major in pipe organ. Before entering Asbury Seminary he served as choir director and organist for First United Methodist Church, Crowley.

Custer is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory with a major in voice. Ball and Cain are both preparing for full-time evangelistic ministries.

The four young men are on a summer-long itinerary which will take them across the South from the Rio Grande Valley to Florida, and as far north as Pittsburgh, Pa.

The United Methodist churches of the Monroc-West Monroe extend a cordial welcome to all adults and youth to attcnd these services.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

"All churches in the Louisiana Annual Conference are requested to send their general and conference payments to Dr. R. L. Cooke, Box 4303, Shreveport, La. 71104.

He is Conference Treasurer, and the Rev. J. W. Wilson, is his assistant.

Mr. Charles C. Teamer, formerly Treasurer of Conference B, has closed out his books, as of June 10.

No further funds are to be scnt to him. If any are sent to him by mistake, he will simply forward them to Dr. Cooke."

Dr. Henry A. Rickey
Chairman, Louisiana Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance

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Asbury Seminory team which will conduct Crusode ot Monroe Civic Center Theatre under sponsorship of United Methodist Churches of oreo. FROM LEFT: (stonding) Ed Coin ond Ron Boll; (seated) Harold Custer ond Terry Lowe.

Shown are those youth and counselors for the Louisiana Conference team planning to take part in the work camp experience at a Choctaw Indian United Methodist Church near Broken Bow, Oklahoma during July. James R. Baker (second from left, front row) is the Lay Pastor and Alice Flint of the Program Council Office (far right) is in charge of the project.

Conference youth team plans for July work camp in Oklahoma

by Cecil Bland

Twenty-four youths from throughout the Louisiana Conference plus five adult counsellors, will leave Sunday, July 18 for an 8-day work camp experience at an Indian church near Broken Bow, Oklahoma. An informational meeting was held recently at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria which was attended by most of the group involved.

Purpose of the work camp is to renovate a frame building for use as an educational building by the Tohwali United Methodist Church, located about five miles from Broken Bow. It was previously used as the church itself, but the congregation, comprised of Choctaw Indians, has built their own church structure.

Mr. James R. Baker, who serves the Tohwali church as Lay Pastor, spoke to the group, presenting a historical background of the work of the Methodist church among the Choctaw Indians, who originally lived in Mississippi.

The young people who are planning to go are: Stuart Allen of Delhi; Cynthia Lewis of Lake Charles; Derrel G. Gurley, Jr., of New Orleans; Michael C. Coulter of Baton Rouge; Cynthia Crosby of Maplewood; Gerald K. Ramsey of St. Joseph; Claude E. Henkel, Jr. of St. Joseph; Randy Sibley of Shreveport; Steve Carroll of St. Joseph; Christi Ann Corley of Ringgold; Carol Scott of Farmerville; Roger A. Crow of Farmerville; Gordon L. Kyle of Farmerville; Cherie Cook of Monroe; Linda Pepper of Monroe; Diane Mirvis of Ringgold; Cynthia Lynn Revisore of Metairie; Deborah R. Cady of Rayne; Jes Montgomery of Lafayette; Chaipper Hamm of Lafayette; Gena R. Lynch of Slidell; Bill Carter of Baton Rouge; Jeffrey Hass of Slidell; Denise Davis of Baton Rouge, and Debbie Dennington of Shreveport.

Adult Counsellors are: Alice Flint and Cecil Bland of the Program Office staff; Rick and Marilyn Hebert (he's a seminary studuent at SMU) and Junie Havard, student at Centenary College.

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■ United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity

"The Word of God—Alive" theme for July 7-10 Convocation

"The Word of God — Alive" is the theme for the 1971 Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity to be held July 7-10 at the Netherland Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Speakers for this meeting which is a follow-up for one held last summer in Dallas will include Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Columbus, Ohio; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N.C.; Dr. Leslie H. Woodson, Elizabethtown, Ky.; Dr. David Seamands, Wilmore, Ky.; Dr. Kenneth Enright, United Methodist missionary on furlough from the Congo; the Rev. Philip E. Worth, Collingswood, N.J.;

Dr. Paul Rees, president, World Vision International; Mrs. Virginia Law, United Methodist Board of Evangelism; Dr. Oswald P. Brunson, president, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Gilbert James, Christian Urbanologist, Wilmore, Ky.; George E. Curtis, Jr., United Methodist layman from Portland, Me.; and Dr. Ford Philpot, president of the National Council of United Methodist Evangelists, Lexington, Ky.

The announced purpose of the Convocation is: To affirm United Methodist's commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to the historic Christian faith, the Wesleyan doctrinal standards and the Holy Scriptures as authoritative for faith and life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; to demonstrate the relevance and the validity of scriptural Christianity for our day; to emphasize the priority in the mission of the church to lead persons to a saving relationship with Christ, which results in personal spiritual growth and actions for social justice; and to challenge all United Methodists to confess our own failures, to make a more radical and selfless commitment of our lives to Christ, and to work to eliminate those forces which brutalize our fellow man.

The registration fee for the Convocation is $15 per person, $25 for husband and wife, and $5 for a student. Registration should be sent to Convocation Registrar, Good News, 5 Douglas Ave., Elgin, Ill. 60120. Confirmation of hotel reservations will be sent by the hotel, and questions about rooms, rates, etc. should be directed to Reservations Department, Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45201.

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Centenary's Dean's List announced

An exceptionally large number of Centenary College students were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester concluded last month. Dean Thad N. Marsh announced that 109 students completed the semester with a 3.5 or better average out of a possible 4.0 points.

More than half of the honor roll students, 59, were from the immediate Shreveport-Bossier area.

The Dean's List students are: Jerry Alagood, Norma Anderson, George Asaf, Carol Barnes, Carolyn Brown, Steve Brown, Lexie Cantrell, Sandra Carlisle, Sheila Christenson, Frank Cimino, Martha Cook, Hilda Davis, Betty Dolph, Mary Dykes, Anabelle Eason, James Field, Larrie Fike, Byron Garner, Neta Geisenberger, Eleanor Greve, Wayne Hagen, Richard Hawkins, Michael Hodson, Alan Jenkins, Kathryn Johnson, Virginia Johnson, James T. Jones, Emily Lafitte, Jimmie Long, Don Louis, Pat Louis, Gloria Mantooth, Charlotte McKinnon, Nancy Norris, Charles Phillips, John Popejoy, Joseph Preston, Ramon Rosenkrans, Delbert Shaw, Teresa Springer, James Swann, Raymond Tangney, Patricia Thomas, Patricia Townsend, Robert Turnbull, Darlene Vickers, Gwendolyn Waller, John Welch, Shreveport;

Lynn Brown, Minnie Bullard, Merlin Fahey, Lawrence Hill, Meta Lynch, Zack Sadders, William Tillman, Bossier City, La.; Barbara Lowe, BAFB, La; Pat Eger, Shirley Giles, Marc Owens, Keithville, La.; Kerry Bruce, Sandra Hilburn, Mary Pate, Monroe, La.; Melissa Howard, Iris Irving, Alexandria, La.; Stella Goodbee, New Orleans; Sindy Munch, Linda Munch, Metairie, La.; Elaine Menge, Linda Miller, Sharon McCallon, Julia Hutchinson, New Orleans;

Michael Marcell, New Iberia, La.; Jess Gilbert, Sicily Island, La.; Josephine Glorioso, Oil City, La.; Joel Tohline, Vivian, La.; Robert Townsend, Slaughter, La.; Marilyn Williamson, Lake Charles, La.; Sally Word, Leesville, La.; Cynthia Scott, Farmerville, La.; Calvin Head, Maplewood, La.; Mac Oliver, Susan Rands, Lisa Meletio, Dallas, Texas; John Hardt, Jerome Wells, Beaumont, Texas; Casey Thomas, Waco, Texas; Sue Eveleth, Richardson, Texas; Vardaman Gilmore, Ft. Worth, Texas; Emily Hollandsworth, Willis Point, Texas; Mary Herrington, Waxahachie, Texas;

Jay Gould, Margaret Ramsey, Little Rock, Ark.; Deborah Haley, England, Ark,; Carol Murphy, Seabrook, Texas; Alan Ferrer, Elizabeth, New Jersey; John Meldrum, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; James Flynn, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Linda Gillespie, Paducah, Kentucky; Patricia Overstreet, Jackson, Miss.; Raymond Seibold, New York, N.Y.; Kay Trevathan, Germantown, Tenn.

Wm. Finnin receives Intern appointment in N. Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina Governor Bob Scott has announced the appointment of William M. Finnin, Jr. as Intern Coordinator of the North Carolina Environmental Internship Program. In its second year, the program is sponsored by the governor through ten state government agencies.

As Intern Coordinator, Finnin will serve as liaison between the agencies and the thirty university and graduate students that are participating in the program. He will also serve as liaison between the agencies and higher education in North Carolina, and will coordinate activities between interns.

Finnin is also responsible for coordinating activities between the thirty service-learning programs in North Carolina that involve over 2700 students and twenty colleges. These programs are designed to offer college students service-learning opportunities in their special fields of interest.

Finnin, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. William M. Finnin of Buras, La., is a senior at the Divinity School of Duke University and an ordained deacon in the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has just completed a one year leave from the Divinity School as an intern in Science and Technology. The program was sponsored by the Inter-Seminary Church and Society Program of Duke, Union Seminary at Richmond and the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Finnin will return to Duke in September as an Honors student in Theology and Christian Ethics, and is scheduled during the fall to complete his Master's Thesis on "Environmental Ethics: A Christian Perspective on Policy Formation."

As Intern Coordinator, Finnin will serve as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Education, a planning effort designed to determine North Carolina's needs and resources for environmental education.

Finnin is married to the former Mary Ladd Bingham of Simsboro, Louisiana.

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process of union of conferences from the two separate denominations which united in 1968.

Unofficial results from the first 13 conferences indicated that wide support was being given the constitutional amendments — one removing a minimum age requirement for annual conference members, and the other giving conference membership to two young persons under 25 years of age from each district. The first showed a favorable margin of 3,556 to 77, and the second an affirmative vote of 3,371 to 152.

Editorial

MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Since the days of his earthly ministry Jesus has been misunderstood — probably as much by his friends as by his enemies. At some periods his deeds and his words stirred up such reactions that he found it necessary to leave the multitudes that gathered about him so that he and they could re-evaluate his purpose for being among them.

Today Jesus is being discussed by people who have not been in the habit of thinking about him. There is a real possibility that he will be misunderstood in new and different ways. People are talking about "the man from Galilee" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." His name is included in much of the music that is being heard, and the so-called "Jesus people" are receiving a great deal of attention journalistically.

In his own day Jesus was often misunderstood by those who were closest to him. It is not as surprising when enemies misunderstand and impute false motives to our actions as when friends do so. However, we must recognize that his ways and his will are often misunderstood by those who profess to be his followers. Mark tells us that when Jesus went home on one occasion, his friends "went out to seize him," because they had concluded that he was "beside himself."

Dr. George Buttrick in his book **Prayer** quotes the Marechal de Villars as saying the following when he took his leave of Louis XIV: "Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies."

Friends sometimes feel that they have the right to exert an unusual kind of pressure upon us. So do those who feel that they have a long record of being counted on the side of Jesus—a long history of membership in his church. Sometimes their familiarity with the words of Jesus makes it almost impossible for them to comprehend what he is saying to our day. The Master found it difficult to disagree with his friends, and yet he often found it necessary.

We have all had the experience of facing disagreement with those very close to us. We do not want to hurt them by giving them the impression that we do not value their opinion. And yet, Jesus discovered that once his course was made clear he had to move forward and not be deterred by his friends.

There is another side to this question of misunderstanding Jesus. It concerns the misunderstanding of his critics. There were many full-time critics who followed him wherever he went. Their criticism was destructive and damaging. It is easy to be against something or someone, and some people almost always are.

Thomas Carlyle said to a contemporary on one occasion: "Have you only a torch for destruction? Have you no hammer for building?" Jesus believed in many of the same things his critics did. He held many of their cherished beliefs. Their Old Testament Scriptures were the ones that he read and cherished. But his critics focused their attention only on the differences between themselves and Jesus and thus became caustic and bitter in their remarks.

It has always been so easy to engage in name-calling in replying to persons with whom we disagree. We tag them with derogatory names, and we conclude that we have labeled them for destruction. So often we are copying the methods used by the Pharisees. They claimed that Jesus was deranged and that he was possessed by demons.

Often, in our judgments of one another, we express values that are limited, selfish, or superficial and that cannot be defended as eternal or realistic in the ultimate Christian sense. There will always be honest differences in value judgments, personal and national objectives, and other aspects of controversy. Many of those who champion the cause of Jesus and who seek to interpret his will in a confused and complex time are themselves misunderstood.

Jesus did not usually defend himself from the direct charges of his critics. He did come to the defense of others when they were being mistreated or if a worthy cause they represented was being maligned.

An interested comment came from our Lord when, on the occasion referred to above, he was told that members of his family had come to take him away for confinement. He looked around at those who were in his company and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Here Jesus opened the door to a wider interpretation of the family relationship. He called attention to the wider family of God. One of the crying needs of our time is for a broader understanding of the inclusive fellowship in the whole family of God. Let us take care that we do not do anything to slam this door which our Lord opened and which he intended should be kept open always.

Let us not be guilty of misunderstanding him in our time as he was so often misunderstood in his own time!

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the Editor's Corner

Settled At Last In New Headquarters

For some time now those of us who occupy offices in the United Methodist headquarters complex in Little Rock have looked forward to the day when we would be located together again after about a year of being widely scattered. The moves have been just about completed now, and we are all about to finish unpacking and settling down.

It has been seven or eight years since the planning began for a new Methodist Headquarters Building in Little Rock. It has been an exciting experience for those who have been involved from the beginning.When the former headquarters building at 18th and Broadway was sold, a number of possibilities appeared for the new location. Finally, approval was given to the plan of including the offices in the new construction program of First United Methodist Church in Little Rock. These offices have been completed and United Methodism in Arkansas has a new headquarters address — 715 Center Street. We hope you will come to see us soon.

A number of our readers have been involved in moving within the past few weeks, so we will not belabor the point of how much work is involved. Everybody has his problems in moving, but it does take a bit of planning to keep the routine of a weekly paper operating. And then we have the unusually rough task of relocating our Addressograph plates which are so heavy.

Thanks to an efficient staff who handled their packing chores at the same time they were getting the paper ready to go to press, we made our move on Saturday and were open for business in the new location on Monday. We did have the services of a hard working team from the moving company, and they exerted themselves far beyond the call of duty.

Again may we express a sincere desire for you to come to see us. We will still get our mail at Box 3547, but you'll find us in lovely new offices at 7th and Center when you come to Little Rock. We hope you will come soon.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"One of the boundaries which must be restored (in the U.S.) is a return to discipline, which used to be called self-restraint or the training of the will," retired Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen told a capacity audience of the New Jersey Bankers Assn. meeting in Atlantic City. There is a difference between the intellect and the will, the 76-year-old prelate said. "We will restore a little order as soon as—in our homes and in our schools—we restore again the training of character and the training of the will," he stated.

Despite the apparent success of the New Jersey lottery, "the millions of dollars spent on lottery tickets cannot favorably affect the economy," Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of that state said. The Baptist clergyman cited the following example to support his contention: "The ministry of Labor of Great Britain reported that 41,500 persons were employed by legalized gambling enterprises that handled 1.3 billion Pounds in bets while the clothing and footwear industry with a turnover of 1.2 billion Pounds employed 378,501 persons."

The second half of this century may prove to be "one of the ages of religion," with younger people especially turning more to the Christian faith, according to Anglican Bishop Robert Stopford of London, who ranks third in the Church of England hierarchy. The comments were made in a sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral in which the clergyman denounced a recent British television program which suggested that the Church was dead or dying. "I believe that men and women, especially the younger ones, are beginning to think that the Christian faith may after all be relevant to our modern needs and that before long people will turn away from the boredom of permissive society to find a new purpose in life."

If the church rejects pop-rock music it rejects modern youths, the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference was told. Sidney Fox, a program specialist from California, said: "An old-time, foot-stomping, hand-clapping religious revival is happening, led by young zealots, with the liturgy of youth music." Demonstrating with selections from the Beatles, Bob Dylan, and Simon and Garfunkel as well as from "Jesus Christ Superstar," he held that pop-rock composers have given young people "words and music that express their thoughts and heartbeats." When this spills over into religion, Mr. Fox said, the church should not reject it.

According to Religious News Service The Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) voted to consider an American form of fund-raising, involving the use of visual aids and short pulpit talks by laymen. A motion to this effect was made by the Rev. Joseph H. Leckie of Dundee, who said he had been involved in the American method for three years and had seen how useful it was. He said that every American church which fulfilled the items in the stewardship and budget campaign increased its giving by at least 25 per cent, and many churches increased by 100 per cent or more. These campaigns had "harnessed" the laity in a way he had never seen before.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) is establishing one of the nation's largest data banks of personal student information at the Brigham Young University computer center in Provo, Utah. Information on all its youth from 9th through 12th grade will be used to assist Mormon youth in career planning and guidance. William R. Siddoway, BYU vice-president and administrator of the newly-formed Educational and Career Advisement Center of the Mormon Church, said 200,000 young Mormons are now engaged in post-high school training.

A "consensus statement" was drawn up by representatives of 16 Protestant and Roman Catholic agencies at the conclusion of a follow-up meeting to a White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Religious Leaders. The statement asserted "We believe that the role of the religious community is to provide growth and healing ministries to those who are or who may misuse and abuse chemical agents by demonstrating the redemptive love of God which has always been His children's basic source of comfort and strength."

Addressing the annual session of the Baltimore Conference, United Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord is reported to have said that an unfortunate result of the national and world ecumenical movement is that local congregations have come to feel "threatened and isolated." According to the bishop, local congregations often have trouble understanding the term "ecumenical" and are uneasy with the National and World Councils of Churches and the "concept of the Greater Church to come in the future."

The Nat'l. Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA) has reaffirmed its stand that public school needs take priority over the concerns of parochial schools. At the same time the body issued a strong plea for teaching "about" the religions of the East and West in the public schools, with the Bible as part of the literature curriculum.

Novelist Alan Paton, addressing a United Church of Canada congregation, said churchmen in South Africa are tempted to believe that the commandments of the state are the same as the commandments of God. The famed author of Cry the Beloved Country charged that South African churches have been placed under increasing pressure from the government since the World Council of Churches' announcement of grants to African liberation movements. The churches are asked to state whether they are for or against South Africa. The author held that "the question is not relevant. The church's first duty is to Christ."

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is reported to have allocated $280,000 for inner city programs in the U.S. Half of the funds will be provided by the General Conference, the remainder by area conferences. W. W. Fordham, director of the denomination's inner city program, said the funds would go for drug prevention and rehabilitation, child development centers, tutoring projects, medical and dental clinics, alcohol rehabilitation, "meals on wheels" for senior citizens and opportunity camps for underprivileged children.

The American Bible Society, during its annual business meeting, reported that Good News for Modern Man, the Society's modern English translation of the Bible has outsold the best-seller of each year since it was first published in 1966. In 1967 it outsold the novel, Valley of the Dolls; in 1968 it outsold Rosemary's Baby; in 1969, Airport, and in 1970, Love Story. Dr. Eugene A. Nida, ABS executive secretary for translations, declared that "more laymen are meeting together to study the Scriptures than ever before in the history of our country."

In a national advertising competition sponsored by the American Advertising Federation, the "I Love You" advertising campaign of Central Lutheran Church of Minneapolis won a first place award for its creators. It won in competition with ads for soft drinks, liquor, cigarettes, cars and other commodities. Central church's ads carry the message, "I love you. Is that OK?" They are signed "Jesus C." The downtown congregation's campaign includes newspaper, bus and other advertising to show that the church cares about people in the inner city.

A recent survey has revealed that while 100 percent of clergy and professionals of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) have heard of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), only 64 per cent of communicants said they were familiar with the plan. Comments by respondents revealed a wide range of attitudes toward COCU.

Dr. John R. Claypool of Louisville, in a major address at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis recently, warned against neo-isolationism and "trying to police the whole world." The president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention said churches must follow a middle road by speaking out against both extremes and urging a path which "embraces one's limits and exercises one's power."

Rep. Robert F. Drinan (Massachusetts), the first "voting" Catholic priest ever elected to Congress, has urged churchmen to emerge from their sanctuaries and infuse the nation's secular and political life with desperately needed "moral leadership." Calling for "religiously inspired leadership," the Jesuit priest charged that today "there is enormous confusion, both among politicians and among churchmen, about the methods, if any, by which the churches should intervene in the temporal order."

Scottish Presbyterian clergymen, hitherto unofficially but effectively barred from taking part in mixed marriages involving Roman Catholics, will now be allowed to do so. The change in policy resulted from a close-vote decision made at the Church of Scotland's General Assembly meeting in Edinburgh.

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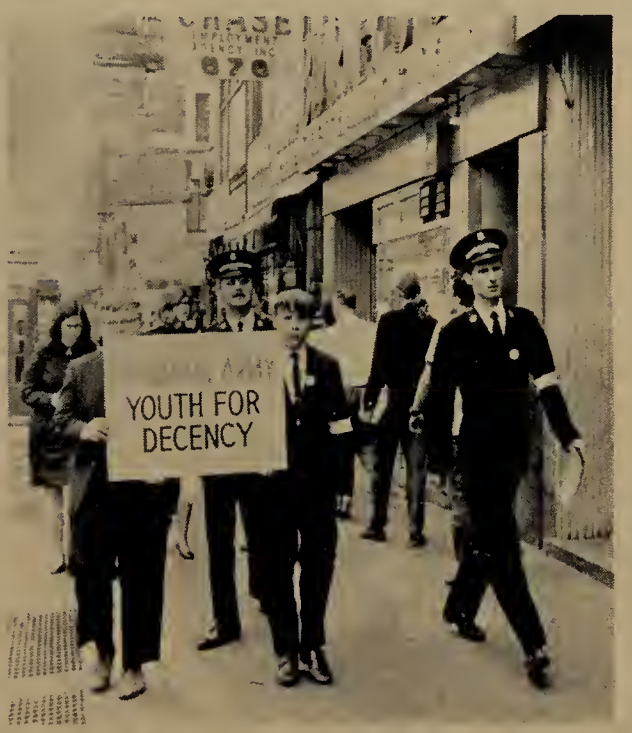
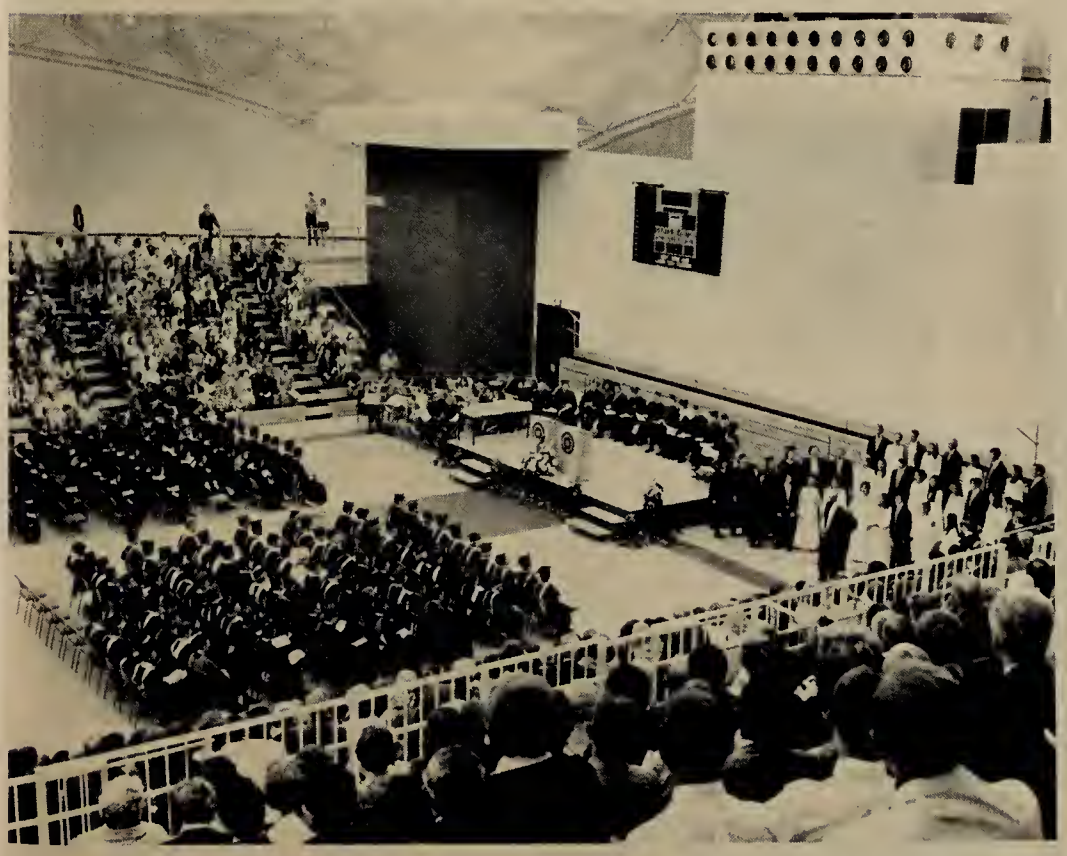


NEW YORK – Members of the Salvation Army Corps Cadets march past a "peep show" in New York's Times Square during a silent parade to protest pornography. The Cadets, some 1,000 strong and representing 11 Eastern states, conceived the idea of the pornography protest. Carrying Bibles and wearing white arm bands to symbolize purity, they walked through Times Square, an area filled with smut shops, peep shows and sex movies. (RNS Photo)

Scenes from Centenary College Commencement

Two international celebrities, TV newsman Howard K. Smith (2nd from left) and pianist Van Cliburn (right) were honored during the Centenary College graduation exercises this year. Smith delivered the Commencement address and received the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree and Van Cliburn accepted the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Dean Thad N. Marsh (left), Trustee chairman George D. Nelson, (center) and President John H. Allen (second from right) presided at the exercises.

Dr. Mary Warters, retiring head of the biology department at Centenary, was named Professor Emerita at Commencement. She was accorded a standing ovation for her years of devoted service to the College.



Several thousand persons were on hand for the Centenary College graduation this year. The commencement exercises were the first event scheduled in the recently completed gold dome Physical Education Complex.

The Rev. Douglas McGuire, described as "a pastor and servant devoted to your people" was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree during recent graduation exercises at Centenary College.

The Rev. Rex Squyres, of the Moss Bluff United Methodist Church, receives the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. G. Leon Netterville, president of Southern University, receives the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Centenary president Dr. John H. Allen and Dean Thad N. Marsh.

Dr. Woodrow W. Pate takes his traditional place at the head of the 1971 graduating class, leading them to Brown Memorial Chapel for the Baccalaureate services.

NEWS and NOTES

DR. ROBERT F. HARRINGTON, newly appointed superintendent of the New Orleans District, was the speaker in Rayne Memorial Church on Sunday morning, June 13. Dr. Harrington was district superintendent in the former Conference "B" prior to merger the first week in June. He was for many years pastor of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in New Orleans. Dr. B. A. Galloway is pastor of Rayne Memorial.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD of the Slaughter United Methodist Church selected as its summer mission project the Migrant Ministry of Louisiana. The Rev. J. C. Zerangue, Jr., gave introductory remarks at the evening service the first Sunday of June. This was followed by slides and script presented by Miss Gladys Young, chairman of missions. Miss Young is assisted by J. L. Violet and Pam Maglone.

JANET BROWN is the educational assistant for the summer in Southside Church, Monroe, working with the Rev. Lea Joyner. She is a member of Memorial Church in Monroe and graduated from Neville High School, Monroe, and from Louisiana Tech, Ruston. She is working on her Master's Degree in Applied School Psychology at Northeast Louisiana University.

THE EROS UNITED METHODIST Church is holding its revival this week, June 21-25. Services are at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Isaac Patton, pastor of the Brownville United Methodist Church, is the speaker. Dennis Crawley of West Monroe is in charge of the music. The Rev. Henry O. Pinckard is the pastor.

THE HAMMOND pulpit was occupied on June 13 by Dr. Russell Pregeant, associate pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans. Tom Matheny, conference lay leader, presided in the absence of the Rev. Henry Blount, Jr., who was speaking in First Church, Shreveport.

"POLICE OFFICER-Role Playing" was the subject when Lt. Larry Williams of the New Orleans Police Department spoke to members of the Single Adult Fellowship in Rayne Memorial Church.

BILL McCAHN, a pre-med junior at McNeese State College, is serving as summer youth director in First United Methodist Church at Welsh, where the Rev. Bob L. Lawton is pastor.

NINE YOUNG PEOPLE from Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur, spent last week at a work camp in the Oklahoma Indian Conference. Jeanie Bowdon, Jackie Vickers, Dianne Holden, Charlotte Lefervre, Brenda Bancks, Mary Jane Keever, Mary Ann Drost, and Charlene Holley were assigned to the White Eagle United Methodist Church, near Ponca City. Mrs. W. W. Paxton accompanied the group.

RAYVILLE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP members took their annual summer trip the last week in May. The group went to Devil's Den State Park in the Ozark Mountains near Fayetteville, Arkansas, and also visited Dogpatch, U.S.A., near Harrison, Arkansas.

THE BROADMOOR YOUTH Fellowship of Baton Rouge plans a retreat this weekend, June 25-27, at Lake Rosemound.

RANDY NICHOLS, a member of St. Luke Church in Shreveport, is summer youth worker in Lakeview Church, Minden. Previously of Vivian, Randy was one of the original For Heaven's Sake Singers in that church. He is a ministerial student at Northeast Louisiana University. He is working at Lakeview with the Rev. Louis Coppage.

JOHN WILLIAMS, a recent graduate of Southeastern Louisiana College, is serving as summer assistant to the Rev. Jerome Cain, pastor of First Church, Houma. John has been president of the Wesley Foundation and a member of the drama group. He has served as lay leader in his local church at Montpelier.

"OPERATION PAL," a teenage volunteer program beginning its fourth year in Shreveport, has involved nine young people from St. Luke's Church. Each volunteer is assigned a young pal, who has been recommended by his school principal as one who especially needs a pal and all the things the word connotes. The St. Luke building is open four sessions each week, two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with sports equipment, games, reading materials, craft supplies and other resources available to Pal Pairs. Special field trips are planned. The Rev. James Poole is the St. Luke pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

June 27—Sunday	Psalms 48:1-14
June 28	Psalms 51:1-13
June 29	Psalms 126:1-6
June 30	Isaiah 12:1-6
July 1	Neh. 8:4-8
July 2	Job 6:24-29
July 3	Psalms 19:7-14
July 4—Sunday	Psalms 107:31-43

THE YOUTH CHOIR of Morningside United Methodist Church, Shreveport, presented the folk musical "Natural High" by Carmichael, on Monday, June 14.

WAYNE EVANS, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. James Evans of St. Bernard and St. Claude Heights Churches, New Orleans, is working as youth director in St. Paul Church, Monroe, this summer. He will be a senior at Northeast Louisiana University this fall, and after graduation he will enter a seminary to study for the Methodist ministry. He is working with the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.

SYLVIA MILES of Lafayette is on the summer staff of the Eunice United Methodist Church. A Centenary College student, she is a member of the "River Town Players," and is manager of costumes at the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse at Centenary. She is working with the Rev. Carey Martin.

SEVEN YOUNG PEOPLE from First Church, Lake Charles, spent the week of June 6 in Galveston working with children at the Shriners' Burn Institute. Those making the trip were William Wallace, Janie Wallace, Van Tillmon, Carol Williams, Sharon George, Annette Prater and Julie Talley.

HERITAGE SUNDAY OBSERVED AT PINEVILLE, FIRST CHURCH

Heritage Sunday was observed at both services in the First United Methodist Church of Pineville, recently. At the morning worship service, persons who have been members of the local church for 40 or more years were recognized and presented with corsages. Dinner in fellowship hall followed.

At the evening service, a movie showing scenes of activities, events and people connected with the church was shown by E. J. Vallery who had made the pictures over a number of years.

Miss Audrey Rogers was chairman of the Heritage Sunday Committee and gave a brief history of the church. Jack Stehr projected future plans, including the building of the Wilson Watson Education Center. The Rev. Richard E. Walton is the Pineville pastor.

At Pineville, Miss Audrey Rogers, center, was in charge of Heritage Day Services at First Church. She is shown with four who have been members 50 years or more. They are Mrs. Stella Alsup, left, whose father was a pastor of the church.

New ministers and wives of the Monroe District are shown at a recent gathering. Standing (l. to r.): Bulah and Albert Franklin, Marie and James Christie, Doroth Brown, J. W. (Bill) Matthews, Jr., Frances Tooke, Cecil and Velma Mims, Ruth Matthews, Doris Howell, Lizzie Murry, W. F. Howell; kneeling and seated (l. to r.): Marjorie and Glen Messer, Robert Addison, Joe Brown, Karl Tooke, W. D. Boddie (D.S.), Robert Murry and Steve Spurlock.

COMMENT

Have you a streak of curiosity in your make-up? I have. I like to know what plans you are making. Have you begun packing for your vacation? What are some of the things you are including? No doubt there's a bit of ANTICIPATION as you plan, a lot of PREPARATION as you map out your route, and choose the clothes you'll be taking. Now, you are being stimulated at the thought of EXPERIENCING NEW THINGS, of seeing friends, making new friends. You are feeling a CHALLENGE as you embark in new directions.

The Conference School of Missions will be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, on July 20-23. Begin planning now to take that trip by ANTICIPATING great things in the way of learning, in renewed friendships. Make PREPARATIONS by sending in your registration card, by reading your text book, by trying to find some one to travel with you. Experiences shared are more meaningful. We think that the program planned will STIMULATE you and guide you as you become involved in experiencing CHALLENGES, CRYSTALIZING THOUGHTS. I'll be looking for you as we accept the INVITATION: MATTHEW ON MISSION, engage in a study of NEW MACHINES AND NEW HUMANITY, taking a look at THE NEW GENERATION IN AFRICA.

Bring these same packages with you to the ANNUAL MEETING which will culminate in a MERGING CEREMONY at the First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, September 23-24. We need each one of you. Now is the time in which we must unite to see that the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild become even stronger — "in Unity there is strength." We must forge ahead to make our Christian presence felt in the Church and in the World.

What a **response** we've had to our request to each Society to send in their six favorite hymns. I think that you will be interested in seeing what hymns we like best. Did your Society send in those selected?

Speaking of ANTICIPATION, Dr. Tracy K. Jones, Jr., general secretary of the Board of Missions, is going to be the speaker on the evening of September 23. Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, president of the Jurisdiction/Society/Guild will be one of our speakers. This ANNUAL MEETING is going to be a memorable occasion. You'll be helping to elect many new officers, receive much information and share new thoughts.

In October, we shall be having Organizational Meetings in each District.

Are you a member of a COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS in your local or district society? If so, I'm sure that you have been busy all year as you have sought to find well qualified women to serve in places of leadership. Do you know what is expected of the women you ask to assume the privileges and responsibilities of a particular office? You need to know so that you can challenge them to accept a special office. They are all important.

Remember that you will be **electing** your officers in the local society at the first meeting in September. Send the list of newly elected officers to Mrs. L. C. Aycock, secretary of the Conference Society, as soon after election as possible. These officers will not take office until January 1, 1972.

Make a **response** and get a NEW WORLD OUTLOOK as you face each day. God is counting on YOU, and I am, too. It has been a wonderful privilege for me to work with you as your president. I have appreciated the way we have worked together as we worked to achieve the purpose of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. May God bless each one of you.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President
Former Conference A, Women's Society of Christian Service
and Wesleyan Service Guild

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response MAGAZINE FEATURES SPANISH LANGUAGE ARTICLE

(Connie Myer)

NEW YORK (UMI) — The June issue of **response,** magazine of United Methodist Women's Societies and Guilds, features an article in Spanish on mission study projects, second of what is expected to be a continuing series of Spanish language materials.

The June article, which also appears in English, was written by Miss Barbara E. Campbell, executive secretary for Leadership Development in the Women's Division, Board of Missions, and describes the history and development of study projects.

Miss Carol Marie Herb, editor of **response,** said Spanish-speaking members of United Methodist Women's Societies had requested that the magazine carry some articles in Spanish and this is the second one.

The magazine's May issue also contains a Spanish-language article, "The Changing Church in Latin America," a program suggestion written by Mrs. Bridgido Vera of Raymondsville, Tex., who is president of the Rio Grande Conference Women's Society of Christian Service. The same article was first printed, in English, in the **response** issue of December 1970.

MRS. BIBBONS DIES

Word has been received that Mrs. Jeffery C. Bibbons, wife of the pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, New Orleans, passed away on June 21. The funeral service will be held Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m. at Grace Church, 2001 Iberville Street, New Orleans.

OLIPHINT GUEST SPEAKER AT PERKINS

Dr. Ben Oliphint, pastor of University United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will be a guest lecturer in the Perkins School of Theology Courses of Study School for Lay Pastors, June 28-July 10. He will teach a course on "Preaching" for students in the fourth year. His schedule also includes preaching in the Perkins Chapel.

On Sunday, July 4, he will preach at the morning worship services at the White Rock United Methodist Church where Dr. T. Herbert Minga serves as pastor.

JEWISH WOMEN ASSIST METHODISTS IN BIBLE STUDY

NEW YORK (UMI) — An ecumenical project initiated by a Jewish women's group nine years ago to help a blind woman study with a group of Methodist friends has been continued this year.

For the third time since 1962, the Sisterhood of Collingswood Avenue Temple, Toledo, Ohio, has transcribed into Braille a study book published by the United Methodist Board of Missions. The latest book is **Out of the Depths** by Bernhard W. Anderson, the 1970-71 Bible study for Women's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds. The four-volume transcription has been completed.

Miss Frances Eshelman, New York, an editor of literature for the Board of Missions, arranged with the Sisterhood for the transcription and wrote in a letter to Mrs. M. N. Levey of Toledo; "We wish to express our appreciation to you as Chairman of the Braille Committee of the Sisterhood of Collingsworth Ave. Temple and to the transcribers. This fine ecumenical undertaking is of great value, not only for the transcriptions themselves, but for the goodwill and selflessness which motivated this fine work." Miss Eshelman told how the transcription project began:

"The first such translation of spiritual growth studies into Braille took place nine years ago. Mrs. Emily Clearhout of Toledo wished to participate in a Toledo Women's Society group studying the spiritual growth book for that year, **Basic Christian Beliefs,** by Dr. Frederick C. Grant. Because of her blindness, Mrs. Clearhout appealed to the Toledo Society of the Blind, which referred her to Mrs. M. N. Levey, chairman of the Braille committee of the Collingswood Avenue Temple Sisterhood. This group is one of many sisterhoods in the United State transcribing Braille and is affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods serving Jewish and humanitarian causes."

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At Opelousas, Mrs. L. B. Clark (2nd from left) was honored by the May McKinnon WSCS Circle of Louisiana Memorial Church with a Special Membership. Mrs. Clark, who is 94 years old, is their oldest member. Shown with her are three daughters, Miss Leola Clark of Opelousas, Mrs. J. D. Singleton of Arnaudville, and Mrs. O. Z. Overbey of Bunkie.

Dr. James T. Harris, center, pastor of Carrollton United Methodist Church in New Orleans since 1966, receives a check for $675 from R. R. Cahal, chairman of the Administrative Board, as a retirement gift from the congregation. Mrs. Harris, left, holds other farewell gifts from the Wesleyan Service Guild, the Women's Society of Christian Service, and the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. The Harrises will make their home in Franklinton.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JULY 4: Set Free to Serve

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:43-45; John 8:31-42; 1 Corinthians 6:12; 9:19-23; Galatians 5:13-26

MEMORY SELECTION: You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. (Galatians 5:13)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To explore Paul's true interpretation of the meaning of freedom; to discover what this teaching has to say to us about many of the strange forms which freedom takes in our own time.

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It is not accidental that the curriculum planners have made it possible for us to explore the teachings about freedom on this Independence Day which falls on Sunday. There have never been as many champions of freedom in the world as today, and yet the interpretations which some give to this priceless commodity are leading them into slavery and conformity.

As we observe this 195th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we need to be reminded of many things. Some of these are contained in Galatians, the letter which someone has called Paul's Declaration of Independence. One of the outstanding Broadway productions of the last few years was "1776," a clever musical which revealed the struggles that went on among the representatives of the independent colonies who were not absolutely sure that they wanted freedom enough to give up some of their self-centered prejudices.

After the Declaration of Independence came years of war and struggle preceding the more challenging task of writing a Constitution. But the hurdle was also cleared, and then came those years of seeking to implement the freedoms which the writers thought they were putting into the basic document of our land. We still are trying to discover what freedoms it guarantees and just what we must do as individual citizens and as organized American groups to implement them.

There are still lands in which freedom is not respected. Nations with governments which lean to the left and to the right are engaged in continuing programs of denial of basic human freedoms. In our own land some who have assumed public office and pledged themselves to defend freedoms under our Constitution try to suppress these individual liberties that are at the core of our existence as Americans. A large number of persons who oppose the war in South Vietnam take that position because they simply cannot be sure that freedom and individual liberties are being offered to the citizens of that land by its present government.

In our own land many who shout the loudest to be allowed to do as they please are bartering away freedom for vicious forms of conformity and slavery which will never again allow them to know what freedom is. In that quest to be free they are proving that what they are talking about is license, and they are cutting away at the foundations upon which true liberty rests. We have long spoken of our country as "the land of the free and the home of the brave," and yet we wonder if that describes America on July 4, 1971. Paul has something to tell us about freedom in today's lesson.

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THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

Dr. Raymond T. Stamm introduces the section on Galatians in **The Interpreter's Bible** with these words: "Galatians is Paul's declaration of religious independence from men and dependence on God. It is the Magna Charta of the Christian faith, repudiating all authorities, institutions, customs and laws that interfere with the direct access of the individual to his God."

Paul had preached in Galatia at least twice to Christians from two backgrounds — those who came from the Jewish faith in which there remained an insistence on the observance of the Mosaic law, and those of the Gentile world who wanter to go hurrying back to their pagan ways when the going was tough.

It was the Jewish group that gave him the hardest time and about whom he was thinking as he interpreted freedom for the Galatian Christians. They were not only raising doubts about the sufficiency of Christ, but they were attacking the credentials of Paul. This they did by striking him at a most sensitive spot—reminding the people that he was not one of the original disciples. They were telling the people that they needed both Moses and the Messiah—that faith was not enough to make one sure of a place in God's kingdom. Dr. Stamm says of this group: "They declared that his proposal to abandon the low of Moses was contrary to the teaching of Jesus and insinuated that he had taken this radical step to please men with the specious promise of cheap admission to God's kingdom."

The critical question became at last whether every Christian had to be circumsized as a Jew before he could be baptized as a Christian. Paul knew from his own experience that all men had sinned and could not earn salvation. It was God's free gift. It is against that background that we must look at what Paul said about freedom.

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CALLED TO FREEDOM

Paul put it straight to the Galatians that freedom should be their primary aim, saying in Gal. 5:13, "For you were called to freedom, brethren." But he hastens to add the condition, "only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh."

We are reminded by Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder in his interpretation of Galatians in **The Interpreter's Bible** that "The central task of the Christian church in Galatia and across the centuries is to produce Christlike minds, and so enable men to outthink the world; to produce Christlike character, and so enable men to outlive the world. Men who outthink and outlive the world outlove and overcome the world; they are the uncommon men." This was Paul's way of describing the freedom that one finds in Christ. However, he quickly emphasized that a man set free from external and ancient traditions is in need of some guidance concerning what he will do with his freedom.

Paul insisted that the freedom of which he wrote did not remove a man from the necessity of some kind of compulsions to keep him in check. The permanent values of the law were fulfilled for Paul in four safeguards: love, the Spirit, the fellowship of the church, and the natural law of sowing and reaping. All of this is far different from some of the interpretations that are being given to freedom in our own land today.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in **International Lesson Annual:** "Martin Luther revived Paul's teaching after the Roman Catholic Church had addcd conditions for Christian living that pushed faith into the background. He said, 'The only faith which makes a Christian is that which casts itself on God for life or death.' Such faith brings freedom because it casts out all fear of failure to fulfill the law. God becomes one's all in all."

Surely we can agree that God is calling us all to freedom, but how hard it seems to be for us to come to any agreement on the nature of that freedom.

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FREEDOM IS NEVER ABSOLUTE

Many developments of our time are pointing out in new ways that freedom is never absolute. Illustrations have been frequently found in the world of busy traffic. The traffic light, the yellow line on the highway and the speed limit are ways in which we face the denial of absolute freedom to do as we please when we take over the wheel of a high powered automobile.

Many argue that they have freedom to indulge in alcoholic beverages, but this is a freedom which is also limited by the power of the automobile. There is no one among us who would defend the right of the man who drinks to drive his automobile whenever he pleases.

Today it is in the realm of the environment that we are seeing forceful examples of the necessity to deny a business or an individual the right to unlimited freedom in what is done in the disposal of waste materials that poison the air and water. As we become aware of the challenges confronting us in relation to ecology we are gaining a new understanding of the fact that freedom is never absolute.

Also as we see an increasing number of persons who repudiate the values of conventional society and seek to find their freedom in "dropping out," we see how they cannot extricate themselves from society absolutely. As many of them turn on "the establishment," they do so with the safeguards that are granted them by that same establishment."

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LOVE AS A SAFEGUARD FOR FREEDOM

The latter half of Gal. 5:13 says: "do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another." We know how often the word "love" is misused to justify cheap experiences that enslave and devour personality. During the long days of the recent Manson trial in Los Angeles, love was used again and again as an explanation for the cruelest kind of murder.

Love as a safeguard for Christian freedom must be clearly and thoroughly defined. It safeguards freedom for the Christian because it combines discipline, guidance and protection. Dr. Blackwelder puts it this way: "As discipline, it is self-imposed. As guidance, this question must be asked, 'What would love do?' So long as a man does not violate the requirements of love, he is free — and his freedom is protected. What is more, love keeps him from violating other men's freedom."

However, we need to be reminded that it is so easy for some to profess love which is shallow and without foundation. Under such circumstances freedom often becomes license.

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TRADING FREEDOM FOR SLAVERY

As we survey the contemporary scene with its many experiences of freedom and permissiveness, we are struck by something Dr. John C. Irwin says in Adult Bible Studies: "Freedom from one restraint may quickly turn into another form of slavery."

Here is the person who intends to protest against the conventional forms of behavior and seeks escape in experimentation with drugs. Before he knows it he has become a slave to the vicious drug habit which seems to be threatening the foundations of our society. It appears that no form of slavery the world has ever known threatened basic freedoms like the current spread of drug addiction.

Many of the life styles which are being adopted by the young — and sometimes the not so young — started as expressions of freedom and non-conformity. Yet as one sees the centers of these life styles in dozens of American cities there is a strange conformity about them all. Likewise there is evidence that the joy of new-found freedom has somewhere along the line evolved into the defeatism of a strange new kind of slavery.

Paul was concerned that the Galatian Christians not misunderstand his teachings concerning freedom. He did not want them to be destroyed by that which they sought so enthusiastically as their gateway to life. This should be our concern in a day when freedom is being given so many strange definitions.

May we close this Independence Day lesson with these words from Dr. Irwin: "The Christian contribution to the problem of freedom is the offer of a new center around which life may be structured. To voluntarily place Christ on the throne at the center of life is to enter a new experience of freedom."

High school volunteers practice Christianity in Appalachia region

BARBOURVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — The first of 600 high school volunteers will soon be arriving in the Appalachian mountains of Kentucky to act out their Christianity by working with and for the poor.

During the week-long camps the youth from 20 states and several denominations will be repairing homes in such places as Pigeon Roost and Greasy Creek Hollow.

The second summer work program is being coordinated by the Rev. Glenn "Tex" Evans, director of Appalachian ministries for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism's Section on Christian Community.

Fifty homes were repaired during the 1970 summer program when 400 volunteers paid tbeir own travel, room, and board expenses as well as the cost of many supplies. The first summer program was coordinated from United Methodist-related Union College at Barbourville, Ky. A second center has been added this summer at the college's Environmental Studies Center at Cumberland Gap, Ky.

More than 600 volunteers of high school age will be working this summer primarily in Bell, Knox and Whitley counties in Kentucky and in some areas of Tennessee and Virginia.

Many more persons applied than could be accepted, according to Mr. Evans, and several groups have asked to be put at the top of the list for 1972.

Each persons whose home is repaired helps the workers repair a neighbor's home. Several of the local residents whose homes were repaired last summer have volunteered to help the visiting workers this summer, according to Evans.

"It doesn't take the workers long to realize what poor schools, poor roads and poor job opportunities have done to the people," Evans said.

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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO MEET IN PERU

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Seven United Methodists will be among 50 United States delegates attending tbe World Council of Christian Education (WCCE) assembly in Huampani, Peru, July 13-21.

In the week prior to the assembly in Peru the 325 delegates will be in a "dispersed assembly" in several South American countries probing the total educatioo situation.

The "gathered assembly" will be held at Huampani, outside Lima, using the theme "New Perspectives for Christian Education."

United Methodist delegates from the United States will be the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lantz, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Linda Oxedine, Wasbington, D. C.; Dr. Howard M. Ham, Dr. Frank Hortoo, Dr. Wayne Lindecker, and the Rev. Tbomas J. VanLoon, all of Nashville.

The Assembly which is held every four or five years includes delegates from 75 member units. The Peru assembly may be the last for the 64-year-old WCCE as a separate unit. It is expected that a "Plan for Integration" will be approved by the delegates merging the WCCE with the World Council of Churches.

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Methodists in Italy have voiced the hope at their annual meeting that the Federation of Protestant Churches in the country is but a stage on the road to full unity of all Italian Protestants.

Mory Reed Library on the University of Denver compus where the Twelfth World Methodist Conference will be held Aug. 18-26 in Denver, Colorodo. (Methodist Information Photo)

METHODIST'S EMMY-WINNING TELECAST TO APPEAR ON EDUCATIDNAL CHANNELS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — "Bauman Bible Telecasts," produced here by a Methodist clergyman and carried by 10 stations for the past six years, has been accepted by a nationwide network.

The Educational Television System program service is making available to some 200 puhlic TV stations affiliated with it a 26-week, one-hour series on the Acts of the Apostles called "When the Church was Young," conducted by Dr. Edward W. Bauman.

Originated in Washington 12 years ago, the program gradually was extended to television stations in other cities. A new 26-week series has been produced eacb year, with eacb program divided into two parts.

The first balf hour features a lecture on a specific Biblical topic, interspersed with art, poetry, music and contemporary literature. The second half hour is an unrehearsed panel discussion of issues raised in the lecture by persons of all faiths.

Dr. Bauman, whose Ph.D. degree is from Bostoo University, has taught religion and Christian ethics at American University and Wesley Theological Seminary, both here. Author of four books, he is presently pastor of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington.

"Bauman Bible Telecasts" was given an Emmy Award as the "most outstanding educational program in the Washington area."

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Congo Church body severs ties

NEW YORK (UMI) — According to reports reaching the United Methodist Board of Missions here, Bishop John Wesley Shungu has pulled his 80,000-member area out of the recently organized Church of Christ in the Congo, a new federation of most Protestant churches in that central African republic.

Bishop Shungu, the first black African to head the denomination's work in the Congo, has charged that the new organization did not follow legal procedures and came about without sufficient studies. Bishop Shungu is "not against a Protestant council loosely constructed," according to the Rev. Isaac H. Bivens, the United Methodist general secretary for African affairs, but "he's opposed to any structure which in his opinion infringes upon his power as a bishop."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Laymen from the nine-state Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church will gather for their annual United Methodist Laymen's Conference at Lake Junaluska, N.C., July 15-18. "God Cares—And We Care Through Our Ministry" is the theme of the session.

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"Ecumenism in the Seventies" will be the theme of the 1971 ecumenical seminar to be held at Interpreters' House at Lake Junaluska, N.C., June 28-July 2.

"Quote and Unquote"

Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, well-known leader in Jewish-Christian dialogue, in delivering the commencement address at Jesuit-maintained St. Louis University, said: "Anyone with the least religious and historic understanding would have to acknowledge in all honesty . . . that the deep-seated vision of the unity of mankind as we know it in the western world is unthinkable and unimaginable without its profound rootedness in the central Biblical and prophetic visions of Judaism and Christianity."

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Anglican Bishop Robert Stopford of London said in a recent sermon in St. Paul's Cathedral: "I believe that men and women, especially the younger ones, are beginning to think that the Christian faith may after all be relevant to our modern needs and that before long people will turn away from the boredom of permissive society to find a new purpose in life."

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Representatives of a group of Protestant and Roman Catholic agencies prepared a "consensus statement" at the conclusion of a follow-up meeting to a White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Religious Leaders. In that statement they said: "We believe that the role of the religious community is to provide growth and healing ministries to those who are or who may misuse and abuse chemical agents by demonstrating the redemptive love of God which has always been His children's basic source of comfort and strength."

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Sen. Hubert Humphrey recently paid tribute on the Senate floor to the late Dr. Reinhold Neibuhr, saying: "I attribute his deep influence on American life to his ability to combine decisive action with a sensitive knowledge of the complexity of life, including politics."

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Dr. Robert J. Marshall, president of the Lutheran Church in America, speaking to the executive committee of the Lutheran World Federation, said: "St. Paul did not believe in isolation from the world and did not accept easy roads to purity. Just as he would not make church life more simple and easy by ignoring either God or men, so he rejected a Christian ethic of withdrawal. The Christian has to live both in the Church and in the world."

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Church Task Force on Technology holds initial meeting

NEW YORK (UMI) — A panel of scholars and other experts from widely varying disciplines have entered into a two-year process of examining what are regarded as some of the present and future survival issues for humanity — and the church's relationship to them.

The 32-member group is the U.S.A. Task Force to study "The Future of Mankind and the Role of the Christian Churches in a World of Science-Based Technology," formed last November under joint sponsorship of Union Theological Seminary, New York, and the National Council of Churches.

The executive director of the Task Force is Dr. J. Edward Carothers, New York, former chief executive of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions. Co-chairmen of the Steering Committee are Dr. Margaret Mead, noted author and anthropologist, and Dr. Roger L. Shinn, professor of social ethics at Union.

The Task Force held its first meeting, a "get-acquainted, grapple-with-the-issues" session, June 3-6 in New York. The group is pointed toward a final report and recommendation in December, 1972.

Members were oriented at the meeting to their wide-ranging agenda by an address by Dr. Mead and three papers. Though they covered a wide variety of issues and perspectives, and though they provided stimulus for discussion of different areas of inquiry, the four presentations seemed to agree on one fundamental; even if it doesn't appear so, man is in control of technology, and technology is not good or bad in itself — thus man is responsible for how it is used, and to what ends.

The largest part of the time of the Task Force meeting was spent in three subgroups, each dealing with one of three major areas for exploration and for eventual report/recommendations. These areas of inquiry were: "Science, Technology and the Quality of Life," "The Structuring of Society," and "The Meaning of Man."

Dr. Carothers said in an interview that he was "elated" by the progress made by the Task Force in its first meeting. "It exceeds anything I had expected," he said.

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Brazilian Methodists elect six bishops

NEW YORK (UMI) — Brazilian Methodists have elected six bishops to give administrative leadership to their church during the next four years. Three bishops were re-elected and three are new, named to replace two who retired and one who resigned. The 58,000-member Methodist Church of Brazil, autonomous since 1930 and largest Methodist body in Latin America, needed a bishop for each of its six annual conferences.

All six were elected by the annual conferences over which they now preside. That pattern of election represents a sharp change from the past and was instituted along with other changes at a special General Conference last February. Heretofore, bishops had been elected by the church-at-large as represented in the delegates to General Conference. They were elected for five-year terms, the quinquennium being the frequency of General Conference. Now bishops will serve four years—until the 1974 General Conference, as the church has gone to a quadrennial pattern.

Observers said the change in episcopal election procedure from General Conference to annual conference was intended, among other things, to move key decision-making closer to the "grassroots level."

The bishops and their conferences, or "regions" as they are called are: Bishop Oswaldo Dias de Silva, 49, of the Fifth Region comprising the annual conference which takes in much of Sao Paulo state and parts of several other states in central Brazil including Brazil's capital, Brazilia; Bishop Wilbur K. Smith, 58, of the Sixth Region comprising the Parana-Santa Catarina annual conference in southern Brazil; Bishop Sady M. de Silva, 57, of the Second Region comprising Rio Grande do Sul, southernmost state in Brazil; Bishop Omar Diabert, 43, of the Fourth Region comprising the Belo Horizonte annual conference in urbanized east central Brazil, and Bishop Alipio do S. Lavoura, 44, of the Third Region comprising the large, populous metropolitan Sao Paulo annual conference.

DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AWARDS PREACHING FELLOWSHIPS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. Walter R. Dickhaut, Jr., Columbus, Ohio; the Rev. Thomas James Herin, New York; and the Rev. Raymond T. Moreland, Jr., Cockeyville, Md. have been awarded Fellowships in Preaching for 1971-72 by the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Board of Education.

Supported by regular World Service funds, the awards are made by the Department as a part of its post-graduate education program. Up to five fellowships are given annually with the amount of each ranging up to $5,000, depending on need.

The 1971-72 Fellowship granted to Mr. Dickhaut is the first to be given in honor of the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer who served as president of the Department of the Ministry from 1964 until his death in January, 1971.

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Optimism Voiced On Ethnic Representation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — The chief executive of the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race has voiced optimism that the denomination's 1972 General Conference may be the most racially and ethnically inclusive in the church's history.

At the same time, however, the Rev. Woodie W. White, Washington, commission executive secretary, urged that United Methodism's 82 annual conferences give "the most serious attention to electing General Conference delegations that have representation from all ethnic groups." Ministerial and lay delegates to the 1972 General Conference, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in April, are being elected at 1971 annual conference sessions in May and June.

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■ Boards of Social Concerns and Missions

Tours and Travel Seminars for 1971-'73 period

NEW YORK (UMI) — Several tours and travel seminars for United Methodists and other interested persons are scheduled for 1971, 1972 and 1973 — including a very tentative one to Mainland China in 1973 "if feasible." They are under auspices of the United Methodist Boards of Christian Social Concerns (Washington) and Missions (New York), which have a joint office, "United Methodist Tours," with Miss Barbara H. Lewis of the Board of Missions as coordinator.

Several tours and travel seminars are scheduled under ecumenical sponsorship, Miss Lewis said, and there are tours within the U.S. and to various parts of the world. She listed the following as being offered through United Methodist Tours in the next three years:

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September 23-October 9 — Alaska and Hawaii. The Rev. David Blackburn, Board of Missions field staff representative in the Western Jurisdiction, to be tour leader.

October 4-15 — New Mexico and Arizona Indians. The Rev. Raymond G. Baines, United Methodist ombudsman for American Indians, to be tour leader.

October 6-17 — Rio Grande Annual Conference. Dr. and Mrs. Noe Gonzales to be tour leaders. He is principal of Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas.

November 2-18 — Middle East and Europe (in cooperation with Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ). Miss Rosemary Roberts, a Disciples executive in Indianapolis, to be tour leader.

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February-March (28 days) — India, Nepal and Iran (in cooperation with United Presbyterian Church).

April 11-27 — Holy Land (in cooperation with Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ).

September — South Pacific. Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, to be tour leader.

September 21-October 11 — Orient (in cooperation with Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ).

October 3-25 — South America (in cooperation with Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ).

October 14-November 15 (possibly earlier) — World Religions and World Peace (around the world). Dr. Herman Will, associate general secretary for World Peace, Board of Christian Social Concerns, to be tour leader.

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Germany (no definite dates)—Ecumenical, sponsored through United Church of Christ.

Eastern Europe (no definite dates) — Ecumenical, sponsored through United Presbyterian Church.

Holy Land (no definite dates) — Ecumenical, sponsored through Disciples of Christ.

Peoples Republic of China (no definite dates and only if feasible) — Ecumenical, sponsored through United Methodist Church.

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News in Brief

The president of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Cynthia Wedel; Bishop James Armstrong of the Dakotas Area; and a prominent black churchman, the Rev. Grant S. Shockley, will be among featured speakers at a Southwestern Jurisdictional Conference on Christian Social Concerns at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 12-15.

● Dr. T. Poe Williams, Foundation director

FLCE receives first cash gift

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — One of the first cash gifts to the National United Methodist Foundation for Local Church Education (FLCE) — $1,000 from the First United Methodist Church in Dixon, Ill. — will be applied to a pilot project in Jackson, Mississippi.

The new foundation was established last year by the Division of the Local Church of the denomination's Board of Education to "support, encourage and extend the work of education within local congregations."

Director of the Foundation is Dr. T. Poe Williams, Nashville.

In keeping with one of the purposes of the foundation the gift from Dixon, Ill. United Methodists will assist in the development of a pilot project involving a cluster of black churches in the Jackson area.

The Rev. Willard A. Williams, Nashville, assistant to the general secretary for developing ministry in the black community, said the project will test appropriate educational methods and resources with black children and youth in a controlled setting.

"If adequate funds are received for the project it could become a model for use in other areas of the country," Mr. Williams said. "The goal is to help improve the quality of life for blacks and to motivate them to take advantage of growing opportunities in higher education which will aid them in reaching their fullest potential."

The Jackson project is only one of several being developed for possible funding through the new Foundation. Other projects include research in new methods of education, studies in and service to small rural churches, participation in local church, districts, and annual conference projects, new styles of communication, career guidance and enlistment in church occupations, leadership training in all age levels, services to designated leaders, and missionary education.

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We Question This Appointment

We have just been apprised of the appointment of Dr. Morris E. Chafetz as Acting Director of the new National Advisory Council of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. It is assumed that, in due time, he will be appointed the Director.

It is very evident from Dr. Chafetz' book, "Liquor, The Servant of Man" that his attitude is in favor of alcohol. Here are some direct quotes from the Chafetz book itself:

P. 8: re: liquor drinking — "This writer has investigated it thoroughly and he believes it is not wrong."

P. 9: ". . . this book intends to weigh the answers, for a change, on the positive side of liquor."

P. 110: "But when the talk turns to teen-age drinking, I can't agree there's a problem at all."

P. 129: "The drinking of liquor is a very ancient and usually honorable right of mankind."

P. 164: "The moral man drinks to heighten pleasure and enthusiasm — to intensify, to relate, to communicate, to feel, to let go, to socialize, to link arms with bores."

Epilogue: "The truth of the matter is that not only do I drink, but so do my wife and children. I love life and I love pleasure." . . . "That alcohol is one of the most valuable medicines in the world both as a sedative and as a food, is useful for these and other reasons in many disease conditions, and can be most important in old age and in chronic illness."

How can a man holding such views concerning beverage alcohol be qualified to serve as Director of the Division of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism?

Can anything be done about this appointment? Yes. File your protest with:

The President
Senator Harold E. Hughes
Senator Frank E. Moss
Congressman Harley O. Staggers

and do it without delay. Protests should pour into Washington.

LEGACY ESTATE NOTE

Bequest by Will

Your influence can be projected beyond your lifetime, by placing the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Inc., in your will. You can be a blessing and benefit to thousands of boys and girls. "What you would put into the life of a nation, you must first put into the heart of its youth." Write:

MARK A. LOWER,
Executive Director
Louisiana Moral and
Civic Foundation, Inc.,
P. O. Box 2951
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
70821

An Open Letter to President Nixon

May 27, 1971

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

A front page article in "The Twin Circle", The National Catholic Press, dateline May 9, has just come to my attention. The first paragraph of the article reads:

> "A scandal has erupted in the Department of Health Education and Welfare over the literally unbelievable qualifications of Dr. Morris E. Chafetz to serve as the government's top authority on alcohol addiction."

To say that I was surprised when I read the entire story is an understatement, I was shocked. How can a man having such views concerning beverage alcohol be qualified to hold the position of Director of the Division of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism?

Dr. Chafetz has a right to believe whatever he chooses, and he has revealed some of his beliefs concerning beverage alcohol in his book (Liquor, the Servant of Man) and he does not hesitate to place his endorsement of the use of alcohol by athletes and to the supplying of alcohol to infants and children. All of this in spite of the fact that there are upwards of six million alcoholics in the United States and each person started with only one drink.

I ask you, Mr. President, with beverage alcohol among the top four killers of the United States; with more than 50% of our highway deaths caused directly or indirectly by beverage alcohol, with alcoholism costing industry a loss of two billion dollars each year, how can a man with Dr. Chafetz' beliefs be even remotely qualified for such a position in our National government.

I want to go on record as being very strongly opposed to the appointment of Dr. Morris E. Chafetz and I do sincerely trust, Sir, that you will not for one moment consider such an appointment.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Lower

Mark A. Lower
Executive Director
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation

Miss Louisiana Carol Lynn Almond Addresses Legislators

"YOU, the Legislators of our great state, are who I wish to thank today. My year, as Miss Louisiana, was made the wonderful experience it was, due to your concern and consideration. I am particularly grateful to all of you here today for the resolution passed after I was crowned, making me, as Miss Louisiana, the official hostess of the State of Louisiana. Also, the messages of your support during the Miss America Pageant.

I have traveled to every corner of our lovely state, and I must say that I have been tremendously impressed with the congeniality of the people of our state. I can safely say that none of the people up north can ever hope to equal the warmth and friendliness of the inhabitants of this state of ours. I enjoyed the Miss America Pageant and Atlantic City, but when the week was over, I was ready to come to God's country and God's people.

I have also noted the varied landscapes contained in our state, from the rolling hills of the north to the fertile land of the Mississippi River delta region. I hope the people of Louisiana will come to realize how lucky we are and how much we possess as citizens of this great state.

I have seen problems in my travels, also. I have participated in drug rallies throughout the state, sponsored by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. It is my opinion that we should all work to combat this problem, which is now really beginning to show up in even the small universities, and dreadfully enough even in our junior high schools. I would like to see an all-out campaign against pollution also. This is beginning to worry me, also.

But firmly implanted in my mind is my belief that the most important thing our state, and yes, our nation, needs is a return to the Lord Jesus Christ. For this is my personal belief that if we started trying to please our God instead of ourselves, that all problems would fade from the face of this earth. It is a thrill to stand before you and speak of this and I thank God for this opportunity.

In closing, I would like to leave with you a verse of scripture that means the world to me. It is John 14: 6, and it goes like this. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh to the Father but by Me." Friends without the Way there is no going, without the Truth, there is no knowing and without the life there is surely no living."

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Miss Louisiana, Carol Lynn Almond, receives citation and Key to City of Baton Rouge, from Mayor W. W. "Woody" Dumas. LEFT to RIGHT: Bob Anderson of L.M.-C.F., Miss Louisiana and Mayor Dumas.

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Participants in Service of Dedication for new cottage. FROM LEFT: Dr. C. B. White, Lucius McGehee, Melvin Lewis, Miss Eunice Everett, the Rev. W. Ralph Cain and the Rev. Harry E. Ezell.

Mr. Melvin Lewis presents to Miss Everett a message of congratulations from the White House.

Dedicated to a Wealthy Woman

The fourth new cottage to be completed recently at the Methodist Children's Home was named in honor of Miss Eunice Everett. Miss Everett served the Home for thirty-eight years, at minimal wages. Yet the loving, practical services offered so freely to so many hundreds of boys and girls created for her an immeasurable wealth of love and respect.

Mr. Melvin Lewis, President of the Alumni Association, presented to Miss Everett letters of congratulation from the Mayor of Ruston, Senator Tower of Texas, the Governor of Texas, ex-President Lyndon B. Johnson and from President Nixon.

Participating in the Dedication Services were: Dr. C. B. White, formerly Superintendent of the Home for twenty-three years; Mr. Lucius McGehee, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Directors; Mr. Melvin Lewis, Alumni President and business, civic, and church leader in Longview, Texas; the Rev. W. Ralph Cain, Ruston District Superintendent, who dedicated the building; and the Rev. Harry E. Ezell, now entering his twelfth year as Superintendent of the Home.

Following the Dedication Service, Open House was held in the new Everett Cottage and dinner was served to some two hundred people. A wonderful sense of fellowship pervaded the day.

The cost of building these four buildings and the current remodeling of a fifth, plus construction of a new residence for the Superintendent, had been defrayed by the Home itself, without call upon the Conference. At the same time mounting operating deficits have been met by Home funds without call upon the Conference.

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A Very Real Memorial

The Jones Church closed its doors last year. That closing stirred many memories; happy, sad, tragic, triumphant. The balance left in the Church Treasury has been received by The Methodist Children's Home, "In memory of those who have gone on, and who were so faithful in keeping the Church going for so many years."

We at the Methodist Children's Home join in seeking to do honor to these faithful ones.

–Harry E. Ezell, Superintendent

Work – Save

Every boy and girl in residence on campus who is sixteen years of age or older will have a job this summer. They will be guided in the saving and in the spending of the money earned. A little old fashioned, maybe, but we think it is excellent training in self reliance and good citizenship.

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Views and Comments

"You cannot expect to really love without experiencing pain."

–Dr. James Sorrel,
First Baptist, Ruston

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The second commandment of Jesus–as we so often modify it–"Thou shalt love thy neighbor . . . at a distance."

How Sad!

We experience tragedy, deep tragedy. But we have our times of real happiness, our emphasis on individuality, our "family type" living program. The cottage camping trip is a perfect example.

New Potatoes!

How They are Grown–especially by the worker in the middle!

We Eat!

Each House Mother fills out a weekly requisition to match her cottage's menus. At stated intervals during the week the food is delivered.

CENTENARY COLLEGE
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Leaders in special organizational session of the Hammond District Conference held June 15. FROM LEFT: the Rev. William Jones and the Rev. Jerry Means, who led in the worship service; Nick Saladino, district lay leader; the Rev. J. J. Caraway, district superintendent; Tom Matheny, conference lay leader; the Rev. Charles Humphreys, secretary.

● Centenary College and Louisiana Annual Conference to cooperate in series

Estate Planning Seminars

The Centenary College Development Office, in cooperation with the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, is scheduling a series of "Estate Planning Seminars," in the near future in the major population centers of the state. Presented in cooperation with the Board of Laity and the Women's Society of Christian Service, the seminars will feature experts in the field of law and finance who will discuss all phases of estate planning, particularly those changes brought about by the Reform Act of 1969.

Dr. John Allen, president of Centenary College, said this state-wide program has been designed principally for women who have questions about planning their estates. "Through these seminars we hope to assist those who need help and at the same time benefit Centenary College and other serving institutions of Louisiana Methodism, including the local churches", Dr. Allen said.

The seminars will be conducted by experts: an attorney, a certified public accountant, a life insurance certified life underwriter, and an investments counselor. Each will speak in his field of expertise; the attorney on estate planning and the preparation of a will; the C.P.A. on the workings of the federal and state tax laws; the C.L.U. on questions of insurance and social security benefits; and the investments counselor on stocks and bonds and other investment programs.

At the present time, plans call for seven seminars to be given in separate areas of the state between September and April. Robert B. Holladay, director of Alumni and Deferred Giving, at Centenary has been appointed by Dr. Allen to head up the new program.

Holladay said tax savings intended for an estate may be jeopardized unless a will is changed to conform to the new 1969 Tax Act. "Deductions for charitable gifts may also be disallowed for tax purposes unless the new rules are followed," he said.

"The primary purpose of this service is to assist families to save on federal estate taxes; to conserve existing property; and to protect your loved ones," Holladay said. "The amount left from your estate for your family, after taxes, can vary dramatically, depending on how well you have planned for the future, particularly in regard to the new tax regulations."

To illustrate the need for planning, Holladay cited an example of two identical estates of $250,000. In both cases the widow lived off the income of the estate. In the first case the two children received about $212,000 at their mother's death. In the other case, with proper planning, the surviving children received an additional $15,000.

President Allen emphasized that the College does not presume to represent either legal or tax counsel. "These seminars are for information only and we hope they will stimulate further conversations with attorneys and other experts in these fields," he said.

Further details of the seminars will be released as soon as the dates have been approved, he said.

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REMINDER

We would remind our readers that, in keeping with a practice of long standing, we will not publish an issue next week — the week in which the Fourth of July occurs. For your convenience we are printing in this issue Daily Bible Readings for two weeks. The Sunday School Lesson for July 18 will be found on page 9 of this issue, in addition to the regular lesson on page 8.

Dr. Ben Johnson to conduct Lay Renewal sessions in Monroe

For the second consecutive year, a "Lay Renewal Conference" has been scheduled in Monroe, to be held August 6-7 at the Southside United Methodist Church. Dr. Ben Johnson, director of the Institute of Church Renewal of Atlanta, Georgia, will conduct the sessions.

Dr. Johnson reports that three years

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A Letter From Our Bishop

June 24, 1971

Dear Friends:

To all of you from Louisiana, Arkansas, and other states who have contacted us during the period of my hospitalization in Shreveport, Mrs. Walton and I want to extend our most sincere appreciation. We have been so grateful for the get-well messages, letters, phone calls, birthday greetings, and all other expressions of your concern and affection. But above anything else, we thank you for your prayers. God has blessed us wonderfully and our gratitude is beyond our ability to express.

We were glad indeed to have Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin and Bishop and Mrs. Willis J. King with us for the historic service of the merger of our two conferences in Louisiana, but we are deeply indebted to them for their great assistance to us and to the conference when I became ill. Our thanks also to the District Superintendents for their knowledge and effective service in the absence of their resident bishop during the last day and a half of the conference session. We express again our appreciation to Dr. John Allen and the members of his capable staff who did so much for us during the entire conference.

Of course, we can never adequately thank the leadership and the rank and file of the members of the former Conferences A and B for all that they have done across the years in preparation for the merger and for their participation in its consummation. We have a great conference and a great future — and we thank God and take courage.

I was in the care of excellent doctors and everyone at the hospital was most kind to us. We can never thank them enough. Everything possible was done for us and I have improved more rapidly and far better than we had any right to expect.

We arrived home yesterday afternoon to find a group of friends waiting for us at the house. It was a royal welcome — and Mrs. Walton and I love and appreciate all of you.

It is impossible, as you know, to answer your messages personally. I am asking Dr. Alfred Knox to publish this note of thanks in the issues of both **The Louisiana** and **Arkansas Methodists.**

Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely,

Aubrey G. Walton

the Louisiana Methodist

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Retired Ministers Homes Board elects officers, adds members

The Retired Ministers Homes Board of the Louisiana Annual Conference met for organization at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Monroe, June 15.

Officers elected were: the Rev. James Adams, chairman; the Rev. Ed Haug, vice chairman; Mike John, Jr., treasurer; Harold Riggs, secretary; and Miss Elizabeth Langford, publicity chairman. The Rev. Raymond Crofoot was elected superintendent of properties, and Mrs. Erma Adams was appointed as financial secretary.

New members added to the Board were the Rev. Terral Lowe, chairman of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries; the Rev. John V. D. Hamilton; Mrs. Ruth Carter and Mr. Crofoot.

The Board heard a report on the home in Baton Rouge, purchased jointly by First Church and Broadmoor Church of Baton Rouge and the Retired Ministers Homes Board, for the use of Dr. and Mrs. Luman Douglas. They also discussed plans for publicity to be used for Retired Ministers Homes Month, which will be observed in September.

They also heard that a recent survey among the ministers revealed that the number of additional homes needed in the next few years will require greater participation on the part of the churches if the goals of the Board are to be achieved.

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MONROE LAY RENEWAL

Some of the members of the general committee planning the second annual Lay Renewal Conference for Monroe. FROM LEFT: Buddy Harrison, John Tubb, Cecil Bland, Jack Warren, Jack Dew, and Pete Medak.

ago, the Institute of Church Renewal sponsored one renewal conference. Two years ago there were five, and last year there were 13. This year more than 40 of the 24-hour renewal conferences will be held in 30 states.

The theme of the conference this year is "God uses ordinary persons in extraordinary ways."

The Rev. Lea Joyner, pastor of Southside church and Joe Solomon, well known Lay Witness Mission coordinator, are co-chairmen of the event. Committees handling transportation, food, housing, publicity, attendance, registration, finance, nursery, book table and welcoming of the people attending the conference have been formed and are in operation. Conference leaders are expecting 600 or more persons from Louisiana and neighboring states to attend the overnight meeting.

All persons from all denominations who have been involved in the Lay Witness Mission movement are invited as well as those who are interested in the program of the Lay Witness Mission.

Advance registration is recommended and urged for all persons planning to attend, since housing will be in the homes of volunteer families in the Monroe area. Cost of the Conference is $5 per person, $8 per couple, and $2 per youth. Send your registration fee to: Rev. Lea Joyner, Box 1092, Monroe, Louisiana 71201.

The bell shown here which once called people to worship at the church in Iota has found a new home at the new Lake Charles District Camp. Since the new building at Iota made no provision for the bell, it has been given to the District Camp in memory of the founders and early congregations at Iota. Shown with the bell on its temporary stand are the Rev. Calvin Lapuyade, district director of camping and District Superintendent Harvey Williamson. It is anticipated that at some future time a suitable tower will be erected for the bell.

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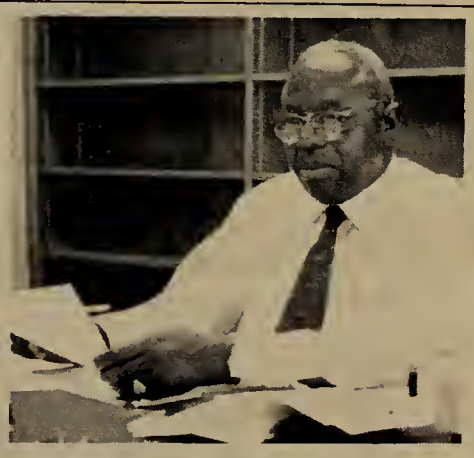
ESTATE PLANNING

Net Estate Subject to Tax	Tax	Net Estate Subject to Tax	Tax
$ 60,000	None	$ 300,000	$ 59,100
80,000	$ 1,600	350,000	73,300
100,000	4,800	400,000	87,700
140,000	14,780	450,000	102,100
180,000	25,820	500,000	116,500
200,000	31,500	700,000	176,700
240,000	42,540	1,000,000	270,300

Here's How to Estimate the Tax on Your Estate

Doug Cain of Bossier City, is working as youth director at First Church, Franklin during the summer months. Cain attended Centenary College and received the B. A. Degree in Religion. He has served as youth director for First Church, Bossier City for two and one-half years. He expects to attend Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. in the fall, and plans to go into some phase of youth work.



The Rev. J. W. Wilson shown in his office in the R. E. Smith Building in Shreveport. Wilson, formerly Baton Rouge District superintendent (B), is now associate Conference treasurer, and associate executive secretary of the Conference Board of Pensions. His address is the same as that of Dr. R. L. Cooke: P. O. Box 4303, Shreveport, La. 71104.

Debra Cox

Deborah Deane

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

July 4—Sunday Psalms 107:31-43
July 5 ..... Psalms 119:97-104
July 6 ..... Psalms 139:1-6
July 7 ..... Prov. 2:1-8
July 8 ..... Prov. 8:5-14
July 9 ..... Prov. 28:1-5
July 10 ..... Isaiah 6:9-12
July 11—Sunday .. Isaiah 28:9-13
July 12 ..... Jer. 9:12-16
July 13 ..... Hosea 14:1-9
July 14 ..... Daniel 12:5-13
July 15 ..... Matt. 15:10-20
July 16 ..... Matt. 24:15-22
July 17 ..... Luke 24:45-53
July 18—Sunday .... Acts 8:26-39

Foote

Mann

Dr. Gaston Foote, minister of First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and Bill Mann, director of evangelistic music at First United Methodist in Dallas, will be the evangelistic team for the revival to be held in Broadmoor Church of Baton Rouge, July 11 through July 14. Dr. Foote preached at Broadmoor the summer of 1965, and Mr. Mann returns for the ninth summer. Dr. Barry Bailey is the Broadmoor pastor.

Board of Laity Scholarships announced

Two additional young ladies are recipients of the Howard W. Daughenbaugh Scholarship Fund of the Louisiana Conference Board of the Laity this coming school year at Centenary College in Shreveport. These two will replace two that have left the school.

Miss Deborah Deane of Alexandria will enter Centenary this fall as a freshman, and Miss Debra Diane Cox, also of Alexandria will be a Junior this fall, having completed two years at the college.

Miss Deane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Brook of Alexandria and Miss Cox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cox of Alexandria. The two girls who have similar first names, are both graduates of Bolton High School. Miss Deane was active in youth ministries at First United Methodist Church, while Miss Cox took part in youth activities at Trinity United Methodist Church there. Miss Cox, who will be a junior at Centenary this fall, has averaged 3.52 in her work so far.

The two girls join Mary Theresa McConnell of Springhill who is a senior this year; Linda Marie Miller of New Orleans, senior, and Shirley Beth Miller of New Orleans, who will begin her second year.

The Howard W. Daughenbaugh Memorial Scholarship program was originated some sixteen years ago as a project of the Conference Board of the Laity. It is open to young women of the Louisiana Conference who desire a career in Christian Service. It pays $600 a year for four years at Centenary College, provided the recipients maintain a C-plus average.

PATRIOTISM — outdated or updated ?

by Paul Simon
Lieutenant Governor of Illinois

Is patriotism outmoded? Or is it merely that a reassessment of the old patriotic values is in order? Is it still possible today to say "I love my country" without being hypocritical or without being mauldin or without being phony? Is loyalty to country dangerous, causing international conflicts?

What is wrong with traditional patriotism?

It is not patriotism—properly understood—that has been tried and failed. It is we who have failed. We are like Pogo in the comic strip when he said, "We have met the enemy and they is us!"

We have failed wherever we have lost sight of our ideals, where we have substituted meaningless phrases for living ideals. It is this failure that our younger fellow citizens question. It is the unfinished business on our nations' agendas of public business that is causing us most of our difficulties.

In mentioning our shortcomings we must be careful not to feel that we are the victims of "bad times." We can take solace from the inscription on the wall of a European church: "This church was built in the worst of times." It can truly be said that mature people are made not only out of good times but also out of bad times.

There are some hopeful signs. There is a deep-seated — and healthy — desire on the part of young people to improve our society. While it sometimes is unfortunately expressed in extreme forms, our youths' interest in correcting the ills which plague us is a major sign of hope for our nations.

This idealistic approach on the part of some of the young leads to a healthy questioning of what our society is and is not doing. Many of us make an error of becoming overly defensive whenever this questioning suggests that mistakes have been made. It is always time for admitting our mistakes. A change in approach is sometimes hard to achieve in government or business or the church, because it implies past mistakes of judgment. The reality is that we should be willing and prepared to reverse or shift gears without implication of dishonor.

"Patriotism" that is simply a defense of the status quo, which is unwilling to see the need for improvement, which does not recognize the possibility of a nation headed by human beings making mistakes, does no service to any nation. The person who says to a citizen of Guatemala, "I am better than you because I am a citizen of the United States" —or Canada—is not a patriot but a fool.

It is not enough to say, "I love my country." We must say instead, "I love my country enough to do what must be done to make it a better place in which to live—not just for myself and my family, but also for my fellow citizens as well." That type of patriotism will always be needed.

Part of the success of our nations has been their ability to accommodate change at the appropriate time. Our countries on the North American continent are still young. We must be cautious about introducing hardening of the arteries into what are otherwise still young bodies. We must not falter in our ability to make improvements. This means we must admit past mistakes. The determination—and the patience —to right a wrong is meaningful and rewarding. Continuous denunciation and vilification of the shortcomings of the system or defense and support of only one way of doing things are a disservice to a nation.

Another disservice is violence. Anger and sadness and grievances must be constructively directed and rationally channeled. Ills in our society are never cured by violence. No lesson could be more clear.

Ralph Nader is usually described as a crusader. I prefer to think of him as a patriot. Someone has said that the job of government officials is to do their tasks well enough so that periodic crusades are unnecessary. I like to think of all citizens meeting our individual responsibilities, so that crusades would become unnecessary. This, it seems to me, is what Ralph Nader in essence is doing. Where he sees a wrong, he points to what he thinks ought to be done to make a right.

Nader is actively seeking to restore quality to life, to make life better for all. Is this not patriotism of the highest order?

There is a tendenccy to think of patriotism in terms of flying the flag on holidays, or singing the national anthem at public events. But patriotism is not an occasional thing. Patriotism is an everyday responsibility, to be shared and worked at by citizens 365 days a year. As the late Adlai Stevenson put it, "What do we mean by patriotism in the context of our times? I venture to suggest that what we mean is a sense of national responsibility —to walk in it in serenity and wisdom, with self-respect of all mankind; a patriotism that puts country ahead of self; a patriotism which is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime. The dedication of a lifetime—these words are easy to utter, but it is a mighty assignment. For it is often easier to fight for prinicples than to live up to them."

What is wrong, in fact, with defining patriotism as **the active pursuit by all citizens of the highest ideals for which a nation can strive?** This definition allows us to salute the flag with a greater sense of pride, sing our national anthem with gusto and a real sense of enthusiasm, while at the same time working toward such meaningful goals as better housing, higher incomes, a cleaner environment with a realization that all of our citizens are sharing in the pursuit of a common cause.

Let me add that I am not unmindful of the responsibilities of those of us who serve in public life. It is easy enough to ask the full measure of citizenship and patriotism from every citizen. We as public officials must be willing to exercise restraint where necessary, to speak boldly when called for, and to lead when required.

Those of us in public places must restore public confidence in the honesty and credibility of government officials. In my own case, I have voluntarily disclosed my income in detail for the 16 years I have been in public life as a step in the direction of letting the public know that my motive is not to put a dollar in my pocket. I have tried also to be conscious that the public deserves to know what is going on. There are no real secrets in public life and there is no reason to pretend so. Public disclosure of income and the disclosure of truth to the public are, it seems to me, two principles which must remain in the forefront for all of us who run for election and seek to serve the public.

We also must strive for the ability to "disagree without being disagreeable." We may not like what someone else thinks or says, but we must relearn tolerance of the views of others. This is an essential element in patriotism. We must adhere to the principle of freedom of expression.

In a similar vein, we must be less suspicious of other people's motives. When others advance programs or philosophies or points of view opposed to ours, we must be able to question their views but not their motives. Disruption of an orderly society comes when we begin to question each other's motives.

It is, finally, this disparity between what we say we believe and what we actually do that causes the major problem. The obvious disparity between rich and poor, white and non-white, privileged and lowly, has become a major concern of many. The poor among us do not understand our massive investment in armaments. They do understand hunger, disease, and the lack of money. Many of our young people do not agree with our commitment in South Vietnam. They do understand that many of their friends have died there. Our senior citizens do not understand what causes inflation. They do understand that their pension checks don't allow them to live in the dignity we say we want them to have. The solution is a true exercise of patriotism—a determination to mesh word and deed together in a bond that proclaims loud and clear for all to hear, "We are a nation whose citizens dream dreams that become reality, hold hopes that become meaningful, and serve their fellow citizens in the pursuit of the common goal of a better life for all." ✝

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A religious peace conference on the Middle East crisis was advocated by Anglican Archbishop George Appleton of Jerusalem in an address before the annual general meeting of Britain's Council of Christians and Jews. The Archbishop, who has been closely associated with both sides in the Arab-Israeli conflict since his appointment to the Jerusalem See in 1968 suggested that a conference of all three religions (Christianity, Islam and Judaism) should not intrude into the prerogative of the governments concerned, but in the Middle East, the three Abrahamic religions could help create the right atmosphere in which peace negotiations might begin."

A Roman Catholic layman and a Southern Baptist minister will serve as co-chairmen of the Congressional Committee for National Bible Week, Nov. 21-28. As co-chairmen, Sen. John O. Pastore, Catholic from Rhode Island, and Rep. John H. Buchanan Jr., Baptist minister from Alabama, will encourage participation of Congressmen in the 31st annual interreligious observance of Bible Week. Former Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, national chairman this year, is the first Jew to head the interreligious observance. This is also the first year a Congressional Committee has been formed.

An "encouraging" and "heartening" increase in the number of men seeking to be ordained Anglican priests was revealed in a statistical report released in London by the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry (ACCM). Figures show a 6 per cent increase in the number of men recommended for training for the ministry in 1970. "For a number of years until 1970," the report in a quarterly journal pointed out, "there had been a marked decrease in men under 20 recommended for training. In 1970, there was a nearly 100 per cent rise in the 25-29 age group."

At the second of a series of conferences involving Jewish and Southern Baptist scholars, 40 participants adopted resolutions on religious liberty in the Soviet Union and the continuation of meetings between Jews and Baptists. Those attending the conference at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati declared that Jews and Baptists have a "shared history" that has made them both "victims of a denial of political and religious liberty." A resolution on religious liberty in the USSR recognized that both religious communities are "loyal to a faith built on the freedom of the individual conscience. This belief is based in both communities on a deep reverence for Holy Scripture." The group said that it is "deeply concerned over the denial of fundamental human rights of Baptists, other Christians, and Jewish persons in the Soviet Union."

Delegates to the annual meeting of the United Methodist Conference of Western North Carolina, meeting at Lake Junaluska, adopted a resolution calling on President Nixon to withdraw U.S. troops from Vietnam at "the earliest possible date." They also voted to send cables to North Vietnamese and Vietcong officials in Paris, requesting that the International Red Cross be allowed to contact persons held as prisoners so their families may be relieved of "mental anguish." North Vietnam and the Vietcong were asked to "guarantee the immediate release of captives upon cessation of hostilities."

Prof. Yoshiro Ishida of Japan, former Asia secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, contends that the two concerns — personal salvation and social action — ought not to be polarized. "Both those who stress the centrality of the proclamation for individual salvation at the expense of evading, if not negating, social involvement, and those who totally identify the mission of the church in social engagement" do not discern the world properly, the professor said. The theologian described the church as both "the means and the goal" of mission. "What ultimately sustains a church is the celebration of the reality of Christ's life, death, and resurrection through the means of grace," he stated.

Can cadets and midshipmen at the three military academies attend worship services, as regulations require, without worshipping? This is the question three judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals must decide in the Anderson v. Laird case involving compulsory chapel attendance at the service academies, which was upheld by the U.S. District Court in Washington last July. Robert J. Higgins, assistant U.S. attorney representing in effect the academies, has maintained that the primary purpose for requiring future officers in training at the academies to attend chapel services each Sunday is for them to "observe religious practices." This regulation, he continued, aims "to develop in future officers qualities that will allow them to lead in time of crisis."

Warren K. Kaplan, appearing for the plaintiffs (originally one West Point cadet and five Annapolis midshipmen) in the case involving compulsory chapel attendance at the service academies, has contended that "the sanctity of an individual's ability to worship is impossible for the government to determine because that's a matter of conscience."

The Church needs stronger leadership, not greater exertion of authority, according to Father Richard A. McCormick, S.J., president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. He asserted that authority, "the right to command," and leadership, "the ability to influence the behavior of others," are not the same. The basic element of true leadership, he said, is "the release, stimulation, evocation, and maximization of the potential of the individual. True leadership calls forth the best in those led." It follows Christ's example, he continued, and "does not control. It liberates."

The General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, meeting in its annual session in Flat Rock, N.C., adopted a report requesting local congregations to make their pastors more effective by releasing them from "the bonds of traditionalism." The report asked congregations to "challenge pastors to initiate programs that are more meaningful for our day and age."

Board members of the National Council of Churches, meeting in Atlantic City, N.J., heard an 11-page document describing how the NCC would "evolve" into the National Conference of Churches—which would hopefully include Roman Catholics and Protestant denominations not now members. The Rev. Thomas Liggett of Indianapolis, Ind., chairman of the Committee on Future Ecumenical Structure, emphasized that everything in the report was tentative and that the document has been sent to many individuals, organizations, and churches for "advice and counsel."

The latest Gallup Poll shows that public concern over drug addiction has doubled since March and is now ranked as the No. 3 issue in the U.S. Vietnam remained the top concern and the economy was cited as second by the 1,522 persons over age 18 polled in 300 U.S. communities during June 4-7. Lack of religion and moral decay ranked about 11th in the list of top concerns.

A planned meeting between World Council of Churches representatives and a delegation from the South African member Churches has been "indefinitely postponed" due to "unreasonable" restrictions on the meeting by the South African government, according to an announcement by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the WCC. South African Churches have vigorously protested the WCC Program to Combat Racism, contending that some of its funds finance terrorist guerrilla movements. The meeting had been planned to discuss the rift between them and the interdenominational body.

A degree-granting program to provide ministers with theological education "in their own back yard" has been launched by San Francisco Theological Seminary, a United Presbyterian school. After several months of successful experimentation in Los Angeles and San Francisco, the new doctor of ministry (D.Min.) degree program for local pastors will be expanded to Portland, Seattle and other cities. The program is designed to help active ministers increase their skills and knowledge without having to leave their parishes. Participants spend several hours a week in group sessions and attend two short seminars in their own religion. They are required to be "on campus" during a six-week Summer term concentrated on biblical and theological study. And they must write a dissertation.

A Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) committee has called for the establishment of 60 new congregations within four years at an estimated cost of $3,100,000. Forty of the new congregations would be established in the U.S. and Canada and 20 in other countries. Final action on the proposal is expected in the General Assembly's October meeting in Louisville, Ky.

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(RNS Photo)

NEW YORK – Pearl S. Buck autographs the first copy of her latest book, The Story Bible, presented to the American Bible Society. Receiving the leather-bound volume of Bible Stories is Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, the Society's general secretary. In her new book, the Nobel Prize-winning author retells 72 Biblical stories, beginning with the Creation and closing with the story of Pentecost. Miss Buck's family is now well represented in the American Bible Society collection, which also contains editions of a New Testament translated from Greek into Chinese by Miss Buck's missionary father more than 50 years ago.

A letter from Mrs. Walton

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton wrote the following letter during the Bishop's recent stay in the hospital and has asked us to share it with our readers. We are happy to oblige. AAK.)

Dear Ones:

Be kind and gentle to the Pharaoh. We almost lost him last night Your Bishop is an old man — will be seventy Sunday, June 20. Why didn't he retire three years ago, so that he and I could have a few years together, free of such a heavy load? The reason was a date — Tuesday night, June 2, 1971. These last three years have been the hardest of his life — and the biggest job when his strength was giving out. Twenty-three years ago Dr. Barrier warned him never to let himself become completely exhausted again. But Aubrey had one more task to complete. The church voted merger, and he felt he could accomplish this with the trust and confidence of the leadership in the two conferences. It would not have been fair to put such a load on a new bishop. Few people know how much work and planning was necessary to make the merger in Louisiana the glorious success that it was. However, the letters of love and appreciation that have come to the Bishop make the heart attack almost worth while.

Let me explain the reference to the Pharaoh. Jolly Harper, Mr. Methodist, was making a speech in his own inimitable way, reminiscing on events concerning Methodism in Louisiana and telling us briefly of the work of each Bishop. When he came to the sixteen years Bishop Martin presided over the Louisiana Conference, Jolly spoke of his personal love for the Bishop as well as the love and appreciation of the whole conference for this great leader. Quote, "Then cometh Pharaoh that kneweth not Joseph." Unquote. A few more gems of Jolly's, then quote: "To try and tell Bishop Walton who to put on the District is like telling Golda Meir to give Jerusalem back to the Arabs." Unquote. Jolly was at his best and we enjoyed him very much.

Bishop Martin let me speak to the conference just before the appointments were read. My few remarks went something like this:

> "My cup has always run over. My eyes are now trying to do the same. Last summer a friend of mine said that being the wife of a Bishop certainly had improved my looks. She meant it as a compliment and I took it that way, but it is funny. However, if I look better at 66 than I did at 36, someone should have told me and I would have stayed closer to home. I'm glad my friend can't see me now. One day and one night of anxiety have done this to me.
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> "I would like to thank you for your love, your concern, and your prayers. I'm reasonably sure it was providential that Bishop Martin and Bishop King were with us. Aubrey made only one mistake. He asked the Lord to help him through merger. That was on Tuesday night. He should have asked for help through Friday noon. When I have time I'm going to check and see if it was Providence or predestination that made it possible for the Martins and Kings to be with us. If it was predestination, I'm going to be a Presbyterian in good standing before nightfall. This is the first time Aubrey has missed the reading of the appointments in forty years, but he is with us in spirit."

Five days in intensive care and nine days in a private room have brought Aubrey this far along the recovery road. I think two grateful little jailbirds will be winging — no, driving — their way home to New Orleans this time next week — around June 23.

Dr. Keith Mason, Sr., and Dr. Mason, Jr., and Dr. Wilson are our Methodist doctors. Dr. Lieber is a Jew, and Jews are not only chosen people, distantly related to our Lord, but they are choice people. Dr. Giddens is Presbyterian, and you know how close he is to the throne room. I think most of our nurses belong to the Baptist Church. I want the skill of these wonderful doctors and nurses, but I do not want them praying for Aubrey. I want the Methodist preachers to get credit for their part of his recovery. With this excellent team of doctors taking care of his interests down here and our Methodist preachers taking care of his interests "upstairs," Aubrey will soon be home free.

If one is going to "nearly die," Shreveport is a good city in which to "nearly die." The people are so sweet and friendly, just like the people in Arkansas. Big Bug Aubrey and I, a very Little Bug, accept the gracious attention of doctors, nurses, and other friends. I'm now talking about total strangers, little people in Shreveport. They have a pleasant, friendly expression on their faces and are quick to greet you with a "Good Morning" or even a "Hello."

Another notable attraction of this lovely city is the overpass between P&S Hospital and Mid-City Motor Hotel. Every city should have one. I entertained six-year-old grandson Robert, going up in the elevator, walking across Line Avenue, then down in the elevator on the other side. It even rivaled Robert's first plane trip from Little Rock, Arkansas to Shreveport last Saturday. I'm looking forward to the same entertainment for little four-year-old Aubrey this Saturday. You know how much fun it is to have two little bug-eyed grandsons. If you don't know, I'll be glad to tell you. Call me anytime night or day.

I close with a family saying —

Lovin' on you. As ever,
Mildred

Shreveport, Louisiana
June 15, 1971

The Louisiana group attending Jurisdictional Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas, are the following: (l. to r.) Mrs. Robert Allen of Homer, Chairman Ruston District; Miss Mattie Levins, First Church of Minden; Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans, Conference A chairman of Louisiana WSG; Mrs. W. B. Jones, WSG president, First Church of Minden; Mrs. Daisy Bergeron of Monroe, Conference A recording secretary; Mrs. Sarah Fugler, president Greensburg Unit, and Mrs. Virginia Ward of Monroe District. Those remaining for the Jurisdictional School of Missions were Miss Evans, Mrs. Bergeron and Mrs. Fugler.

COMMENT

VICE PRESIDENTS

Did you know that the Program Resource Book for 1972 "Leap in Faith" is now off the press? The book is divided into sections dealing with individuals, all of God's children (the world), the church and special occasions. Included in the book are guidance materials for each program. **ORDER NOW** from Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45237 ($1.25 each). The Program Committee can begin reading and choosing topics for next year. My Date Book — 1972 is also available (15¢ each or 10 for $1.00).

Please make a special effort to attend the Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College — July 20-23. (See pages 6 and 7 for detailed information—editor). The teachers are **outstanding.** THERE WILL BE INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION. It is so exciting to have the opportunity to share with others. LET'S DON'T exciting to have the opportunity to share with others. DON'T LET THE OPPORTUNITY PASS US BY.

Hazel (Mrs. Carl) Gallaher,
Conference WSCS Vice President

MRS. J. C. BIBBONS

Mrs. Evelyn Skillings Bibbons, wife of the Rev. Jeffrey C. Bibbons, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, New Orleans, died on Monday, June 21.

She was the only child of Joseph and Louise Miller Skillings. At the age of 12 she was baptized by the late Rev. Mannassa Walker in Grace Church, where she became an active member of many organizations, including the junior ushers, the children's choir, the Epworth League and later the Young Matrons Group.

In 1933 she and Rev. Bibbons were married, and to this union was added a daughter, Jeffreda Atoinette, also an only child.

In addition to her husband and daughter, she is survived by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Amentha Bibbons Tappins, her cousin, Charles (Mannie) Miller, and a host of other cousins and friends.

At the time of her death she and her husband had just been appointed to the pastorate of Grace Church, after a six years period as District Superintendent of the Shreveport District.

The funeral services was held at Grace Church on Saturday, June 26. Dr. Robert F. Herrington, District Superintendent of the New Orleans District, conducted the service, with Dr. Benedict A. Galloway, minister of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, participating, representing the Louisiana Annual Conference by appointment of the Cabinet.

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J. G. BRIDGES, director of MacDonell Community Center at Houma, was guest speaker in First Church, Pineville, on Sunday, June 27. The Pineville pastor is the Rev. Richard Walton.

Dr. Paul Ware (at left), local psychiatrist, and Bill Jamieson, executive director of CODAC, met recently with concerned members of Broadmoor Church in Shreveport and explained the work of CODAC (Community Organization on Drug Addiction Control) and the work of Shire House. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is the Broadmoor pastor.

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July 20-23

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1. "The New Machines and the New Humanity."

Text: "Technethics, Christian Mission in an Age of Technology,
Norman J. Faramelli $1.75

Guide: "Learning to be Human in A Push Button World".
Thomas R. Bennett $1.50

Miss Barbara Campbell

Miss Barbara E. Campbell is Executive Secretary of Leadership Development, Section of Program and Education for Christian Mission, Women's Division, Board of Missions.

She received her undergraduate and master's degrees from Scarritt College, Nashville, and was commissioned a deaconess in 1955. She serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Scarritt.

Miss Campbell has written frequently for THE METHODIST WOMAN and **response,** authored "leaders' guides" for motion pictures and filmstrips. She works with the General Board of Education and TRAFCO in planning Audio Visual Seminars and Workshops, and has had extensive experience in teaching.

She will be leading a class in "New Machines and the New Humanity."

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Mrs. Hazel Dabney

Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, has spent much of her life in public school education, supervision and administration.

She has served as Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, South Central Jurisdiction, and in many capacities with the Regional Schools at Mt. Sequoyah. She has taught extensively in Conference Schools in the South Central, Southeast and North Central Jurisdictions. At present she is president of Church Women United in Arkansas. She serves on the Merger Committee of the two Arkansas Conferences.

Her grandchildren and four great grandchildren are a pride and joy to Mrs. Dabney. Said a friend, "Hazel has not retired—she has retreaded."

Mrs. Dabney will lead a section on "New Machines and the New Humanity."

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Mrs. Thomas Kirkpatrick

Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick of Shreveport will teach "New Machines and the New Humanity." She is a graduate of Louisiana Tech and did her graduate work at Louisiana State University.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick has served in many areas of her local church and in the Shreveport District, including presidency of the District Women's Society of Christian Service. She was Dean of the Conference School of Christian Mission in 1969, and at present is chairman of the Conference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

Community service has claimed a large share of her time — with membership on the Board of Trustees of The Business Girls' Inn, the Caddo Parish Jail-Penal Study Committee and past president of the Shreveport League of Women Voters.

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Mrs. Robert May

Mrs. Robert C. May of Hutchins, Texas, is a native of Mississippi, and the wife of a Methodist minister. She graduated from Scarritt College for Christian Workers and did her graduate work at Southern Methodist University. She is an experienced teacher, leader of retreats, and former director of Christian Education.

At present she is vice president of the North Texas Conference, Women's Society of Christian Service, and Dean of their School of Christian Mission.

Mrs. May will lead a section of the study "The New Generation in Africa."
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Mrs. C. K. Burns

Mrs. C. K. Burns of Crawford, Texas, writes: "Africa has filled every crack and cranny of my time and interest. I am tremendously excited about this study."

Mrs. Burns is a widow with two children. She teaches high school mathematics during the school year, and in Conference Schools of Christian Mission "for relaxation." She teaches a young adult class in her church school and serves on the Council of Ministries. She is a past conference officer of the Women's Society and at present, president of the Waco District of the Central Texas Conference.

"Bright stars on my horizon: my daughter's graduation from high school this year, the arrival of my first grandchild, and my son's return from Viet Nam in July."
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Mrs. Inez Chrisentery

Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery has lived most of her life in Baton Rouge. She graduated from Southern University and received her Master's Degree from Louisiana State University.

She has been in public school education and is presently principal of MayFair Elementary School, Baton Rouge. She has served in many capacities in her local church, her district and conference Women's Societies, including the presidency of her conference.

She will lead in a section of "The New Generation in Africa."
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REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WEEKEND OF CHRISTIAN MISSION, July 24-25, 1971

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   (b) Mrs. Florence Kirkpatrick____
2. THE NEW GENERATION IN AFRICA ____
   (a) Mrs. Inez Chrisentery____
   (b) Mrs. Robert C. May____

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JULY 11: God, the Christian, and Government

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 17: 14-20; Judges 9:8-15; Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13:1-7; I Timothy 2:1-6

MEMORY SELECTION: Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (Romans 13:1)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain a better understanding of how the Christian should view his government in the light of his commitment to Christ; to point out areas in which Christians have responsibilities as citizens.

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A number of issues in recent years have brought the traditional American concept of separation of church and state into sharp focus among us. The question of prayers in the public schools as well as the increasing concern among Christian groups relative to the war in Indochina have produced widely divided opinions about the interrelatedness of a Christian and his government. We will not all be of one mind about the application of our scriptural material to the critical issues of citizenship in our time.

Because this is such a vital issue our curriculum planners have given to us two lessons on this subject. Today we will take a look at the material which traces the attitudes which religious people had about formal governments over a wide span of time. These range from the position of Gideon who refused to be made king because he thought no man should assume such authority to the interpretation of Paul who taught that any man who heads a government must be seen as an agent of God and is therefore entitled to unqualified support.

There are many questions that we will want to face in these two lessons. Does Paul mean that complete submission to the state is the proper attitude of the Christian? Would he have made the same statement just a short time later when Nero was the Roman emperor and was persecuting Christians?

There are a number of Bible passages in this week's background material. We will be seeking guidance from each of them as we try to establish what the relationship should be between God, the Christian and his government. For a long time people divided all of life into the realms of the sacred and the secular and thought that politics belonged to the latter. It was easy under such a dichotomy to affirm that "Religion and politics do not mix." Many do not accept such a division anymore, believing that God has something to say to us about all of life. If we accept the proposition that God rules in the affairs of men, we need to have some idea of how he speaks to us in the matters of citizenship.

Dr. John C. Irwin points out in Adult Bible Studies that the world and its government has always constituted a problem for the church. Today as we see widely divided opinion concerning untrolled freedom to dissent and hard-line repression by government, we wonder if we are having problems that are unique. This lesson today should help remind us that the people of the Bible wrestled with similar questions. Maybe we can find help there.

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WHAT A KING WAS SUPPOSED TO DO

In Deuteronomy 17:14-20 the nature of the kingly office is described from the viewpoint of religion. There is apparently nothing concerning such a subject anywhere earlier in the Bible. There seems to be no question that the writer believed that God was the prime mover in all the affairs of men. He had given them their land, he would select the one to be their king, and he would give the laws under which the king was to operate.

Dr. Henry H. Shires writes in the **Interpreter's Bible:** "This ideal of kingship is almost unique in canonical literature. It offers a good pattern for anyone holding an office of public trust. Owing his duty to the people he governs, a ruler's first obligation is to God whose authority in the last analysis he represents. When human authority rests in the divine, it can the more readily elicit response from the people."

The big problem with which we have been dealing as Christians is what happens when duty to government seems to conflict with one's obligation to God. We all have to arrive at our own personal convictions concerning the whole matter of conscientious objection to war, for example. Our church has definitely spoken in this field and promised to undergird those who feel they must take this position.

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THE RELUCTANCE TO BE A KING

The little parable found in Judges 9:8-15 was given to make the point that sometimes a poor king is worse than no king at all. It was spoken by Jotham to the men of Shechem who had helped Abimelech make himself king after Gideon had refused the honor. Jotham, having been informed of the coronation ceremonies, climbed to a commanding position on Mount Gerizim and addressed the assembled crowd with a fable.

It is the parable of the trees assembled to choose a king and indicated that Jotham had true prophetic insight. In the story the olive, the fig, and the vine all turned down the invitation to be king because they felt that their present work in life was more important. The worthless bramble bush accepted the offer and then commanded the others to rest in his shade — an impossibility — and if they refused, he threatened to consume them with fire.

The point of the story was stronger because it was not so obvious. If Jotham had stood up and declared that Abimelech was a worthless good-for-nothing who was unworthy to be king, he would have been destroyed. This narrative of the trees clustered together to choose a king, and finding none save the bramble who would accept the offer, persuaded Jotham's hearers of the stupidity which had been demonstrated when the citizens of Shechem made Abimelech king.

An important point to be noted is the insignificance of the monarchy in the thinking of the Hebrew people at the time. Almost anything else was more important. Later, they changed their minds about the status of the monarch.

The story also warned the people that a poor king could not give them protection and, indeed, might be the cause of their destruction.

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"RENDER TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S"

In our passage from Mark 12:13-17 we have the story from Jesus' last week which reveal's his insight into the responsibilities of citizenship. His enemies set a trap for him by asking the question, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" Dr. Halford E. Luccock points out in **Interpreter's Bible** that "the question was so maliciously framed that by inducing him to answer either 'Yes' or 'No' they could go far toward destroying his influeunce."

But Jesus made no effort to evade the question. He answered it clearly and positively, yet was not trapped by his answer. In stating that men should "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," he was calling attention to the fact that governments provide essential services that individuals cannot provide for themselves. Increasingly churches are having to face the question of their access to such services as police and fire protection. Some are already making voluntary payments to municipal and state governments in lieu of taxes in recognition of these services.

However, Jesus also reminded his listeners that "rendering unto Caesar" did not free them of the responsibility to "render unto God the things that are God's." As Dr. Luccock also points out, "The great danger in life, individual and collective, has been the danger of giving to Caesar the things that are God's. Caesar has had the lion's share; God has had the remainder, the trivia that Caesar did not need." Here again we must decide whether our consciences belong to Caesar or to God.

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PAUL'S TEACHING ABOUT ROMAN AUTHORITY

Now let us take a look at Romans 13:1-7 in which Paul becomes so enthusiastic in speaking of the Christian's duty to his state. As we seek to interpret this famous passage we must remember that to this time Paul had been favored by his status as a Roman citizen. His experiences had led him to believe that government existed to support the good and restrain the evil.

Paul seemed to be speaking of the institution of the state in its ideal function of ordering the life of its citizens so that they might know a richer, fuller existence. As Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in **International Lesson Annual:** "Then respect for the state is due only when the state is fulfilling its true function. Who can decide this point — the individual? society? the church?"

We can safely assume that Paul would have said other things about Rome if he had been writing later in the century. As the state became the major antagonist of the church, other writers predicted its fall and destruction with great satisfaction. We must recognize from these observations that the state has never been entitled to blind loyalty from the church, but has had the opportunity to be strengthened by her guiding principles.

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THE HUMAN ELEMENT IN GOVERNMENT

The passages which we have been discussing have said a great deal about the divine purposes in government. We are so often made too aware of the human weaknesses in public life, because we have to depend on human beings to fill the offices of responsibility.

One of the big problems we have always faced in civic life is the difficulty of getting the best people to offer themselves for public office. There are a great many problems that still exist, but we do give thanks to God when outstanding Christians offer themselves for office and are elected.

A big problem for which the solution has not yet been found is the cost of running for public office today. The cost of printed advertising, television time, billboard advertising and the rest keeps many from becoming candidates. What do you think can be done to change this situation so that more people of average means might stand a chance of being elected?

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OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

We do have a real Christian responsibility for becoming involved with the selection of the right people to run for public office and support for them after they have been elected.

Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, during a presidential election asked a fellow evangelist, "What do you think of the political outlook?" His friend replied, "I don't know anything about the political outlook because my citizenship is in heaven." "Better get it down to earth for the next few days," Moody replied.

Partisan politics do not belong in the church, but Christian citizenship certainly does. Paul made it very clear that a Christian should be a responsible citizen.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JULY 18: God, the Christian and Civil Law

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 16: 18-20; 17:8-11; Daniel 6; Acts 4:13-20; I Peter 2:13-17

MEMORY SELECTION: We must obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To explore the Biblical backgrounds of man's dependence on civil law and of his evaluation of such laws in the light of his understandings of God's will for his life; to seek to understand some of the motives which have prompted some persons in our time to feel that they must participate in civil disobedience.

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Following last week's discussion of the obligations of Christian citizenship on a rather broad base, we move now into a more sensitive area of Christian concern —the Christian and his attitude toward civil law. At the outset let us try to be objective in all that we say and do — looking first at the contributions that have been made to society by civil law. Let us take a careful look at each of the Biblical passages and see how they help us to be prepared for a careful evaluation of some of the things which are taking place today.

We may differ in our interpretations of some of today's lesson material. However, let us in true Christian love consider the thinking of those persons who feel they must at times speak out against laws which they consider to be unjust. The Christian citizen has often been faced with the challenges of conflicting loyalties. As we react against demonstrations of civil disobedience in our time, it is easy to forget that our own nation came into being because some of our ancestors felt there were certain laws that could not be tolerated. They organized a "Boston tea party" believing that they were being unjustly taxed without representation.

However, let us not begin this lesson on a negative note. Remind your class of the tremendous debt we owe to civil law. Although we are all restrained somewhat by law, we are at the same time protected from the intrusion of others. As Christian citizens, we are bound to ask what the Bible has to say about life under law.

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MOSES THE LAW-GIVER

This kind of lesson must begin with a consideration of Moses and the foundation of law which he established for the Hebrew people and for all the rest of us, too. In the long period of preparation— the forty years of wandering in the Sinai wilderness —no event stands out with such dramatic significance as the giving of the law. We do not know all that took place between Moses and his Lord on Mount Sinai, but we do know that from that time forward these people held the Law to be of supreme importance.

In the passage from Deuteronomy 16, Moses reviewed the laws which God had already given, and added some new instructions related to the way of life which they would be experiencing in Canaan. In Deuteronomy 16:18-20, he ordered the appointment of judges and court officers for every community. He established the following rule for the administration of justice: "You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality; and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous."

The lawgiver is saying that those who administer justice in Israel must have the highest standards since justice is from God. We see that the desires for liberty and justice are established at this early date as two basic drives of mankind, and that they have their roots in the relationship which the people have with God. Our Bible clearly establishes the fact that the concern for justice is a long-standing one based on God's earliest words to men.

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THE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE OF DANIEL

Another of our background scriptures is a passage from the Book of Daniel during the period he was a prisoner in Babylon. He refused to eat the food assigned to him from the king's table because he would not break the dietary laws of his own people. He was not penalized for this, but was promoted to a position of great importance in the government.

Later under King Darius a more serious circumstance arose for Daniel. As a test of loyalty, the people were required for a limited time to offer petitions to nobody but the king. It was Daniel's custom to pray regularly to God, and he defied the decree of the king by continuing his prayers and making no secret about what he was doing.

He played into the hands of his enemies who reported his conduct to Darius. You will remember the story of his deliverance from the den of lions and his subsequent restoration to favor in the court. This heroic story tells us of an early defiance of law for the sake of conscience.

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THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN

Against the background of these stories from the Old Testament we will now consider an account of courage found in Acts 4:13-20. Here we read that Peter and John have been arrested. They had been preaching and healing near the Temple and had stirred up a great deal of commotion there. They had a great new idea to share — their conviction that Jesus was the Messiah. They were willing to speak about it everywhere despite the personal risk it involved. They were so successful in their presentation and there was such a widespread response to it that they were arrested for disturbing the peace.

We are told that the authorities were "amazed at the boldness of Peter and John." Dr. Theodore P. Ferris points out in **The Interpreter's Bible** that there were two things the authorities could not get away from. First, there was the undeniable influence of Christ in the lives of these men. "They were men of no extraordinary powers, little education, and no prestige. Yet they were bold to speak, as they spoke it became clear that their power came from Jesus." Also, they could not deny the evidence of the man who had been healed by Peter and John. We read "They were not dealing with a theory which could be abstractly denied, nor with a proposition or claim that could be conquered by a battle of wits. They were dealing with a deed, something that had been done."

The leaders were not sure how to deal with the two apostles. They could not deny that they had demonstrated the sincere commitment which was behind their actions. The solution proposed was neither honest nor effective. The authorities asked them to quit witnessing in the name of Jesus. This they refused to do, saying, "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." This has been the reply of all men who have been with Jesus and have heard a mandate for their lives. Always the question of personal safety and the public image have taken second place to what are felt to be the directives of Jesus.

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"DO NOT USE FREEDOM AS A PRETEXT FOR EVIL"

Our last passage for study today is I Peter 2:13-17. These are words which sound very much like the passage from Romans which we considered last week. The writer says, "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every institution . . . Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil." The passage closes with the words, "Honor the emperor."

It seems at first that this passage contradicts what the others have been saying. Dr. John C. Irwin points out in Adult Bible Studies that this passage, like the one from Romans, states that the function of law is to uphold the right and restrain the wrong. It does not really dig in on the question of what to do when the state attempts to forbid the exercise of one's faith.

Because it was written in a time of fierce persecution, one might expect First Peter to concentrate on ways to escape or resist ill treatment. Instead, he urged threatened Christians to be obedient and loyal members of the empire. The writer seemed to be saying that this was the way for Christians to silence unfair criticisms and discredit the false propaganda that was being spread about them.

Later the church had to decide what it would do about laws in the Roman empire demanding that they worship the emperor. Unfortunately we have very little material from that period in which history tells us that Christians engaged in massive demonstrations of their faith against such laws — going to the death of martyrdom rather than compromising their faith.

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WORKING FOR THE CHANGE OF UNJUST LAWS

Surely we cannot quarrel with the position that a Christian is required to put God first in a conflict between just and unjust laws. We are like Peter and John in affirming "we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

There are processes by which we may work for the changing of unjust laws. Our form of government offers the opportunity to work for new laws and new lawmakers. Unfortunately America has one of the poorest records of any of the democracies in the number of qualified voters who exercise their right of franchise. Year after year we have only about 60% of our people prizing this right enough to register and vote. It does sometimes seem that the democratic processes are very slow, and we become impatient. Nevertheless we should move right ahead with our determination to become informed and discerning as voters. It is our observation that an increasing number of Christians are devoting themselves to the challenges of citizenship and are working for the enactment of legislation which is needed to bring justice and opportunity to all men.

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THE FACT OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

Having said all these things about working for the enactment of desirable laws, we must face a fact of our time — the widespread use of civil disobeddience as a means of social change. The last three General Conferences of our denomination have spent long hours on resolutions related to this question. Because there is such a wide difference of opinion among our membership on the position we should take on this matter, these actions have been widely misunderstood.

This writer is not temperamentally adapted to be a part of the varieties of civil disobedience we have in our land. However, in the interest of fairness, he would like to point out several realities concerning the position of United Methodism in this area. First, we note that there are individual's whose consciences compel them to follow such action. We are not being fair when we fail to recognize this. Secondly, all of the statements by the General Conference in this area have affirmed two things: (1) that every avenue of effort to change legislation should be followed, and (2) those who engage in civil disobedience should be prepared to accept the consequences of their clash with the law. Finally, somewhere in between the extremes of violence and of indifference there still remains a great challenge to all Christians to become involved in the process by which civil law can become a more effective vehicle by which all persons may become a part of the richness of the human family as envisioned by our Heavenly Father.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins

Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

The British Methodist Conference —now with voting representatives from American Methodism — meets in Harrogate in Yorkshire. A number of the Conference venues (for it goes to a different Conference Centre each year) are in the great industrial cities of the land. But this year we meet in a Spa — a place where Christianity was first introduced in about the year 625 A.D. at the time of the marriage of Edwin, King of Northumbria, to Ethelburga of Kent.

Harrogate, in Yorkshire, has become the country's leading Conference Centre because about four hundred years ago a traveller took a drink from a spring of water which yielded an offensive combination of taste and smell of bad eggs and sulphur. Hence the name "Spa" — like Bath, a place where people have gone "to take the waters" which are reputed to have a medicinal effect. Not far from the Pennines, the range of mountains which forms the backbone of northern England, it is yet easily available by most forms of transport, and it will be a rare treat for those Conference members who may have a little time on their hands to taste the flavour not only of the waters, but the flavour of this lovely part of Yorkshire.

Time, however, is not one of the things representatives are likely to have. **660** members of Conference have an Agenda which has almost as many pages as there are members of Conference, and there is a wealth of detail and a mass of business to get through.

The domestic business of the church is a major concern this time, as the final arrangements are made to get the new structures of Methodism into shape. Instead of the present Departments, there are to be Divisions of Ministries, under which major re-formations are to be made. This is very much like changing the structure of a large business concern, and the careful attention to detail which will be needed will stretch the sharpest mind.

There is also a recognition of the disturbing shrinkage of the membership of the church, and its almost overpowering financial problems which mean that just at the time when the church is very much alive to its task of witness, its resources are stretched almost to breaking-point.

In spite of this, the ONE PER CENT APPEAL which is being made throughout Methodism forms a brave and realistic image of a church which is not merely concerned with domestic matters, but tries to help world development.

Another facet of the business of Conference is to look again at revisions in the Unity scheme which is being studied by the Anglican Church in its General Synod which meets in York later, in July. If the principles of a new presentation to the Anglicans are adopted, then the north of England will have had a large part in the future structure of church organisation in Britain for the future.

One of the personal matters which is featured in this Conference is that the present Secretary of Conference, Dr. Eric W. Baker retires. Well-known not only throughout British Methodism, Dr. Baker has endeared himself to Methodists, and, indeed, Christians of every denomination in a long and very distinguished service in this capacity. So distinguished, in fact, that for one year the British Conference elected him as its President, and promptly brought him back as Secretary afterwards.

His successor, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Greet, will fill the office with equal, and typically different distinction. Members of the World Methodist Council will hear him as a lecturer soon after his accession to the most responsible and onerous office Methodism in this country has to offer. In Denver his quality will be seen by our American friends, and those from other countries. He is courteous, firm, a man with a pastoral mind, yet one who can cut through the complications of difficult debate with clarity and kindness.

Many of the issues of the British Conference, which is by no means meeting in an island sense, are of the kind that affect World Methodism, and indeed world Christian concern. It will be a microcosm of what the Christian world is thinking.

U.M. Indian Day held in Oklahoma

PRESTON, Okla. (UMI) — Approximately 2800 American Indians met here June 5 for the first United Methodist Indian Day held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference.

The Conference, largest religious gathering of Indians in the United States, met June 3-6 and extended an invitation for other United Methodist Indians across the country to join them on Saturday, June 5.

Attending the special activities as guests were approximately 30 members of the Cherokee Tribe, Cherokee, N.C.; 50 members of the Lumbee Tribe, Robeson County, N.C.; several persons from the Menominee Tribe in Wisconsin; and one representative of a tribe in Michigan.

Speaking during the day were Hershel Sahmount, a native Oklahoman who works with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.; Overton James, Oklahoma City, governor of the Chickasaw Tribe; the Rev. Raymond G. Baines, Phoenix, Ariz., a member of the Alaskan Tlingit Tribe who was rccently named "ombudsman" by the American Indian Caucus of the United Methodist Church; and the Rev. Homer Noley, a native Oklahoman who recently joined the staff of the United Methodist Board of Mission's National Division.

Other activities included an exhibit of Indian art and handicrafts. The special Indian Day continued the "self-determination" themc of the total Conference.

Overseas missionaries meet at Scarritt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—During a recent six-day conference at Scarritt College, about 200 overseas missionaries of the United Methodist Church studied such issues as Indochina, colonialism and racism, autonomy, development and women's liberation. The theme of their conference was "Mission and Liberation."

The group approved resolutions calling for the Senate and the House to approve legislation to withdraw American forces from Vietnam by the end of this year, and also urging the United Methodist Board of Missions to create a Task Force on Southern Africa.

The missionaries also voted to continue pledging a portion of their salaries to a Fund for Social Justice, created by a similar missionary meeting a year ago.

The Rev. Arthur Brandenburg, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Germantown, Pa., led the group in a "journey of celebration" around the college campus on the concluding evening of the meeting.

Fifteen retiring missionaries were honored at the celebration: They are:

The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Dodge, who served in Angola, Rhodesia and Zambia. From 1956 to 1964 he was bishop of Rhodesia; Dr. Pearl McCain, a former China missionary who has served since 1951 in Japan; Miss Josephine Laskey, who served in Argentina;

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Clay, Brazil; the Rev. and Mrs. Conrad Heins, India; the Rev. and Mrs. James McEldowney, India and with the World Association of Christian Communicators in London; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scheurman, Pakistan; Miss Marguerite Twinem, China and Taiwan; Miss Marion Walker, Philippines; and Mrs. Bernice Post, Rhodesia.

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Parish plan is key COCU issue

PRINCETON, N.J. (UMI) — The idea of the local parish in the plan of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) for uniting nine American church bodies emerges as the key issue in a preliminary analysis of more than 300 responses from church groups and individuals who have studied the plan.

The parish issue far outweighs those of bishops, infant baptism, and others among the concerns of those responding. The parish envisioned in the proposed "Church of Christ Uniting" would comprise more than one congregation across socio-economic lines and possibly some task groups in a single local unit.

Denominational and interdenominational groups all over the country are studying the plan of union and have until mid-1972 to respond to COCU before any redrafting of a final plan begins.

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"Quote and Unquote"

Prof. Yoshiro Ishida of Japan, speaking before the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Federation, emphasized the Church's threefold mission in proclamation, fellowship and service. He said, "The challenges of the world may from time to time occasion an exclusive emphasis on a certain dimension against the others. However, it is being proven that such a one-sided apprehension only defeats its purpose."

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Rabbi Samuel Sandmel told a Jewish-Southern Baptist conference at Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, that "The figure of Jesus . . . has not been the major substance of the ongoing differences between Christians and Jews. The essential difference would appear to be in attitudes toward the Law of Moses."

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Father Agnellus Andrew, director of the National Centre for Radio and Television in London, recently told the National Institute for Religious Communication in New Orleans, "The Church should see her role as sitting with communicators rather than just sitting out and making legislation." He said, "The fact is now realized that communication is a step toward communion and the Christian community should be modeled on Christ who was the perfect communicator and whose community was by love."

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Mrs. Gene Barnard, recently named chairman of the Board of Women's Work of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., told that denomination's General Assembly, "The Church is one of the worst offenders in male dominance." Speaking of "Women's Lib," she said, "The Christian woman has the responsibility to say this isn't only a woman's thing. The entire movement means the liberation of both men and women who are caught in a cultural cocoon."

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Pope Paul, speaking at a recent general audience, said: The confusions and revolutions which our modern life is suffering derive principally from the lack of solid and fruitful principles. Unfortunately our age has become resigned to a skepticism of morality. We do not know how to affirm objective and stable truths, theories and opinions."

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Archbishop E. W. Scott, new primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, recently called for more open discussion in the church. He said, "An all too common stance in the church in the midst of frustration is to try and ease our own situation by judging and blaming others instead of accepting, analyzing and developing common actions to solve the problems."

Visiting witnesses at recent Lay Witness Mission held at Luling United Methodist Church. The visitors numbered 30 and came from as far as North Dakota and Virginia to participate in the event which began on Thursday evening with a 24-hour prayer vigil. Jack Dew, Monroe businessman served as coordinator for the period of Christian fellowship and spiritual enrichment for a large group of youth and adults. The Rev. L. A. Foreman is minister; Bob Beaver was general chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Seymour, Jr. and family were the surprised recipients of a money tree from the St. Bernard and St. Claude United Methodist Churches recently. The pastor, the Rev. James O. Evans, made the presentation in behalf of the congregations in anticipation of Elliott's enrollment in seminary.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held the week of June 14-18 in McGuire United Methodist Church in West Monroe, with Mrs. Don Elliott as director. Previous planning and leadership were given on Friday night, with many parents present to hear and see the accomplishments of the week. Learning activities were on display in the classrooms. A Living Time-Line was presented by fourth graders. Fifth and sixth graders offered a Prayer for The United Methodist Church.

GERALDINE DEVALL, a member of Bethel United Methodist Church at Pride, was presented a book by members of the church in appreciation of her record of not missing a day in attendance during 12 years of school. She recently graduated from Pride High School.

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DEDICATION OF GIFTS AT FIRST CHURCH, MONROE

A service of Dedication of Gifts was held at First United Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday, June 20, where Dr. Carl F. Lueg is the minister and the Rev. James Putnam is the associate.

In the early worship service a stained glass window and a marble altar were presented by Mrs. James Dwight Petty in memory of her husband. The window incorporates three medallions from windows in the old church. H. B. Cruthirds reviewed the years of active service given to the church by Mr. Petty.

In the second service a Rodgers Organ was presented by Mrs. William Barlow Inabnet, Sr. and her family in memory of Mr. Inabnet. James Harbuck paid tribute to Mr. Inabnet who served in many official capacities, but who was especially interested in the music program of the church. Mrs. Dorothy Zeagler, organist, played "Voluntary on the Doxology" by Purcell following the presentation.

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DR. BARRY BAILEY, Minister of Broadmoor Church in Baton Rouge, preached the revival in St. Paul United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs, Mississippi the week of May 23. The Rev. John Ed Thomas is minister of St. Paul's Church.

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(Memorials list continued from last week)

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by Rev. & Mrs. Robert L. Peyton
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Hammond District Parsonettes elected at June meeting to serve as officers for the year. FROM LEFT: Mrs. William King and Mrs. Bill Sirman, program committee; Mrs. Brady Forman, treasurer; Mrs. James Miles, program committee; Mrs. James Caraway, president; Mrs. Roy Walters, secretary; Mrs. Bill Irving, vice-president. (Mrs. Tom Lancaster was elected courtesy chairman).

The Rev. and Mrs. Merlin W. Merrill, new parsonage family at Ruston's Trinity United Methodist Church, receiving welcome at reception given in their honor. Mrs. John E. Maxwell, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service presided over the punch bowl for the special event.

Hammond District summer picnic for ministers and families held at the Bogue Falaya State Park in Covington.

The Evergreen Club of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church, Bogalusa, ready for departure for New Orleans for an excursion down the Mississippi River on the paddle-boat Mark Twain. The Rev. William R. Irving is pastor.

RIGHT: The Rev. Bob Bengtson and family shown here were honored with a covered-dish supper upon their return for their second year at Vidalia United Methodist Church.

ABOVE: Elementary I-II vacation church school class at Lake Arthur United Methodist Church. Mrs. Jon Hahn was teacher for the group. BELOW: Elementary High group taught by Mrs. Lester Nance, assisted by Miss Susan DeWitt. The Rev. Lester Nance is pastor.

Six and seven year old vacation church school group at Oakdale United Methodist Church. Seven of these children achieved a perfect attendance record during the June 7-11 period. Mrs. K. L. Hendricks was teacher for the group. The Rev. Abe M. Conerly is pastor.

Boys and girls at Love Chapel Church (in Shreveport District) lining up for processional for program which concluded the vacation Bible school. The Rev. Lewis Ovenshire is pastor.

A Sunday evening pot luck supper concluded the vacation church school at Centenary Church in Franklinton. The school averaged 65 pupils daily, with 14 teachers and several young people assisting. The $32 offering was sent to Broken Arrow Church (Indian) in Oklahoma. Mrs. Bruce Bickham and Mrs. Gerald Foret directed the sessions. The Rev. Jerry A. Means is pastor.

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Conference Lay Retreat to train conference and district officers

Dr. Clifford B. Lott

A special series of sessions for the specific training of conference and district officers in the Louisiana Conferenee laymen's program will highlight the fifteenth annual Conferencc Lay Retreat the weekend of July 31-August 1 at Centenary College this year.

Dr. Clifford B. Lott, associate General Secretary of the General Board of the Laity, Evanston, Illinois, head of the Stewardship and Finance Division will lead a session designed to acquaint laymen who are primarily concerned with the Stewardship program and training on the conferenee, district and local levels.

The Rev. Richard S. Smith, Division of Lay Life and Work of the General Board will lead the section on training of District Lay Leaders, Local Church Lay Leaders, and District Lay Life and Work Chairmen.

Dr. Lott is a native of Groveton, Texas, and received his training at North Texas State University, Denton, Texas; Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, and Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He served pastorates in Texas and Iowa and was District Superintendent of the Burlington District in South Iowa prior to coming to the General Board of the Laity in 1966.

Mr. Smith received his education at the University of Maine and the School of Theology at Drew University. He is a ministerial member of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, and served pastorates in New York, Maine and California. He was associate executive secretary of the Boards of Education and Missions of the New York Annual Conference and has had a special interest in Christian education with emphasis on the educational ministry with adults.

In addition to these two special interests, the Rev. Gilbert Wade, pastor at Colfax will lead a session on Lay Speaking; Herbert C. Moffett will work with 1000 Club District and local church chairmen; Dr. C. O. "Corky" Henneman will work with Daughenbaugh Scholarship District and Local Chairmen and Dr. Bill Patrick will present a session for Wesley Foundation Committee members and others interested in campus ministry.

These sessions, with the exeeption of those two taught by Dr. Lott and Mr. Smith, will be for one session only on Saturday afternoon, July 1.

The regular School of Theology this year will present The Gospel of Matthew by the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor; The God Question by the Rev. Grayson Watson; Leadership and Dynamic Group Action by the Rev. William McCutcheon and there will be two sessions, one for adults and one for youth, presented by Wayne F. Strange and Dr. A. C. Wimpee, of the Motivational Institute, a commercial organization.

These courses will be in two sessions, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The featured retreat speaker is Dr. Cecil E. Ramey, Jr., prominent church worker, and civic leader of Shreveport. Mr. Ramey is a practicing attorney with the Shreveport firm of Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook and Ramey.

The Rev. Richard S. Smith

Brochures, including registration forms have been mailed recently to pastors, local church lay leaders, Conferenee Board of the Laity members, and District Boards of the Laity throughout Louisiana. Everyone is urged to send their registrations in early. Effeetive this year, meal tickets are obligatory and the combined cost for registration, dormitory and meals is $9.50 per person. Registration alone is $2.50 per person.

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"Decision '71" - set for Aug. 2-6 Conference Youth Event -

"Deeision '71" . . . a youth ministry event different from previous ones in the Louisiana Conferenees, is being held this summer at Centenary College in Shreveport. It is seheduled for August 2-6, and is planned as a training experienee for those youth and adults who work with youth in the local ehurehes of the Conferenee.

A minimum of two adults and two youth should be on the team that eomes from eaeh local church.

Partieipants in the training event "Decision '71", will work at understanding what youth ministry is, and at gaining skills and making plans to take baek to their local churehes so that their ministry with youth may be more effeetive.

Milton Guttierrez, assoeiate minister at St. Matthew's United Methodist Chureh in Metairie, is dean of "Deeision '71". Charles Courtoy of the General Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee, will share in leadership.

Two "Deeision '71" Broehures have been mailed to each pastor in the Conference. Additional brochures may be obtained from Mr. Guttierrez, the dean, as well as from the Program Council Offiee, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, or from the Distriet Youth Coordinator in eaeh distriet.

Cost for the week is $30.00 per person. Persons who live in Shreveport may plan to live at home and pay the registration fee of $10.00 only.

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News in Brief

The 22nd anniversary of the founding of International Christian University in Tokyo was observed June 12 in United Methodist and other ehurches.

Lafon Protestant Home, 4038 Buchanan St., New Orleans, was established in 1867.

Special offering to be taken July 18 for Lafon Protestant Home

July 18th is the date designated by the Louisiana Annual Conferenee for a special offering for Lafon Protestant Home in New Orleans, an institution of the former Conference B and now the eoneern of the whole Conferenee. The purpose of the home is to care for the aged and the needy of the community.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, in a letter prepared for the brochure sent out in connection with the offering, pointed out that "there is no other United Methodist institution meeting these particular needs within our eonferenee."

The Home, located at 4038 Buehanan Street in New Orleans, was established 104 years ago in the same year that the Mississippi Mission Conference was organized to become the forerunner of all Methodist work among people of color in Mississippi, Alabama, Texas and Louisiana. The administrator is the Rev. Alfred Pollar.

The institution performs a uniquc serviee as an extended eare faeility for needy, aged men and women. It is operated with a lieensed eapacity of 89 persons, and is now earing for this number. In 1970, 126 persons were served, 38 having been admitted and 37 leaving during that period.

Recent ehanges brought about in the operation of nursing homes has

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A group of the residents of Lafon Protestant Home

An example of the care provided at Lafon Home

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Lafon Protestant Home special offering

affected every phase of the Home's activity. While assuring maximum standards of professional personnel, dietary services, nursing care and procedures, the increase in costs results in a real need for supplementary support to maintain these standards.

The Lafon Protestant Home is much in need of general repair. The present structure was complcted in 1949 and is a long way from its modest beginning. But it is in need of many additions and improvements to fulfill its mission as a haven for those in need of devoted care.

In 1867, Mother Eliza Gant, a member of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Sara Robinson, a member of First Street Methodist Episcopal Church, joined with members of the Women's Aid Society, which had been organized a year earlier, to establish the "Methodist Asylum" to care for needy aged persons.

This first establishment was located in a rented house on Rampart Street. Later it was moved to the 1700 block of South Liberty Street and the name was changed to the Lafon Old Folks Home of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The promotional brochure for the offering says: "Thomy Lafon, a free man of color and a metal artist who built many of the iron balconies still seen in New Orlenas, gave $10,000 to the home. The Lafon Home was then incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana on January 29, 1895.

"In the same year, it was moved to 3501 South Robertson Street where it remained until 1949 when it was relocated at its present location."

A 1967 report from the then director of Lafon Home, the Rev. C. O. Greene, noted: "There have been one hundred years of continuous service of our venerable institution. We remember gratefully today the pioneers of this work who must have given much of themselves to keep it alive and moving ahead."

Offerings received for the Lafon Protestant Home should be sent immediately to the Conference Treasurer.

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Sequoyah Labs well attended

Twenty-two persons from the Louisiana Conference participated in the Laboratory School held recently at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Four districts were represented at the Jurisdictional event.

This type of teacher training allows for intense involvement in the learning process for those taking part.

Mrs. Gwen Redding of Baton Rouge and Mrs. Ellie Walker of Shreveport took part in the adult lab and seminar. David Hague of Shreveport attended the adult lab.

The Rev. James Poole and Miss Alice Flint of Shreveport, the Rev. Willis Dear of Pearl River, and the Rev. James Evans of Chalmette all attended youth labs and the youth seminar. The Rev. Don Cottrill of Shreveport and Mrs. Jean Collins of Baton Rouge attended youth labs, also.

Mrs. Maxine Watkins and Mrs. Doris Marsalis of Shreveport attended childrens' labs for recertification as lab instructors. Mrs. Arlene Hague also of Shreveport attended a children's lab.

Mrs. Mabel Manning of Ruston attended the library class.

Youth taking part in the labs were: Dorinda Muery of New Orleans, and Steve Kemp, Susan Redding, Lynn Guissinger, Bert Yates, Sallie Watson, Jerry Fisher and Jill Barnette of Baton Rouge. Cindy Walker participated in a children's lab.

Those who took the seminar along with a laboratory course are completing requirements for certification as lab leaders.

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THOMAS B. PEYTON, III, Shreveport, received the master of divinity degree at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., recently. Peyton, a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference and the son of Thomas B. Peyton, Jr., also of Shreveport, was one of 96 upon whom degrees were conferred at the seminary's June commencement. He received his undergraduate degree in 1968 from Centenary College.

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Asbury Bicentennial planned for Sept.

LAKE JUNALUSKA—Methodists nationally will focus attention on the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Francis Asbury in America in a three day celebration, September 3-5, 1971 at Lake Junaluska.

Asbury, considered "the Father of American Methodism", was chosen by Methodist founder John Wesley in 1771, answering an appeal from the handful of Methodists in the colonies.

The Labor Day weekend Asbury Bicentennial Celebration has been spearheaded by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church. The chairman of the sponsoring Committee is the Rev. William K. Quick of Durham, N.C.

Major addresses by Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., president of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, Columbia, S.C., and Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles headline the celebration.

Four historical addresses on Saturday will feature Dr. Frank Baker, a native of Hull, England, who currently heads the **Wesley Works** project at Duke University; Bishop William R. Cannon of the Raleigh Area; Dr. John Ness, Jr., executive secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History, United Methodist Church; and a dialogue between the Rev. Gordon Melton of Evanston, Illinois and the Rev. Herbert Martin of Chicago.

Youth are expected from a wide area to participate in an original Folk Mass planned for Saturday evening and the youth celebration set for Sunday afternoon. Special music will be provided by the two official folk groups, the Youth Choir of Watkins Memorial UM Church, Louisville, Ky., and "Just Us", a quintet from Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia.

A particular emphasis of the celebration will see the participation of some 600 Boy Scouts who will hike the 23-mile rugged Asbury Trail near Lake Junaluska. Bishop Asbury opened the trail in 1810. A special patch will be awarded the participating Boy Scouts on Sunday, September 5.

The full assembly facilities at Lake Junaluska will be staffed for the weekend for the anticipated 1,000 participants. Emphasis will be on family participation.

Methodist youth groups have been encouraged to attend and special rates at the Assembly have been offered. Youth groups have been asked to produce banners for the celebration.

Pre-registration for the Asbury program includes persons from across the United States and abroad. The observance will be held shortly after the 1971 session of the World Methodist Conference in Denver and a number of overseas Methodists are expected to participate.

This group from Louisiana attended Mount Sequoyah during the recent week devoted to: "The Church: An Agent of Change?" They are: Front row: the Rev. Fred Shirley, the Rev. James J. Caraway and the Rev. Glen Rorie; Middle row: the Rev. Sale Lilly, Mrs. Caraway, Mrs. Rorie and the Rev. and Mrs. Garland Dean; Back row: the Rev. Terral Lowe, the Rev. Brady B. Foreman and the Rev. M. C. Pearce.

A limited edition commemorative medallion has been produced by Medallic Art Company in New York City. Ceramic and porcelain busts of Asbury, a bicentennial plate and post card are also available. A total of 2500 medallions have been minted. One thousand of these are reserved for the participants at the Junaluska celebration. The remainder are available to other Methodists, individuals or churches across the nation.

A "Committee of Two Hundred" has been designated as sponsors for the event.

Members of the Executive Committee which have planned the cclebration, in addition to Rcv. Quick, pastor of the Trinity UM Church in Durham, are Dr. J. Manning Potts, the Rev. Brooks B. Littlc and Dr. Harold W. Hughes. Consultants are Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., the Rev. Ed Schell, and Dr. Harry Denman. Walt Wilson of Winston-Salem, N.C. is coordinating the Boy Scout phase.

Editorial

Another Aspect of the China Issue

While the United States continues to move in the direction of new relationships with Mainland China (the People's Republic of China) and the Republic of China on Taiwan, there is a third group of people whose plight has not been given much attention in this country. These are the native peoples on the island of Taiwan who have had practically nothing to say about their destiny for many years.

It is about these indigenous Taiwanese that two United Methodist missionaries wrote in the current issue of **Christianity and Crisis,** the biweekly Christian journal of opinion published in New York.

The authors, Judith and Milo Thornberry from Texas, are lifting their voices in support of this group of people, basing their opinions on six years' teaching experience on Taiwan, the last three as members of the faculty of Taiwan Theological College. On March 2 they were placed under house arrest by the Republic of China government headed by Chiang Kai-shek, and on March 4 they were deported for what was termed "unfriendly acts against the government." Returning to America they are now missionaries-in-residence at the Missionary Orientation Center, Stony Point, N.Y.

In their article, "Taiwan: Third Factor in the China Problem," Mr. and Mrs. Thornberry sketch the history and present situation of Taiwan, according to a digest written by Leonard M. Perryman of United Methodist Information.

According to these missionaries, of the almost 15 million people on the island approximately 12 million are considered Taiwanese. They say that during only two brief periods—1887 to 1895 and 1945 to 1949—has Taiwan been effectively controlled by a mainland-based government. Mr. and Mrs. Thornberry contend that the increasing Taiwanese activity for self-determination "is not based merely on a current liberation movement's desire but on historical isolation and lack of direct control from the mainland."

Conceding that the issue is difficult, the **Christianity and Crisis** authors hold that "what is clear is that neither the United States, the People's Republic of China, nor the Republic of China has a right unilaterally to impose a solution. They assert that ultimately the status of Taiwan should be settled "between the Peoples' Republic of China and a representative government on Taiwan," and they contend that the present Republic of China government based on Taiwan is not representative. The Thornberry's say the voice of the native-born Taiwanese "is rarely heard; they have no government stage from which to speak, and neither Peking nor Taipei represents their views."

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Guest Editorial

Freedom for the '70s

The American concept of freedom has grown since 1776 when we declared the right of freedom of speech, the press and assemblage. These were main issues in those days, but the world is vastly changed since then and our nation along with it.

Someone has suggested ten modern freedoms which we have abbreviated as follows:

1. Freedom from despair. Too many live in an atmosphere of utter hopelessness. Life cannot be lived in its fullest under such conditions.

2. Freedoms from war and violence. Need more be said?

3. Freedom from pollution of the air, land and water.
God didn't mean his children to live in a pigsty.

4. Freedom from poverty. What good is it to be merely able to exist without some of the better things of life.

5. Freedom from ignorance. Our schools are still inadequate while we have money to spend on less important things.

6. Freedom from discrimination. No man is really free if there is one person who discriminates against him.

7. Freedom of privacy. Everyone has a right to be alone as he pleases without molestation or interference from anybody else.

8. Freedom from deceit. This means freedom from deceitful advertising, biased news reporting and deceitful conversation.

9. Freedom from harassment. Everybody has a right to live without being bothered and tormented by others.

10. Freedom from selfish economic forces that exploit the helpless, manipulate the unsuspecting and deprive the needy.

Yes, freedom has taken on a wider meaning than when our fledging nation was beginning to chart a course destined to challenge humanity to a new birth of freedom never before known.

—Michigan Christian Advocate

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the Editor's Corner

THE GUITAR GETS RELIGION

Those who would argue that guitar playing at religious services is a modern-day innovation are not going back far enough in history, according to "The War Cry," official publication of The Salvation Army.

Jim Dwyer, in an article entitled "The Guitar Gets Religion," maintains that the instrument is "religiously traditional, being quite similar to the instruments played by David and the other psalmists of Israel.

Noting that the guitar is going through a renaissance in its use in religious music, Mr. Dwyer attributes the more frequent use in the Roman Catholic Church to the Second Vatican Council's Consultation on the Sacred Liturgy. He claims that this document has led to the church's experimentation with folk masses. One notable member of the Catholic Church who expressed his sentiments about the guitar has been quoted by Mr. Dwyer.

Father Pedro Arrupe, superior general of the Jesuits, was present at a folk mass at Fordham University in New York City during a visit to this country. The Jesuit leader, who plays the guitar himself, said of one of the mass's musical accompaniments, "It made me feel at home."

Andrea Segovia, one of the world's foremost guitarists, is also quoted by the author: "The guitar is intensely personal in an impersonal world. There is no obstacle between the instrument and the heart — only a slight layer of skin on the fingertips. The guitar is a small, gentle voice in the midst of the world's noise." (He hasn't heard some of the guitars this writer has, AAK) That is why the world is listening."

CHURCH: The Church is not a dormitory for sleepers; it is an institution for workers. It is not a rest camp; it is a front line trench.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

An Alabama Congressman, Rep. John Buchanan, has introduced a resolution in the House that would authorize the President to designate the first seven days in July as "American Creed Week." The clergyman said the creed, drafted by William Tyler Page in 1917, "condenses into 100 words the concepts which have made America great and for which America stands." The creed begins with the familiar words "I believe in the U.S. of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people . . ." It concludes with the statement, "I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Southern Presbyterians meeting in General Assembly at Massanetta Springs, Va. issued a strong call for family planning, holding that "the assumption that couples have the freedom to have as many children as they can support should be challenged." A statement of the Assembly said "We can no longer justify bringing into existence as many children as we desire. Our corporate responsibility to each other prohibits this. Given the population crisis, we must recognize and teach, beginning with ourselves, that man has a responsibility to limit his family."

About 1,300 persons, most of them from the U.S. although 32 others nations were represented, participated in the recent Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy. Speakers included some of the evangelical tradition's prominent pastors and theologians. Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, founding editor of Christianity Today and professor at large of Eastern Baptist Seminary, was program chairman. A communion service on the Mount of Olives concluded the four-day Conference where the Christian body gathered to discuss the ancient prophecies and modern Israel.

"God will determine the final chapter of earthly history," Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, told the Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy. "In a day when men wonder if pollution will revert the earth to its primeval desolation, if population expansion threatens global survival, or if atomic warfare will erase the last remnants of civilization, we continue to believe that human destiny is supremely in God's hands," Dr. Henry said. "If this is God's world as we believe it is, we dare not forsake it to the despoilers. We must recall our generation to the righteous and just purposes for which God made man and the cosmos," he continued.

Rep. Roman C. Pucinski (Ill.) has introduced a bill into the House of Representatives that would permit the value of personal services to be taken into account in determining the amount deductible for charitable contributions from an individual's income tax return. The Congressman, a Roman Catholic, said his bill is designed to encourage "volunteerism" in this country. "It will encourage people with special talents to contribute their services to worthy causes and treat such a contribution as a valid tax deduction," he said. Citing examples of how volunteerism would be boosted, he said a doctor giving his time and talent to a not-for-profit neighborhood health clinic, could list that as a charitable contribution for tax purposes. "We would see the doctor shortage among the needy substantially abated," Mr. Pucinski believes.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to provide federal grants of $5 million annually to assist elementary and secondary schools in the country to teach moral and ethical principles. Rep. Charles E. Bennett (Fla.), in submitting the bill said "The juvenile crime rate is growing at a much faster rate than the overall crime rate, and this is an indication of failure to teach our children the difference between good and bad." The Disciples of Christ lawmaker said the legislation, which has 12 co-sponsors, "will attack the problem at the root and through strong classroom teaching of moral and ethical values our young people will be better able to cope with the challenge of right and wrong."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) has announced the creation of a new North Italy Mission, with headquarters in Milan. Since 1969, Mormon membership in Italy has tripled to 2,000. The major cities of Florence, Rome and Naples are included in the Mormon mission in Italy.

The stalemated Anglican-Methodist proposal for union will enter a dramatic new phase in mid-July when the Church of England General Synod will vote on whether to give it "provisional approval" pending a final decision. This was revealed in a special letter written by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the nation at large. The letter followed publication of a 36-page report of a special Anglican-Methodist working group set up earlier this year to report on and clarify "the issues in the existing scheme which have created stumbling blocks for significant numbers of persons in either Church."

A Methodist physician, Dr. Michael Watson of Bamberg, S.C., attending a General Bd. of the National Council of Churches' meeting voiced the opinion that the public is weary of peace rallies. "People are tired of Victnam and want to get out, but middle Americans feel that this Administration is doing the best that can be done," he said.

The sawed-off tips of 750-pound bomb casings will serve as chapel bells for a unique chapel built in a "self-help project" by men of the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field in Arizona. The chapel is housed in a transformed "old gutted-out" CCC building constructed 40 years ago. The bomb casings, donated by workers at Explosive Ordnance Disposal, were salvaged from the Gila Bend firing ranges. When finished, each of the four bells will have different tones.

Ministerial and lay delegates to the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church are said to have voted overwhelmingly to recommend that the denomination's Board of Education radically revise the portrayal of women and men in Church teaching materials. Male and female delegates joined in recommending to denominational editors that editorial staffs portray girls as participants in "muscular activities, scientific endeavors and leadership roles; and that they be shown as capable, brave and self-reliant." Concerning men and boys, the Conference said that they should "be portrayed in situations where they are dependent, passive, tearful and crying," and not merely in the stoic roles in which society has stereotyped them.

United Methodist Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke is reported to have agreed to carry a request from 594 New York Conference congregations to the U.S. team in Paris now negotiating with the North Vietnamese and the Vietcong. "Strongly-worded" resolutions supported the "Set the Date Now" campaign for withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam by the end of the current year. The "Set the Date Now" campaign is an interdenominational effort to induce Congress to set a date for troop withdrawal.

"For me Jesus is a living reality. He is truly man's hope for joy and salvation. No matter what problems confront me, I know that I can count on our Redeemer for strength and courage." This was the testimony of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which appeared in an article in Decision magazine (publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Assn.). The FBI director said he grew up in a Christian home where "my parents read the Word of God aloud and explained its meaning to us children."

Dr. Henry B. Adams, executive director of the Academy of Parish Clergy, told an interviewer how his organization, which seeks to enhance the professional competence of clergymen, views the changed role for spiritual leaders in the future. "There's going to be a very different kind of operation, with clergymen finding themselves not managing institutions but rather organizing relationships," the United Presbyterian minister said. "We want to use technology to make it possible for local groups of clergymen to become increasingly more effective in what they're doing by having access to virtually anything similar done anywhere in the country," Dr. Adams said in explaining the functioning of his organization.

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(RNS Photo)

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that aid provided to church-related elementary and secondary schools under Pennsylvania and Rhode Island statutes is uncanstitutianal. In its landmark ruling, which has been widely awaited as a guide far action in ather states, the Caurt drew a distinctian between such forms af aid as busing and textbooks, approved in earlier decisions, and supplements for teachers' salaries as provided in acts adopted by the two states. At the same time, the Caurt upheld the constitutionality of grants to church-related calleges for canstructing academic facilities. Supreme Court Justices are (left ta right): FRONT ROW, Associate Justices John M. Harlan and Hugo L. Black, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Associate Justices William O. Douglas and William J. Brennan, Jr. BACK ROW, Associate Justices Thurgood Marshall, Potter Stewart, Byran R. White and Harry A. Blackmun.

Joint youth projects in N. O. District

Most of the projects involving youth in the New Orleans District during the past conference year, were jointly sponsored and supported by former A and B churches. Projects included a joint workshop at Rayne Memorial church, sponsored in cooperation with Metro-Ministries of New Orleans. Object of the workshop was to clean up many District B churches.

Other projects included a rally at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church where the new District B team was elected; a picnic at the Spanish Fort on the shore of Lake Ponchartrain; and a dialogue session at Peck Memorial Church.

Both the District A and B teams participated jointly in the "Beyond the Local Church Workshop" sponsored by the Conference Youth Team.

Other events included a car rally, a coffee house, and a training day called "Nothing" (New Orleans Teach-in Helps Inject New Goals.)

At Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, Mississippi, a jointly-planned weekend was spent cleaning up the grounds (debris from the last hurricane) with 140 youth and 16 adults taking part.

The new district team was also elected. Members are: Bert Buffington from St. Matthews (Conference Representative); Antoinette Bryant from First Street (Conference Representative); Cheryl Alexis from St. Bernard; Linwood Berry from Williams; Bill Sappenfield from St. Matthews; Kris Meliezer from Gretna; Sam Walker and Dimitria Turnbull from Mt. Zion; Lisa Williams from First and Darryl Kilbert from Shaw Temple.

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Youth groups invited to Cotton Bowl

DALLAS—Methodist Youth Fellowship groups from the eight states comprising the South Central Jurisdiction have been invited to be guests of Southern Methodist University and New Mexico State when football teams from these two institutions clash in the Cotton Bowl at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 2, Hayden Fry, SMU athletic director, has announced.

MYF attendance at recent games with Navy, Air Force, North Carolina State, and New Mexico State has ranged as high as 25,000. The Mustangs have won three of the four games played on MYF days. Last year's contest with NMS was one of the most colorful offensive battles of the year with the Mustangs triumphing 34 to 21.

Leading the SMU team this year will be Gary Hammond, an all-conference performer at end in 1969 and at tailback in 1970, who will be the quarterback this year in the Ponies' Flying Wishbone T. Hammond, an excellent runner, will have aid from such outstanding offensive stars as T. J. Hutchinson, Dennis Howell, Randy Dossett, Paul Bradley, Raymond Mapps, and Louis Scott.

New Mexico State also will have a strong running attack built around Ron "Po" James, a leading candidate for All-America honors after having gained more than 3,000 yards rushing during the past three years.

This game will be SMU's home opener and the Mustangs will be seeking their fifth consecutive victory in the Cotton Bowl.

MYF groups in the Louisiana Conference who wish to take advantage of this invitation are to fill out a registration form and mail it to Lester Jordan, SMU Athletic Department, Dallas, Texas 75222, by August 30, 1971.

These forms will be mailed out shortly from the Conference Program Council Office to all churches.

Remember the deadline is August 30, this year, to get to go to this game.

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Will Dublin, back row right, director of Christian education at First Church, Lake Charles, led this group of young people in a work camp experience at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock, the week of July 4. They are: back row: Bobby Craig, Lowe Barnett, Steve Nelson and Mr. Dublin; front row: Francine Boulet, Tally Jordan, Cindy Moore and Lee Anne and Colleen Dublin.

"Town Talk" wins Presbyterian religious news coverage award

ATLANTA—(PN)—The Alexandria (La.) Daily Town Talk and the Sebring (Fla.) News are this year's winners of the R. S. Reynolds Awards for Excellence in Religious News Coverage in the daily and non-daily divisions, respectively.

The religious writers will receive $100 cash and a trophy. A certificate of merit will be presented to each newspaper.

Announcement of the winners was made today by William P. Lamkin, secretary of Information for the General Council, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., sponsor of the annual contest.

Competition was open to newspapers in the 16 southern and southwestern states in which the million-member denomination's work is centered. Entries were for the calendar year 1970.

Judges cited Helen Derr's "excellent in-depth reporting" in the Alexandria entry. They commended the use of "good pictures with widespread interest . . . wide range of materials covered . . . felt that broad-spectrum coverage of religious news was strongest feature (every Saturday two full pages) . . . excellent photography in Sunday special sections 'Focus 70.'"

Last year's winners were the Chattanooga Times and All-Church Press, Fort Worth. Other winners have been Washington Star, Houston Post, St. Petersburg Times, Miami Herald, Birmingham News, daily division, and Hartsville (S. C.) Messenger, Newnan (Ga.) Times-Herald Southwest Virginia Enterprise (Wytheville), Beeville (Tex.) Bee-Picayune, non-daily division.

AUDITIONS FOR "MESSIAH" SET IN NEW ORLEANS

Werner Torkanowsky, Music Director of the New Orleans Philharmonic-Symphony announces that auditions for the annual production of Handel's "Messiah" will be held Friday, September 3rd and Saturday, September 4th at the Nunnemaker Auditorium of Loyla University. Preliminary Judges for the auditions will be Mel Ivey, Director of Choral Music at Loyola University, Gordon O. Brown, Choral Director of Xavier University, and Robert Rohe, Principal Bass and Associate to the Conductor of the New Orleans Philharmonic-Symphony. Final judging will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, September 4th and will be decided solely by Maestro Torkanowsky.

The annual Christmas productions of Handel's "Messiah" have proved to be a great success for the New Orleans Symphony. Presented at a Dollar Concert, the "Messiah" has been virtually sold out each time it has been presented. The 1971 performance of the "Messiah" will take place in mid-December, and in addition to their chance to appear with the New Orleans Symphony, each soloist will receive a $500 US savings bond at the performance.

The "Messiah" requires four soloists: a soprano, a mezzo-soprano, a tenor, and a bass. Applicants should write to "Vocal Auditions" care of the New Orleans Symphony, 333 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La. 70130 or telephone 504 524-0404.

THOMAS J. WILLIAMS-1894-1971

Thomas J. Williams was born in Ripley, Tenn. on November 26, 1894. He finished school in Ripley. He began his career as an organ man's helper in 1st Methodist Church in Ripley, and his mother's Church.

Jack served 13 months in France in World War I. After returning home, he continued his work as a pipe organ builder. He sold organs for M.P. Moller Organ Co. and for the last 25 years for Aeolian-Skinner Co.

In 1922, he came from Memphis, Tenn. to install a Moller Organ at the Algiers Methodist Church. While there he met Miss Ida Harvey. They were married July 18, 1922 at Algiers Methodist Church. This was the first wedding in the new church building.

Williams has been a member of the Official Board since 1922, and has also served as Trustee for many years. He was chairman of the Official Board when the Rev. Luther Booth was pastor. He has been known and loved by ministers and churches throughout the South, where he has installed and serviced organs. He was a lover of great and beautiful music. He made possible great music for many churches.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two grandsons: Thomas J. Williams III and Brian Michael; one sister, Mrs. Martha Scott of Ripley, Tenn. and two brothers, Wm. J. Williams, Jr. of Ripley, Tenn. and James Knox Williams of Knoxville, Tenn. One brother, Robert A. Williams, Ripley, is deceased.

COUPLE HONORED AT WESLEY RAY UMC

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver B. Brown, Sr., residents of Angie, La. and members of the Wesley Ray United Methodist Church, were honored by that congregation on June 27 for loyal and dedicated service. They are retired public school teachers and are moving to Los Angeles, Calif. to make their home.

Both have held a number of positions of leadership in the local church and at the district and conference levels.

Mr. Brown has served as chairman of the Work Group on Education and chairman of the Council on Ministries. He is a certified lay speaker and has been District Lay Leader for the Baton Rouge District. He has also served as Conference Director of Youth Work and has been Dean of Boys for the Gulfside Summer Institute for Youth, Waveland, Miss.

Mrs. Brown has been president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, is a certified lay speaker, and served as president of the Senior Usher Board and Church School teacher.

NEWS and NOTES

DR. JAMES WADE, cardiologist, and Mrs. Milstead, R. N., in charge of the Coronary Care Unit at Glenwood Hospital, spoke to the Ministers' Seminar on Pastoral Care for Hospital Patients, in the 4th session of the series. Following the discussion, a tour of the Coronary Care Unit was made.

A COOPERATIVE VACATION church school was held in Hammond by the First Christian and First United Methodist Churches, from June 14-18. Mrs. John Love was the director. Ministers are the Rev. William Wright, Jr., Christian, and the Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., Methodist.

THE REV. LESLIE P. NORRIS, pastor of Haven United Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the guest preacher at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, Sunday, July 11. He also conducted the Sacrament of Baptism for Master George W. C. Calvin II, son of the Rev. and Mrs. George W. C. Calvin.

P.K. KORNER

MARTHA ROSS, Lafayette Senior High School graduate and member of the Asbury Church Youth Choir, was the recipient of a special award for outstanding contribution to the church through participation in music. Patrick Shelby, Director of Music at Asbury, in making the presentation—an engraved gold pendant—made this statement, "for the use of God's talents and loyal devotion to God's Church, I am pleased to present this award to Martha Ross." Martha was a member of the Asbury Youth Choir for five years, and other church choirs for eight years. She has played piano and directed the music for Sunday school, vacation church school, accompanied a children's choir, sung in the Chancel Choir and served as assistant director of the Asbury Youth Choir. Martha has received a full tuition scholarship to Southern Methodist University where she will major in music. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Ross.

THE REV. AND MRS. GEORGE B. CUNNINGHAM announce the birth of their son, George Russell, on June 30 in Bossier city. Both mother and baby are doing fine and are at home in DeRidder, La. where Mr. Cunningham recently assumed the pastorate of the Wesley-Merryville Charge.

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST Church celebrated a "Fifty-year Member Recognition Day" Sunday, June 27. Gold stamp embossed certificates were given to four members who have been in the church for 50 years. They are: Mrs. Jessie Baker Whitehead, Mrs. Roberta Williams Buhler, Mr. James N. Kendrick and Mrs. (J. N.) Ella Forbes Kendrick. The Rev. S. Burl Dampier is pastor.

THE SOUTHSIDE UNITED Methodist Church, Monroe, held special services for its nineteenth anniversary, July 11. At all of the services the church attendance was registered. Communion was served as an act of dedication and thanksgiving for the blessings received during these nineteen years. The Rev. Lea Joyner has been the pastor since the organization of the church on July 13, 1952.

BROADMOOR UNITED Methodist in Baton Rouge had a record attendance of 390 at their Vacation Church School this year. Mrs. Tom Neely was the director of the Broadmoor Church.

FATHER'S DAY AT CROWVILLE United Methodist Church proved to be a special treat when the ladies of the church served a noon meal in fellowship hall following the worship service. The Rev. Ted Howes is the pastor.

THE MAIN STREET YOUTH Choir from Waynesboro, Virginia, presented a concert in the Slidell United Methodist Church, Friday, June 25. The Rev. James Phil Woodland is the new pastor at Slidell.

THE MEN'S CLUB of Louisiana Memorial Church, Opelousas, had a fish fry at Cowat's Camp on Bayou Courtableau, on Ladies' Night, Tuesday, June 22. The Rev. Fred O. Shirley is pastor.

GIDEON HORACE J. EYRE was the speaker, June 20, in the Wisner United Methodist Church where the Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Jr. serves as pastor.

LOUIS BLANKENBAKER brought the sermon in First Church, DeRidder, on Sunday morning, June 13. Ordained a Deacon at the recent Annual Conference session, this was his first sermon in his home church. The Rev. J. C. Wallace is the pastor.

JANET BROWN, new educational assistant at Southside Church in Monroe, was the speaker at the June 21 meeting of United Methodist Men in Southside. Paul Newcomer is president of the men.

INGLESIDE CHURCH of Baton Rouge recently elected these men to serve as officers of United Methodist Men: Dr. Charles Titkemeyer, president; Clay Dugas, vice-president; Wayne Knight, treasurer; and Jim Bankhead, secretary.

THE RICELAND SUB-DISTRICT UMYF elected officers at the June 13 meeting. They are: Louise Ferguson of Roanoke, president; Mike Chapman of Lake Arthur, vice-president; Janet Jester of Raymond, secretary; Lady Lawton of Welsh, treasurer. The counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Cybill Titje of Roanoke, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens as assistants.

THE ROANOKE UMYF held an ice cream social on Wednesday, June 16, and raised a total of $120.95. Officers elected for the 1971-72 year are: Ricky Duhon, president; Johnny Bailes, vice president; and Louise Ferguson, secretary-treasurer. Counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus W. Tietje. The Rev. Homer Bailes is minister.

A JOINT PROJECT was the vacation church school held June 21-25 by the Clinton Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Episcopal, and the Clinton and Clear Creek United Methodist Churches. The Rev. William Eubanks is the Methodist minister.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

July 18—Sunday	Acts 8:26-39
July 19	Rom 3:10-31
July 20	Rom. 15:19-21
July 21	I Kings 3:7-12
July 22	I Kings 4:29-34
July 23	Job 12:1-13
July 24	Job 17:1-9
July 25—Sunday	Job 28:12-28

SUSANNE LUKE of Bienville, a junior at Louisiana Tech University, is serving as youth director for McGuire United Methodist Church during the summer. Miss Luke arrived in West Monroe in time to participate in the youth section of the Lay Witness Mission. On Saturday, June 19, she led the youth in a planning retreat at the country home of P. B. Mangum and his daughter, Miss Felicia Mangum. A youth choir has begun leading the music on Sunday evenings, under the leadership of John Rodney Smith.

Wesley Church of Sulphur conducted its vacation church school the week of June 13. The school was directed by Mrs. Bevyon Duhon, who replaced Mrs. Jack Perry when Mrs. Perry had to under-go heart surgery. The sharing program presented on the closing night was given in honor of Mrs. Perry. ABOVE: The sharing program display of the kindergarten group.

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Clarke and family are shown before transferring to Wesley Church in Sulphur. The occasion was a farewell party in the Merryville Church. The membership gave them a Polaroid 340 Land Camera. Bob Owen is the Merryville Church Board chairman.

The Pineville First Church's Heritage Day observance was under the leadership of Miss Audrey Rogers, center. Members of 50 or more years honored included: Mrs. Stella Alsup, left, Mrs. Nellie Falkner, Mrs. Mabel Tannehill and E. J. Vallery, Jr. whose father was a Pineville pastor.

COMMENT

In past years the Annual Report of the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild of Louisiana Conference has been published following the Annual Meeting that was held in the Spring. This year the Annual Meeting will be in September with organizational district meetings to follow in October. The Third Annual Report will be printed as soon as possible after these important meetings.

Local and district secretaries play an important part in helping to gather pertinent information for the Report. One of their duties is to send in lists of new officers.

Local societies will have elections of 1972 officers in early September. The secretary of each society will receive officer blanks from her district secretary on which to record the newly elected leadership and return to her DISTRICT SECRETARY immediately after election.

Your conference officers have just returned from the Regional School of Christian Mission held at Mt. Sequoyah. It is our hope that many of you will attend our Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College, July 20-23. We attend worship services at our local church to gain strength, to renew our faith and find Christian fellowship. The morning devotions, plenary sessions, study classes, responsibility groups and Christian fellowship are some of the special features prepared especially for you during this year's School.

Let us be aware of the wonderful opportunities for study, training and participation that are available for all United Methodist women. It is our gifts of love, of sharing and a desire to help others that make good officers. We have been given so many privileges and have so much to share.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary
Former Louisiana Conference A
Women's Society of Christian Service

ANNUAL PICNIC HELD FOR PLAQUEMINE WOMEN

The Plaquemine Women's Society of Christian Service held its annual luncheon June 15 on the "Cutty Sark," home of Capt. and Mrs. Arthur J. Bezette. The "Cutty Sark" is a two-story houseboat named by Capt. Bezette after one of England's fastest clipper ships.

During the business meeting, held in the pilot house, Mrs. Sebastian J. Wilbert, president, presented Mrs. Bezette with a Special Membership certificate and pin in recognition of her many services to the society. Mrs. Bezette has served as treasurer for seven years.

Mrs. Charles Rosso, vice president, gave a brief program. Luncheon was served buffet style from the galley on the lower deck.

Special guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Plaquemine minister and wife, and Mrs. James Brasher, Baton Rouge Sub-District WSCS coordinator.

Plaquemine Wamen's Society members pase an the Bezette's housebaat where they held their June meeting.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TO MEET IN LINCOLN

NEW YORK (UMI) — One of the major quadrennial meetings, called the National Seminar, of the United Methodist Church's women's organizations has been scheduled for August 23-31 at the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Planners say the focus will be on an issue that is considered of increasing interest and importance in virtually all denominations — the role of women in the church. The National Seminar theme has been announced as "Uhuru! Kazi! Ujamaa!," which are the Swahili words for "freedom, work, community." The theme is intended to convey the concept that freedom and liberation for persons and nations are not ends in themselves, Seminar planners say, but liberation in order to create a better world.

Sponsoring and planning the National Seminar is the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, of which Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, is president.

A Planning Committee for the National Seminar, chaired by Mrs. John Paul Stone, San Diego, Calif., a Women's Division vice-president, has approved a program design that calls for several varied but related emphases including: Exploring the concept and process of development and how women are related to such issues of development as poverty, racism, repression and war; possibly making recommendations on program priorities for the Women's Division in the 1972-76 quadrennium and on structure to involve women in the total life of the church.

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MEMBERS OF FIRST UNITED Methodist Church of Lafayette honored their new associate pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Don Ross, and the new district superintendent and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth McDowell, with a reception at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ed Haug on Sunday afternoon, June 13. Members of Creative Crafters of the Women's Society of Christian Service assisted in the plans for the occasion.

TWENTY MEMBERS and guests of Wesley Bible Class, Trinity Church, Alexandria, enjoyed a summertime party on June 26 at the home of the Bill Chapmans. Volleyball, color slides, and lots of watermelon made it an old-fashioned evening of food, fun and fellowship. The Rev. Dave Corley is pastor.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN C.W.U. LEADERSHIP

(Marjorie Hyer)

WICHITA (UMI) — United Methodist women will continue to play a leading role in guiding the affairs of the ecumenical Church Women United.

At its ecumenical assembly here, participants chose Clarie Collins Harvey of Jackson, Miss., as the new president of the interdenominational movement. Mrs. Harvey succeeds Dorothy Dolbey. Both the imediate past president and the current incumbent are United Methodists.

Four United Methodist women were among 13 vice presidents of CWU elected by the Assembly. They include Mrs. Lee Chupco, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. Norman Eby, Auburn, Washington; Mrs. Robert B. Pratt, Philadelphia, and Mrs. John Sonnenday, St. Louis.

In addition, United Methodist women were elected as follows to posts on the 140-member board of managers, policy-making arm of CWU; Mrs. John W. Bartram, Laurel, Montana; Mrs. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, Tennessee; **Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Mrs. George W. Dameron, Pineville, Louisiana;** the Rev. Mrs. Noemi Diaz, Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. Dorothy Dolbey, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield, North Carolina; Mrs. F. Richard Garland, Warwick, Rhode Island; Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebraska; Mrs. John H. Minsker, East Aurora, New York; Mrs. J. Robert Nelson, Boston; Mrs. Glendora Williams Paul, Morgantown, West Virginia; Mrs. Ruth Popejay, Juneau, Alaska; Mrs. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta, Mrs. H. Travers Smith, Portland, Maine; and Mrs. A. T. Stewart, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

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TWO HANDBELL CHOIRS of First Church, Lake Charles, attended the National Festival of Handbell Ringers on the campus of Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky, June 26-29. The Carillon Ringers left Lake Charles June 24, returning Thursday, July 1. The Wesleyan Bell Choir stopped for the festival after a 24 day concert tour through the U.S. and Canada. Donald Allured is their director.

V. K. UNNI OF INDIA, president of the International Students Association at Louisiana Tech in 1969-70, was the speaker at the June meeting of the Women's Society of First Church, Minden. Mr. Unni is working on a Ph.D. in business under the Fulbright Program.

New members of Lake Charles District Parsanettes are pictured at left at the recent picnic. The aims, functians, and pragrams af Parsanettes for the new year were explained and new members were urged ta participate in the activities.

New ministers maving into the Lake Charles District are shown at right during the picnic held at the District Camp. The Rev. Harvey G. Williamsan, district superintendent, officially welcomed the new families.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JULY 25: Why the Family?

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-25; Song of Solomon 2:8-14; Malachi 2: 15-16; Mark 10:2-12

MEMORY SELECTION: From the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one." (Mark 10:6-8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To encourage members of the class to develop an appreciation for the family based on the scriptural foundations for its existence; and to recognize ways of strengthening family ties against the many pressures that threaten to destroy them in our time.

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Today we are beginning a series of three lessons on marriage and the family. They could be the most important lessons of the year, because so many people are facing real difficulties with their marriages and finding it harder and harder to fulfill their roles as parents and children. No greater challenge faces the church just now than that of helping its members rediscover the foundations on which family living must be established if it is to succeed.

In the first lesson we will be asking and answering the question, "Why the Family?" dealing with the biblical basis. The second lesson, "Roles and Relationships Within the Family," deals with the various responsibilities placed upon individual members of the Christian family. The third lesson is called "The Family Finding Reconciliation," and will be dealing with the various helps the family might expect to find in the church and elsewhere as unusual pressures build up around it.

We will be finding that there is a line going through the whole Bible beginning in Genesis and passing through the prophets, Proverbs, and the Song of Songs to the Gospels. All the way through we discover that it speaks to us of the profound reasons that brought family life into being and of the serious manner in which we should confront all those who might try to destroy it.

There seems to be no question that the institution of the family is being seriously threatened by the times in which we are living. There are those who blame most of our problems on the breakdown of family life, while others say it is the environment of modern living that makes Christian family living so difficult. There is one thing sure—no one is ignoring the family today. Nearly everyone is talking about it, and so there should be a readiness for this series of lessons.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in **International Lesson Annual:** "The fact that the function of the home as a social center is disappearing may hold the key to the reason crime and insanity have increased. We may have gained more material things, but what has happened to the 'good life'? America in this highly industrial age needs stronger homes than in the early pioneering days. Our dangers are deeper than thirst and hunger; they are personal and come from within."

Some are willing to give up on the family, but this the Christian church cannot do. We must find a way to help the family do a better job. As Bishop Hazen G. Werner has said, "We will never save society without the family, but it will have to be a better family."

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GOD CREATED THE FAMILY

Two passages from Genesis are at the heart of today's lesson. The first speaks of the creation of all the forms of animal life and the fact that God said that everything he had made was "good." Then, we move into the second chapter of Genesis and read the account of God's creation of woman as a companion and helpmate for man. Family life had its origin in the process of creation by God. The attraction that draws men and women together is a divine gift of God.

The major emphasis in the Genesis story of the family and its beginnings is that man and woman were created to complement each other. The two were actually created as part of a single process and gave to mankind a special position in the world of created things.

Dr. Carlos Gattinoni, speaking before the First World Methodist Family Life Conference in England in 1966 said, "What seems common to the Genesis passages and the words of Jesus' and Paul's concept is that marriage in some sense is a reflection of the nature of God himself. 'Man was made in the image of God; male and female he made them.' Jesus finds the meaning of marriage in the intention of God."

Dr. Maldwyn Edwards of Wales, speaking at that same meeting, said, "The toughness of the family is not only a fact of history, it is a truth of theology. It has endured down the long centuries because it is a part of the plan of God for his people . . . God had his idea for the knitting together of man and woman in family life and all of history sees its unfolding."

Since the family is God's design for His people, it is reasonable to expect to know its functions and its shape. The foundations of the family are in God himself. Out of His love he makes us to love him, to love each other and, in the nobler sense of the word, to love ourselves.

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GOD CALLED IT "VERY GOOD"

The passage in Genesis 2:24 declares that the husband and the wife are to be one—"they shall be one flesh." Through their physical union the man and woman would produce children and so begin the process of populating the earth. Thus, at the very earliest opportunity, God gave his approval to human sexuality. In blessing the first couple he encouraged them to engage in that deepest intimacy of spirit and body which is the prerogative of the marriage relationship. He called this "very good." He declared this as part of his purpose. Through its exercise, within the limits of marriage, the race would achieve the numerical strength which would enable it to subdue the earth and gain dominion over its creatures. Any attempt, even when made in the name of religion, to equate sex with evil must answer to this divine endorsement.

Dr. Walter Russell Bowie in his comments on Genesis in **The Interpreter's Bible** reminds us that there are different attitudes toward sex and that there are still those who look at it with doubt and distress because of the strange complexities of good and evil which it brings. But then he moves on to say, "Since sex is of divine ordaining, it must be related religiously to life. As the slowly maturing experience of the people of Israel learned, and as the whole Bible expresses, the way in which this becomes possible is through monogamous marriage."

We still search for the answer as to how the marriage of one man and one woman may be of such a quality that in it the best that God has meant for them may flourish. The answer does not come in just a few words. And yet there is one word that may mean more than any other single one. It is companionship; the companionship of two personalities, each developing to its fullest and giving and receiving the utmost that both can share. This was the relationship that God anticipated and called "very good."

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THE ENRICHING POWER OF THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

As we continue to seek our answer to the question, "Why the family?" we need to move on into the area of the mutually enriching power of sharing in this great unit of society. Too often the home begins to feel the pressures upon it and starts to disintegrate because it is seen as an end in itself. Or again the persons who constitute the family may have too many things that they expect of each other.

There is a mutuality in the ideal family relationship which allows for individual differences. We referred a short time ago to the place of companionship. Let us go on to say that this is a companionship of two personalities each developing to its fullest and giving and receiving the utmost that both can share. When marriage does not have that mutuality it fails to reach its highest possibility.

In too many periods of history the family has failed to be a mutually enriching experience because one party to the relationship has been regarded as a chattel. We would quote Dr. Bowie again as he says: "True marriage, the marriage on which Christian blessing may be invoked, is a marriage between a man and a woman who bring their different gifts in equal honor and in equal exercise."

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THE FAMILY IS ILL TODAY

We do not want to overemphasize the shortcomings of the modern family, but it will not be realistic for us to move through this lesson without mentioning some of the pressures that are making it more difficult for the family to function as it should in our contemporary society.

A number of critics are saying that society is sick because of sicknesses in our homes. Maybe we cannot say for certain whether permissiveness started in the family and moved out into society. We do not have to know for sure. All we do know for sure is that there is a great sickness among us, and it is taking its toll of family personality.

So many voices are telling parents about the rebelling generation that it is difficult for them to think straight concerning their responsibilities and relationships in the home. Bishop Werner points out in his recent book, **Look at the Family Now,** that we are being directed "no longer from within but from without by status builders, advertisers, mass media, and mob action."

However, in spite of all that may be said of the pressures exerted against the family, and the evidences of breakdown within the home, the family is still the answer—it is the place where persons count. It is still the unit by which values are transmitted from one generation to another. The secret of sound character is still somewhere within the relationships of the family.

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GOD IS OUR FATHER

Because God was at the heart of the establishment of the first family relationship, we can see that he must again be at the center of the home if it is to be strong in our time. The Bible gives us many images of God—sometimes he is referred to as King; again he is a Judge of all the earth. But he is most meaningful and heart-warming when he is seen as our heavenly Father.

Occasionally we hear a sad story of a child who has never known a loving father. It is very difficult to bring such a child to an understanding of the Christian faith or to an appreciation of his own relationships within a family.

It is because the family is feeling such great pressures in our time and because the church sees that the family is its strongest ally that there is such an emphasis on "family life" as a major religious concern. As we think today of the large number of Christians who are studying this lesson on "Why the Family?" we should take heart and believe that the family has a future because it has so many answers to the needs of our time.

"Quote and Unquote"

Dr. Henry B. Adams, executive director of the Academy of Parish Clergy, spoke in a recent interview of the human relationships which are being stressed by more and more clergymen today. He said, "We're learning something about the importance of letting people grow rather than manufacturing them according to a certain mold. The emphasis by the year 2000 will be more on humanizing life, fulfilling man's humanity and enabling them to be as fully human as they are capable and willing to be."

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Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick, retirgeneral secretary of the World Convention of Christian Church (Disciples), recently called on Dr. A. Dale Fiers, chief executive of that denomination, to make evangelism a top priority in that Church. He said, "Expressions of social concern and the giving of social service — however appropriate and necessary for the church — must not be construed as evangelism."

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Arthur A. Fletcher, Assistant Secretary of Labor and the highest ranking black in the Nixon Administration, recently told a conference of 200 heads of Roman Catholic men's orders at St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wis. that "Religious leaders made a great effort in the 1960's to pass civil rights legislation, but that was only half of the ball game. After that the church community either went home or sat down in the bleachers."

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Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York, in a prayer of dedication for the new City Correctional Institute for Women on Rikers Island, prayed: "May this center be a home of hope and not a place of despair. May this center become for them a place of renewal, not of punishment; a place of guidance, not just of guarding; a place of loving concern, not of bitterness."

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Mrs. Anne Allen, a London newspaper columnist, addressing a conference in Vienna, Austria on "The Image of Women in the Mass Media," said, "We are two generations away from the day when we can say that jobs go to persons who are best suited to the positions, rather than merely the best qualified men."

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News in Brief

Chaplain (R. Adm.) William N. Thomas, 79, a member of the Mississippi Annual Conference and chief of Navy chaplains from 1945 until 1949, died April 26 at Lake Junaluska, N. C., where he made his retirement home. He entered the Naval chaplaincy in 1918.

...the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

I write this week from the British Conference. It is being held in the fine old Yorkshire town of Harrogate. The Conference hall, all red plush and Edwardian splendour, houses the Representative Session of the Conference amongst whom are what the President of the Conference (the Rev. Kenneth L. Waights) described as "fully paid up members of the Conference from the USA."

They are: Bishop Ole Borgen, Bishop James K. Matthews, Mr. David Self and Mrs. Friedrich Wunderlich.

In a striking but short speech Bishop Matthews amused the Conference by pointing up the fact that his colleagues at home would probably not think that the expense of sending him was worth it unless he said something. But what he had to say was of great importance. It came during the Christian Citizenship Department report which was dealing with the problem of racism.

Bishop Matthews reminded the Conference of the grant by the World Council of Churches to combat racism. He told us that the grant had not aroused the controversy in the USA that it had in Britain. "We are," he said, "increasingly sensitive in this question of race, and race does not rest in the man of colour but in those of us who share the complexion of many of the people in this hall."

He told the Conference of changes which were coming in USA churches. "When a man discovers that he is a white racist it can be an experience akin to conversion," he said.

The Bishop called for support for the World Council and stated that he believed that it had acted with care and wisdom and justified obedience to the gospel. The promise of that gospel he said was for full humanity to all man and it also focused on the fact that we were all ready to bear our fair share in meeting need.

"Christians can hold their heads a little higher," said the Bishop. "The church is achieving more credibility in the eyes of non-church-goers and also in the eyes of those who have seen the underside of racial oppression."

He knew that finally the needs of the underprivileged coloured people must be met by Government and inter-Government support but these contributions offered the credibility for the church of which he had spoken. His speech was received with warmth by his British friends and there can be no doubt that the active participation of speaking and voting USA members of the Conference brings to it a new dimension.

Ebullient President

The Rev. Kenneth L. Waights, the new President, has brought to the Chair of John Wesley an earthy ebullience which comes a little unexpectedly but certainly brings the Conference to life. Great issues are under debate — social problems like abortion, divorce, the permissive society, accompany the more domestic concerns of the church which range from furnishing ministers houses to arrangements for furthering Anglican-Methodist unity.

A poignant moment was the retirement of Dr. Eric Baker who had been Secretary of the British Conference for 21 years and who will be well-known to American Methodists because of his international activities. Great praise was lavished upon him and now a young man, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Greet, fifty-one years old, takes the onerous task upon a pair of capable shoulders.

He has conducted the business of the Conference with an astonishing degree of aplomb but he is obviously going to learn as the years go by how dangerous the ground of Conference can be. In England it is said that this Conference is more difficult to address and hold than Parliament itself. But both new President and Secretary lead with strength.

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Emergency appeal made for Bengali refugees

NEW YORK (UMI) — Having released $50,000 for relief work in refugee-clogged areas along the India-East Pakistan border, the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) is asking immediate response to a $150,000 emergency appeal for Bengali refugees, according to the Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, New York, UMCOR executive secretary.

The $150,000 sought by UMCOR is United Methodism's part of a $4,000,000 international drive launched by the World Council of Churches, one of its largest because of the magnitude of the situation, Dr. Haines said. Some annual conferences, meeting in yearly session, received special offerings for East Pakistani refugees, with a total of $2,500 from two such offerings, he said.

Through Church World Service, ecumenical relief arm of the National Council of Churches, UMCOR is helping provide cholera shots against what is feared to be a developing epidemic in the camps.

In what may be a breakthrough for relief workers, Dr. Haines said, church agencies are awaiting "imminent word" from East Pakistan that they can resume relief and rehabilitation efforts in areas devastated by a typhoon and tidal wave last November. Up to 1 million were estimated to have been killed in that disaster. Relief activities were suspended this spring because of the civil war.

Any on yet another front of need, UMCOR has released $10,000 to aid hungry Iban people in Sarawak, Malaysia. Dr. Haines said Bishop Yap Kim Hao of the Methodist Church of Malaysia and Singapore had written of "a famine situation arising out of floods last year. This has resulted in starvation on the part of the Ibans in some of the isolated and less productive areas."

Dr. Haines said church agencies continue to coordinate their Bengali refugee work with relief efforts of government and private agencies in India. The National Christian Council of India is coordinating church-related efforts, and at present health personnel and other workers only from India are being recruited to serve refugees. Indian Methodists are being asked both to furnish relief workers and to give for refugee work, he said, adding that the Rev. C. E. Benedict, missionary at the Lee Memorial Methodist School in Calcutta, has been assigned to work full time as a relief coordinator in refugee camps.

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"Prescription for Survival" Education Conference theme

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Colleges, like churches, are in trouble because of their unwillingness to change and respond to current needs, participants in an Institute of Higher Education were told here June 14-16.

Speaking at the 22nd Institute sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Education, Dr. Leland Newcomer, president of LaVerne (Calif.) College, stated that changes occur when there are problems. "There is a positive correlation between a healthy college and the number of problems it has. If a school doesn't have problems it should create some."

The former superintendent of the Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada Public Schools, said unless colleges change they may become the "dinosaurs of educational institutions."

Presidents, deans, chaplains, business managers, faculty members, and students from 190 United Methodist-related colleges and universities attended the Institute which was held on the campus of Vanderbilt University.

"Prescription for Survival" was the theme of the conference which featured Dr. Newcomer; Donald J. Welch, dean of students at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C.; and Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary for the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education.

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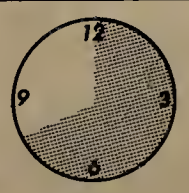

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New trends in communication to be explored in three training events

DALLAS, Texas — Three different approaches to communication training will be offered United Methodists this summer with schools in Claremont, Ca., Lake Junaluska, N.C., and First United Methodist Church here.

A new $75,000 mobile training center will make its first appearance west of the Mississippi River in a three day programmed learning seminar in Dallas, August 30-Sept. 1. The event is sponsored by the South Central Jurisdiction Communication Commission.

Described as the heart of a "Search and Learning Center", the mobile unit uses audio tape recorders, wireless headsets, closed circuit television, overhead, slide and 16-35 mm projectors and workbooks as tools for programmed learning.

A two week workshop at Claremont School of Theology will focus on the use of the media in developing learning environments and in producing inexpensive resources for educational programs.

While the July 12-23 workshop is designed primarily for persons with no previous experience in the media, it will have broad appeal, also, to advanced students. Educators, ministers, and others responsible for programs of communication and education will be trained in the utilization and creation of media.

General agencies of the church and two denominations join the seminary in sponsoring the event.

Individuals who have special responsibilities in local church, annual confcrence, or institutional communications are the focal point of the Lake Junaluska conference.

Designed to facilitate the flow of church information, the August 2-6 Communication Conference will explore and prepare individuals to meet "communication needs in a changing church and changing society." Workshop sessions, presentation of new trends, and major addresses highlight the Southeastern Jurisdiction sponsored training session.

Job training at Lake Junaluska, developing resources for learning at Claremont, and participating in programmed learning in Dallas are the choices open to churchmen this summer interested in sharpening their skills in communication.

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Black elected to head clergy delegation

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (RNS) — The Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church has elected a Negro for the first time to head its clergy delegation to the General and Southeastern Conferences in 1972.

He is the Rev. James C. Peters, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, who also was the first Negro to be elected a district superintendent in the Conference.

Because he was elected on the first ballot he will be the leader of the clerical delegation; and since a layman led the entire delegation to the last General Conference it is likely that he will lead all clerical and lay delegates next year.

Delegates heard Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of Charlotte say that he doubts that the union of nine Protestant denominations into the proposed "Church of Christ Uniting will become a reality in our lifetime."

He said he would "have to vote 'no' to the plan in its present form, and I do not know of a single one of the United Methodist commissioners who participated actively in the development of the current document who would be willing to vote in the affirmative upon the present text."

He said the Consultation on Church Union plan "has many major difficulties—but the greatest folly would be not to study the document."

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Los Angeles pastor named to head Asian ministries

LOS ANGELES (UMI)—The Rev. George Nishikawa, pastor of the West Los Angeles United Methodist Church, has been named director of research and development for Asian Ministries in the United Methodist Church's 12-state Western Jurisdiction.

The office, recently funded by the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race, was authorized by the Asian-American Caucus which met in March in Santa Monica, Calif.

Responsibilities of the new office, as outlined by the Caucus, include: "To undertake research of existing Asian churches and ministries, and to develop ministries which will empower Asians for greater impact of the Christian witness and message; to speak for the cause of Asian-American churches to the United Methodist Church; to Hawaii, with Asian United Methodists outside the Western Jurisdiction (in the East, Midwest and South), and with churches in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines and Hong Kong; to find ministers and other leaders who can speak languages required by Asian people and churches; to develop long-range planning and strategies for Asian-American churches and ministries."

Mr. Nishikawa's appointment was announced by Bishop Gerald M. Kennedy at the closing session of the Southern California-Arizona Conference. He said he will locate his office in the San Francisco Bay region.

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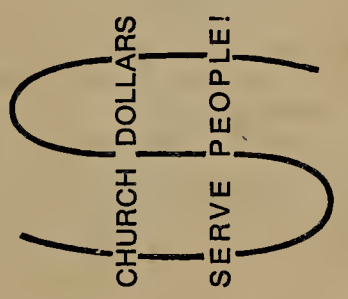

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Charles N. White (r.) was recently named "Father of the Year" by the Men's Bible Class of First Church, Alexandria. William A. Wilson, chairman of the awards committee is shown presenting a plaque to White who is lay leader in the church. Also the honoree is currently a member of the Administrative Board (which he has served as chairman), a member of the Finance Committee, and a delegate to the Annual Conference.

The Centenary and Fisher United Methodist Youth Fellowship groups combined forces for a Sunday evening snack supper, fellowship and period of devotion on June 27. "Chuck" Simmons, youth director led in the evening's activities.

The "Elevator"—a coffee house sponsored by Centenary United Methodist Church for the youth of Franklinton is "a place they can call their own, a place that gives them a spiritual 'lift.'" The building was donated by a member of the church. The scrubbing, cleaning, repairing, painting and furnishing has been the responsibility of the youth. It has provided an environment where many constructive endeavors are planned. Summer projects include a Missionary Tour, a work camp to the Indian Mission in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, July 28-Aug. 6. "Chuck" Simmons shown with his wife, Linda, is youth director at the "Elevator." The Rev. Jerry A. Means is pastor at Centenary Church.

CHARLES ("CHUCK") SIMMONS and his wife Linda (daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Garrett, St. Andrews Church in New Orleans) plan to leave for Atlanta, Georgia in the Fall, where he will enter Candler School of Theology at Emory University under the Dean's Award Scholarship. "Chuck" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stewart Simmons of Franklinton.

MRS. T. E. SPILLMAN

Mrs. Anna Mae Austin Spillman, 79, died on April 20, 1971. She was a native of Rogilleville, La., where she was a member of Concord Church.

In 1913 she was married to T. E. Spillman at Spillman, La. She became a member of New Hope Methodist Church and was active in all its church work. She taught a class in the Church School.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Earl W., John D. and Edward; two daughters, Anna B. Hood and Jerry D. Kaigle; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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The Hodge UMYF shown with counselors under the celebrated oak tree on the grounds of MacDonell Center in Houma during their recent three-day Mission Tour. Their excursion included also stops at St. Mark's and People's Community Center, the Methodist Home Hospital, Dillard University and Methodist Hospital in New Orleans, and at Dulac Community Center. The Rev. George H. Sherman, Jr. is pastor.

Dr. G. Leon Nettleville (front, left), president of Southern University, was the guest speaker for the recent Fathers' Day program, an annual event of the Young Adult Fellowship at Camphor Memorial Church in Baton Rouge. At far right is Wesley J. Belton, president of the young adult's organization. The Rev. George W. C. Calvin is minister.

Monroe-Ruston-Shreveport Tri-District Senior High Campers at Caney Lakes for June 14-19 period. Co-directors included the Rev. Terry Willis (front row, at right); the Rev. Larry Robertson (third row, standing at left), and the Rev. Willis Dear (not present). Counselors were: Mrs. Peggy Robertson, Cheryl Wisenbaker, Junie Havard, Carol Lee, David Dent, the Rev. Robert Addison and the Rev. Steve Spurlock. Other staff members were Mrs. Mary Robertson and Jan Savage, life guard.

The Cross ond The Flome Choir of Morningside Church, Shreveport, presented the folk musical "Natural High" by Ralph Carmichael and Paul Koiser, at their home church recently. They did a repeat performance on June 16 at the Tri-District High Camp at Caney Lake. The musical was directed by Ronnie Crawford, Morningside's director of music. Other musicians included: Marian Chandler, piano ond orgon; Lewis Owen electric guitar; Tim Newhouse, drums; Robert Cassel, trumpet, and Dorothy Felder was choreogropher.

Iowa UMYF during recent weekend retreat held at Lake Charles District Camp. The Rev. Raymond Crofoot is postor.

Vacation church school participonts at First Church, Ponchatoula. Mrs. James Morrow served as leader; the Rev. T. M. Lancaster is minister.

Vacation church school group ecumenically sponsored by the United Methodist Church and St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Mer Rouge. Mrs. Edward Green was director and trainer; the Rev. Larry Robertson is the United Methodist pastor; Father Edward Green is vicar at St. Andrews.

The children shown here are members of the Children's Department at Independence United Methodist Church who collected 1,244 Betty Crocker coupons after reading in LOUISIANA METHODIST about that company's offer to exchange coupons for a kidney machine. Here the group is at work clipping, counting, and tying collected coupons for the project. The Rev. Joe McClain is pastor.

A Family Life group at Broadmoor Church in Shreveport recently heard a program on good Americanism as presented by the above group of youth from Haynes Avenue Boptist Church. The Rev. John F. Kilpotrict is postor at Broadmoor.

Three to seven year-old children of Kentwood United Methodist Church taking part in a play period at their church. The church is providing a planned summer activities program on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The Rev. Vernon Fairley is minister.

A cooperative vacation church school was sponsored by First United Methodist and First Christian Churches of Hammond from June 14-18 with an average daily attendance of 90. Facilities of both churches were used, and the week of study, worship and recreation concluded with a shoring program in the sanctuory of First United Methodist and a reception ot First Christian. The Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. is pastor at First Methodist; Dr. William E. Wright is pastor at First Christion; Mrs. John Love served as director of the school.

The two snapshots above show some of the 85 Asbury Youth Choir tour members who recently returned to Lafayette after a tour to Monterrey ond other points in Mexico. The group is shown here during one of their excursions. Memorable experiences in addition to the presentation of their choir concert included the witnessing of a baptismal service and a wedding at the host church. After the service, a member of the church invited them to her "beautiful mountain house" to lunch, swim and have fellowship. The Rev. George W. Ross, postor, Phyllis Ross, director, and Beverly Ray, the accompanist were among those who occomponied the group.

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Centenary College receives grant for study of ecology resources

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan has approved a $5,000 grant to Centenary College to be used for library resource material in the field of environmental studies.

Centenary President John H. Allen said the funds would be spent in accordance with recommendations made to a committee by the department involved in the teaching of ecology and related subjects. Head Librarian Charles W. Harrington has been named chairman of the committee; other members are Dr. Robert Deufel, chairman, department of biology; Charles E. Vetter, instructor in sociology; Wesley Garvin, instructor in government; Dr. John L. Berton, chairman, department of business and economics; Dr. Dorothy B. Gwin, chairman, department of education; Dr. Lee Morgan, chairman, department of English and two students to be named later.

An environmental studies survey is included in the beginning chemistry course, Chemistry 105, at Centenary, and two Interim courses in Environmental Problems and Solutions were offered last January, and will be offered again this January under the combined direction of the business, chemistry, and biology departments.

Several Centenary professors are members of the College Speakers Bureau who speak on the subjects of pollution and ecology throughout the area.

Dr. Robert E. Kinsinger, Kellogg Foundation Vice President, explained that the grant to Centenary College is one of approximately 300 similar grants being made to small, private liberal arts colleges throughout the United States as part of the Foundation's continuing program of support for activities aimed at finding solutions to environmental problems throughout the nation.

Dr. Kinsinger said, "The realization that man is faced with unprecedented crises precipitated by rapid and profound population growth, environmental deterioration and depletion of the planet's natural resources has evoked a growing concern. The Foundation believes that the nation's small, private liberal arts colleges can make a substantial contribution toward solving these problems by strengthening their programs of environmental studies."

Conference team trains at Mount Sequoyah

Twenty-four persons from the Louisiana Conference recently spent a week at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Ark. for the purpose of undergoing training to be instructors in training local church Councils on Ministries. Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Conference Program Director, was dean of the school and leader of the Conference Team.

This event, sponsored by the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, in cooperation with the General Agencies of the church, explored the use of the "wholistic" concept in planning: that is, all the various concerns of the church, from Evangelism to Missions were part of the training. The aim was to train Conference teams to train Councils on Ministries in local churches in the jobs of each members of these councils and also how to function together to determine each local church's particular mission and what to do about it.

Persons taking part in the team training were: the Rev. William R. London, Jr.; Miss Dorenda Muery; Bert Buffington; the Rev. Samuel Walker; Mrs. Ed Seale; the Rev. Henry Blount; the Rev. Joe W. McClain; the Rev. Lael S. Jones; the Rev. Fred S. Flurry; the Rev. Stone W. Caraway; the Rev. John M. Lee; the Rev. Byrl Moreland; the Rev. Ed. House, Jr.; the Rev. Clyde W. Averette; the Rev. Robert Potter; James Stewart; the Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr., Mrs. Garland C. Dean Jr.; Mrs. Hubert Gibbs; Cecil E. Bland, Jr.; the Rev. Howard Milo; the Rev. Don Cottrill; Miss Alice Flint, and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn.

This is the Louisiana Conference team which attended the training session at Mt. Sequoyah for trainers of local church Councils on Ministries. The names of those in the picture are in the story in the first column.

Big turnover indicated in General Conference delegation

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — When the 1972 United Methodist General Conference convenes in Atlanta, Ga., April 16, apparently almost 60 per cent of the 998 delegates will not have attended the last previous session of the church's top world-wide, law-making body — and a substantially increased number of them will be women.

Based on an unofficial tabulation by United Methodist Information and the **Christian Advocate** of voting in the first 47 of 79 annual conferences in the United States to report, 59 per cent of the elected delegates did not attend the 1968 or 1970 sessions.

Of the total, 64 per cent of the lay delegates are new, and 54 per cent of the clergy did not serve in 1970.

A total of 92 women have been elected by conferences from which reports have been received, compared with 82 women in the entire previous session. Several conferences elected their first woman delegate in history, or chose a woman to head the delegation.

There have also been several young adult delegates elected, including those from the Baltimore, California-Nevada, West Virginia and Iowa Conferences.

The percentage of new delegates apparently will be the highest since the Methodist General Conference in 1956 when 62 per cent had not served in

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Renewal Conference to be held in Monroe

The Institute of Church Renewal of Atlanta, Georgia, an organization which operates across the denominational lines to reach men and women who are in search of a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, will sponsor a Renewal Conference for clergymen and laymen Friday and Saturday, August 6-7, at Southside United Methodist Church in Monroe. Dr. Ben Johnson, director of the Institute, will lead the Conference.

This organization was instrumental in originating the "Lay Witness Mission" movement which has spread across the world.

Starting from a single conference three years ago, the Institute this year will sponsor over 40 of these overnight events in more than 30 states. The theme for this year's conference is "God uses ordinary people in extraordinary ways."

The program of the conference gets under way at 5:00 P.M. Friday, August 6 with registration. Led by Dr. Johnson, there will be personal witnessing and group interaction on Friday evening.

Saturday, August 7, there are two more witnessing and group interaction periods followed by Holy Communion in small groups and an open celebration in the afternoon. The conference is open to anyone who is searching for both personal renewal and models for their own church renewal.

The Rev. Lea Joyner, pastor of the Southside church in Monroe is the general chairman of the event and registrar.

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Shreveport youth present concerts in England

"The Cheerful Givers," the Christian folk-rock group of First United Mcthodist Church, Shrcveport, recently returned from a successful three-week concert tour of England.

They gave 20 performances in Methodist churches in that country, witnessing the love of Jesus Christ through music and song and genuine Christian fellowship.

Honorariums from these performances, which will go to the First Methodist Workcamp Project of building a church in the Bahamas, have exceeded $1,000. Sales of their records met with such tremendous success that there was a complete "sell out" with four performances left to go.

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RETIREMENT HOME AT BATON ROUGE IS DISTRICT PROJECT

The Rev. James L. Adams of the Retired Ministers Homes Board asked that we make the following correction in a recent story concerning the retirement home built in Baton Rouge: "This home in Baton Rouge was a Baton Rouge District project working on a 50% basis with the Retired Ministers Homes Board instead of a project of two or three churches as the story implied."

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News in Brief

Russell R. Mack, Jr., a 19-year-old communications major from Bethlehem, Pa., has been named first recipient of the Charles C. Parlin Scholarship at American University in Washington, D.C. The scholarship in honor of the distinguished United Methodist and World Council of Churches leader was set up in April by the Celanese Corp.

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the previous session.

In other annual conference actions, two proposed amendments to the United Methodist constitution continue to receive overwhelming majorities.

Unofficial reports from 40 conferences show a margin of 11,845 to 495 for removing the minimum age requirement for annual conference delegates, and 13,266 to 528 for giving delegate status to two young persons under 25 years of age from each district. To be approved, the proposals each must receive an aggregate two-thirds favorable vote.

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Miss Roslind Morie Kelly, doughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Kelly, ond o member of First Church, Homer, hos been oworded o four-year Trustee Scholarship to Centenary College in the amount of $2,400. Recently grodvoted third from the top of her closs ot Claiborne Acodemy, Homer, Miss Kelly is pionist ot First Baptist Church, Homer, ond served as accompanist for her school choir. She placed first in piono for the past two yeors in the North Louisiana District Rolly ot Ruston.

World Methodist Council will face structure changes

NEW YORK (UMI) — The World Methodist Council and its Executive Committee are scheduled to receive for action several proposals for changes in Council structure when thcy meet August 16-18 in Denver, Colo. The meetings are prior to the World Methodist Conference August 18-26, also in Denver. Council leaders say that among goals sought are a world body more international in make-up, more collegiate in leadership, and less in image and actuality a kind of "British-American Methodist coalition." The Council links an estimated 18,500,000 Methodists in 87 countries.

Dr. Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N.J., Council president, will chair sessions of the full Council and the Executive Committee. It is he who is principally responsible for formal drafting of proposed changes in the Council's Constitution, which embody structural objectives worked out by a 12-member Joint Committee of the World Methodist Council and COSMOS (Commission on the Structure of the United Methodist Church Outside the USA). The proposed changes (officially in the form of amendments to the Constitution) have been adopted unanimously by the Joint Committee and given general approval by COSMOS. Those requiring approval by the United Methodist Church are to be submitted to the 1972 General Conference by COSMOS. Proposed changes are based, in part at least, on findings from a 1970 COSMOS-sponsored World Methodist Structure Congress.

Proposed changes zero in on the Council's top offices (recommended are a Presidium and an Executive Committee chairman) and on restructuring the Executive Committee.

Says the document containing recommendations: "The make-up of the Executive Committee was recognized as of prime importance." It is the Executive Committee that meets at least annually between quinquennial sessions of the full World Methodist Council, and it is the Executive Committee that the Constitution says "shall exercise all functions of the Council between its meetings."

Recommended is an Executive Committee of not more than 79, including 19 officers and a maximum of 60 others, elected by the Council from its membership. That compares with a present provision for Executive Committee membership of up to 50, plus officers. There is no proposal to change the present Constitutional provision for a once-in-five-years meeting of the full World Methodist Council, which would continue to have a total membership of up to 500.

Another recommended innovation is that every church in the Council with more than 30,000 members will have at least one representative on the Executive Committee and that there shall be at least four representatives from churches having a lesser membership. Council leaders assert this represents a broadening of representation and will help to reduce what has often been seen as domination of the Council by Methodist Churches in the U.S. and Britain.

Dr. Parlin held that since most of the numerically smaller churches are in the "Third World," the effect will be to increase the representation — and thus the power — of churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He said: "It is not practical to have representation from every member church in the Council regardless of size. There are, according to present information, 28 member churches of more than 30,000, and with four seats mandated to churches of less than 30,000 a total of 32 seats would thus be filled by specific Constitutional provision."

The Document containing recommendations also reported some "points of consensus" about filling Executive Committee seats. Those included: "1—In allocating representation to the smaller churches, adequate representation of geographic areas should be considered. 2—The predominantly Negro churches in the USA should have better representation. 3—Because of its massive membership, perhaps a representation of up toward 35 per cent of the total seats would be in order from the United Methodist Church in the USA (the proportion has been 27 of 69 seats, or 39 per cent."

A basic change recommended is a Presidium of not more than eight to replace the present pattern of a single president. The Presidium with its collegiate leadership concept follows the style of the World Council of Churches. Also recommended is a chairman and one or more vice-chairmen of the Executive Committee; these would be new offices and would be invested with considerable authority.

These provisos are proposed for the Presidium: it shall include at least one lay man and one lay woman; no two presidents shall be from the same church; the presidents "shall, in rotation, preside over the World Methodist Conference and have such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time specify." Leaders said that, while presumably the Presidium would be elected from various parts of the world, no president would be elected specifically to represent the part of the world from which he comes.

The chairman of the Executive Committee, under proposed changes, would exercise much authority, as he (or she) "shall be responsible for the oversight of the administration of the World Methodist Council between sessions of the Executive Committee, shall preside at sessions of the Council and the Executive Committee, and shall have the right from time to time to delegate authorities to a Vice-chairman of the Executive Committee."

Another proposed change seeks to remedy what was seen as an omission in provisions for World Methodist Council membership. Recommended is specific provisions for youth representation on the Council.

Dr. Parlin said the recommendations should facilitate what he views as two opportunities facing the World Methodist Council: evangelism and the

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Editorial

FINDING OUR WAY OUT OF TODAY'S CONFUSION

Many people have devoted their intellectual resources to the search for an answer to the question, How have human beings got themselves into the dilemmas and conflicts of this increasingly messy world, and what vision of a truly human life may show us the way to the future? We would like to share with you some of the report that has come from a very recent effort in this direction.

Under the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches, a group of scientists and theologians met in Nemi, Italy seeking to clear a path out of the ideological jungle the world is in.

It was the consensus of this Church and Society Conference that there are three revolutions going on simultaneously in our world. There is the scientific-technological one of the affluent, the political one of the disadvantaged and the oppressed, and the counter-cultural one of all those who are disillusioned with the other two. They agreed that we know confusion in our time because there is no analysis of the human predicament and no projection of hope for man that takes hold of all three and gives them direction. There is no image of the future that inspires or challenges everyone.

As the scientists and theologians took a look at human dreams and powers in the light of the environmental limits the human race faces, there was no inclination to take refuge in natural theology or to say that nature itself is in some way divine. Faced with the crisis in nature when human beings by their power threaten to make large parts of the earth unlivable, poison the air and kill life in the seas for centuries to come, they said there is little comfort in the thought that God reveals himself somehow in the natural process.

The report of the Conference said: "For too long Christians have thought of creation as having to do with the beginning of things instead of thinking of it as a part of God's continuing work. In a world which is fast embracing doctrines of materialism there is need for viewing the world (and universe) as something more than sheer contrivance and as of value in itself. We commend to the churches a deepening of concern on this issue which will include the historical meaning of the whole of nature."

The Conference went on to say that the dominion over nature which was given to man in the Biblical story of God "is not to be exercised as though he alone existed in the universe and he alone was of value in the creation." The report called the correct stance as that of "stewardship for a responsible global ecological policy."

Smith College theologian Thomas Derr told the meeting that dominion in the Biblical sense means stewardship, not exploitation. He said that man is called in his freedom to take responsibility for created nature, to bring forth its fruits, and to play his part in the whole creation's fulfilling itself in its relation to God the creator.

The group agreed that what is needed is a new kind of harmony between man and nature which changes the quality of life without necessarily expanding the amount of wealth and power individual persons possess. They said: "Ecologists who urge the promotion and use of aesthetic value in nature as fulfillment of man's psychological and spiritual needs are displaying a concern which should be strong in the churches about environment."

The problem of population growth also received much attention from the scientists and theologians. Everyone seemed to agree that there should be a limit, though in specific cases it was not easy to determine. On the whole the Conference was of a mind that the right of the child to a healthy life supersedes the right of the older generation to procreate.

Running through these other questions was another one: What is this generation's responsibility for posterity? What resources for living and what vision of life shall we bequeath to our descendents? How many of them shall we plan for there to be, how many resources shall we leave them, and what examples of life shall we show them? How shall we weigh their needs against the pressing ones of people now alive? No answers were forthcoming, but the fact that questions such as these were being faced was itself a message.

The counter-culturists represented at the meeting staged a "happening" rather than a discussion, a part of their explanation of which says: "A theological anthropology which accepts and affirms man in his wholeness, body and soul, natural and technoligical, may provide man with the psychological courage to use all his resources, imaginative and scientific, to come to terms with the future and to engage in shaping it for the benefit of all and to the glory of God."

Dr. Charles West, in his Religious News Service report of this meeting, said: "All groups felt that the hope of endless material and physical progress is disappearing fast. All felt this though they reacted to it in different ways. Somewhere in a new quality of human relationships—expressed in arts and worship as well as in social structures and economic justice — the human future must be found. But this future will be realized not just by sharing new experiences, but by discerning new ways by which God, man, nature and fellow man may be related."

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the Editor's Corner

REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF RED CHINA VISIT

Since we have commented so recently on the easing of tensions which resulted from the American ping pong team's visit to mainland China, we feel that you would be interested in some of the first reactions of church leaders to President Nixons's announcement that he plans to visit China soon.

Here is a digest of some of the comments from Religious News Service telling of favorable words from officials of the National Councils of Churches, the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Most hailed the President's announcement, made jointly with Premier Chou En-lai of the People's Republic of China, as a significant step toward world peace.

—Dr. Cynthia Wedel, president of the National Council, said in a message to the White House that the NCC's prayers and "those of many church people" will be with Mr. Nixon as he attempts to bridge the chasm that has existed between the U.S. and China since 1948.

—Dr. John Coventry Smith, an American president of the World Council of Churches and a top executive of the United Presbyterian Church, said: "The possibility of closer contact between the people of China and the U.S. will be welcomed with thanksgiving by the world Christian community."

—Bishop Paul Hardin, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, said he favored any kind of "direct communication with China that is possible. Communication does not imply agreement but it is absurd for any two great powers, no matter how wide their differences in philosophy, to be unable to communicate with each other."

Bishop Hardin continued: "There are millions of people in China who are part of the world's total constituency and any effort on our government's part to try to establish better relations with such a vast number of people is to be commended in the hope that better understanding may promote a better world situation."

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

What has been revealed in the controversial "Pentagon papers" shows that the "principal actors" in recent U.S. history "have been oblivious to any sense of God's purposes or leading," according to an Episcopal Church clergyman. Dean Frances B. Sayre, Jr., of Washington Cathedral, discussing the case of the 47 volumes of secret documents in a sermon said, "Perhaps it is the Providence of God to be shaking us to pieces for our sins. Perhaps He means us actually to collapse! Because we have not seen our destiny in terms of those large and holy things that God once gave our country to perform." To experience God's grace in the "wilderness" where it has gone will take three things, he said: 'Humbleness, by which alone we shall cease to be prisoners of our pride. . . openness, that we be no longer glued to the fly-paper of status quo . . . (and) proportion, that we may rightly compare God's eternal splendor to our little glory. . ."

Commenting on the case of the Pentagon papers, AMERICA, edited by Father Donald Campion, took a dim view of the executive branch of government attempting to block publication of "newsworthy information by seeking injunctions from the courts." An editorial stated that the question of the freedom of the press raised by the Pentagon papers will probably be of longer lasting significance than the information on the conduct of the war contained. It held that newspapers and magazines should not have 'complete license," but felt that it would be better to charge and punish editors after the fact for publishing something endangering national security than to impose prior restraint.

Keynote speaker at the Conference on Biblical Prophecy (in Jerusalem) Dr. Arnold T. Olson, stressed that interest in rediscovering the historical Jesus by many Jewish scholars calls for a new effort on behalf of evangelical Christians to understand the problems and faith of modern Jews. Dr. Olson, a member of the board of directors of the American Institute for Holy Land Studies, said "We share with Jews common divine revelation and divine promise."

Six American churchmen, attending a Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy, issued a statement commending Israel for "the scrupulous care with which it has protected Christian places and people" in the Holy Land. The joint statement also said that the "unity of Jerusalem must be preserved at all costs. Internationalization, an idea which never worked in history, would not be a viable solution."

The Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod of the Prebyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) has urged President Nixon to end the Vietnam War. The statement was based on a resolution which said the Synod views "with dismay the continuing war in Southeast Asia" and urged the government "to continue and, insofar as possible, to accelerate the orderly withdrawal of all American troops from Southeast Asia."

The Official Catholic Directory of 1971 reported an increase of 342,640 Roman Catholics in the U.S. during the past year, reversing the first deficit ever recorded in 1970. Last year, the directory reported a decrease of 1,149—the first time in the 20th Century that the Catholic population had diminished.

Actress Loretta Young has announced preliminary plans to establish an interdenominational youth project in Phoenix, Ariz. Miss Young detailed plans for a youth center at a May 16 dinner for "Phoenicians Who Care," a committee of 35 community leaders. Miss Young made five trips to Phoenix to discuss her plans with people of all faiths and with young people before making her final decision to establish the center there. "It's to be a flexible program, moving where the need is, shaped to individuals," Miss Young said.

Four out of five ministers are said to experience severe stress usually caused by conflicts with their congregations, according to results reported from a study of vocational stress among 5,000 ministers from 21 denominations. Dr. Edgar W. Mills, director of the Ministries Study Bd. of the National Council of Churches, said the stress upon a clergyman is generated from "personal differences with individual parishioners, getting caught in the crossfire of an already-existing conflict, conflicts of religious, social and political ideology between pastors and parishioners, church finances, strain in adjusting to new congregations, and conflicts with fellow staff members or a senior pastor."

A radio, television and film producer will become the first person ordained to a "tent-making ministry" by the Lutheran Church in America. John A. Evenson, a member of the mass media staff of the American Bible Society will be the first LCA minister to be ordained to a style of ministry patterned after St. Paul, who made tents for a living while preaching and teaching. The concept of "tent-making ministries" was approved by the convention last year. The 29-year-old minister will be assistant pastor at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran church in Manhattan, and in addition will be responsible for the content of most of the broadcast and audio-visual presentations of the American Bible Society, serving as a staff officer in the education-information department.

Every Sunday — June through July — the Cowboy Church of Colorado Springs holds an 8 a.m. service at the Arcadia Drive-In Theater on East Hwy. 24. Tourists and local residents participate in the unusual services which worshippers find while seated in their cars. When the collection is taken, an usher mounted on horseback passes a ten-gallon hat from car to car. Marking its fourth year, the Cowboy Church is sponsored jointly by the First United Methodist Church and Westland Theaters.

The American Baptist Convention and the Church of the Brethren have signed a contract which will enable Brethren congregations to receive advice on church-building from the ABC's Dept. of Architecural Services. Brethren churches will be able to apply to and contract with the Baptist's Comprehensive Building Services program for complete or partial services, at a rate of 1 per cent of the total cost of the facility. Short-term counseling will be available on a per diem basis.

Disciples Concerned, a new group within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has called upon Dr. A. Dale Fiers, general minister and president of the denomination, to make evangelism the top priority in the church. "Expressions of social concern and the giving of social service—however appropriate and necessary for the church—must not be construed as evangelism," the group maintains.

For more than five years, the Christian church in Indonesia has watched with fascination and some puzzlement as conversions to Christianity have mushroomed. As many as 2,500,000 Indonesians embraced the Christian faith between 1965 and 1968, according to a World Council of Churches study. The spectacular increase has begun to decline but growth continues unusually large among Protestants in Java, a spokesman said.

Enrollment in seminaries holding membership in the American Assn. of Theological Schools in the 1970-71 academic year is virtually the same as in the previous year, according to a report issued by the historically Protestant accrediting agency for seminaries in North America. Roman Catholic and Orthodox members were admitted in 1966 and the doors were opened to Jewish seminaries last year. Whereas the number of students in the basic ministerial program dropped 3.46 per cent from the Fall of 1969 to the Fall of 1970, at the same time, students in graduate programs jumped 22.48 per cent in the same period.

During pro football "season" — now July to January — 212-pound Calvin Hill catches passes and bounces off linebackers. But off season, the 24-year-old black star of the Dallas Cowboys attends Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and "raps" with underprivileged youngsters in Dallas, New York and San Francisco. Hill is deeply committed to community work and to his youth forums, which are sponsored by the Dr. Pepper Company.

The United Church of Christ, in closing its eighth General Synod at Grand Rapids, Mich. urged American corporations operating in the South African sub-continent to withdraw from countries when their operations appear to strengthen colonial or racist oppressions, rather than change it. A UCC resolution specifically called on the Church to examine the role which U.S. corporations play in Southern Africa in maintaining the "status quo."

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Bob Davenport, a two-time All-American fullback at UCLA is the founder and leader of a unique group called Wandering Wheels which has practiced bicycle evangelism in this country for several years. The group is currently touring Europe to encourage interest among Europeans in Christ and to present a fresh picture of American youth. The Wandering Wheels – 50 college men representing a cross-section of American youth – will cycle about 2,800 miles in six weeks during their tour, called "Wheels Across Europe." Visits to several Communist nations are planned. Mr. Davenport, 38, founded the Wandering Wheels in 1964 after searching for new ways to relate Christianity effectively to young people. He began devoting full time to the project in 1969 after coaching the Taylor University football team to five Hoosier College Conference championships in seven years. (RNS Photo)

The VBS of the Asbury United Methodist Church, Natchitaches, is pictured at the end of ten days of intensive activities during June 28-July 2. The schaal averaged appraximately 65 students and 10 adults each day.

ASBURY CHURCH ENDS BIBLE SCHOOL

The Asbury United Methodist Church of Natchitoches closed its Vacation Bible School on Friday, July 2, after two weeks of intensive Bible study, learning new songs, playing games and doing art work of many kinds. The final day of the VBS was spent in morning study and culminated with an assembly program. The main speaker of the day was Mrs. Loretta S. Britton, chairman of the Council on Ministries. On Friday morning the entire membership loaded on a bus and made a trip to Alexandria Fun Park, Alexandria.

The pastor, the Rev. Edgar D. Smith and school personnel felt that the two weeks had been very profitable. During the session, six young people dedicated their lives to Christ by joining the church.

The faculty included the following persons and their areas of concentration: Mrs. Emogine Williams and Mrs. Dora W. Combest, Kindergarten & Primary; Mrs. Paul Morgan, 3rd and 4th; Mrs. Sarah R. Williams and Mrs. Sallye E. Pierce, 5th and 6th; Mrs. Alfra W. Gary, Junior High; Mrs. Laura B. Beasley, Art; Mrs. Louise Secrease and Mrs. Alfra W. Gary, Music; Mrs. Mattie L. Smith, Dean, and Mrs. Alfra W. Gary, Co-ordinator.

Others assisting in the school were: Misses Herddie Rivers, Lillian Martin, Mary Sevare, Mrs. Edith G. Owens, Mrs. Vialeen G. Gay and Mrs. Winderlean S. Lewis. The youth deciding for Christ were: Cheryl and Carolyn Jernigan, Sandra M. Williams, Yvonne, Patricia and Dianne Barnum. During the Confirmation and Reception, Mrs. Lula Smith, formerly of the Methodist Church at Robeline, joined the membership of Asbury. Miss Elnora Westmoreland was also baptized along with the others.

McGUIRE YOUTH ENTERTAIN VISITORS

McGuire United Methodist Church, West Monroe, was host to two out of town youth groups who attended the "All for Christ" Crusade at the Monroe Civic Center on Friday evening, July 9. These groups and their counselors were from Arcadia, La., and Longview, Tex.

Counselors from Longview were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carmack, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stone, Mrs. Mary Gordon, Mrs. Wayne Perry, and Mr. Robert Coleman, along with their youth director, Tony Cammack. Twenty-four youth came from Longview to attend the Crusade. Their home church is the Wesley United Methodist Church in that city.

The youth who were present from Arcadia were Claire Madden, Kay Madden, Brenda Armstrong, Daisy Durrett, Gary Green, Dan Madden, and Ronnie Clements, youth director.

After attending services at the Civic Center, these youth, along with the youth group from McGuire Church and other youth in the twin cities area, gathered at McGuire for snacks, discussion, fellowship, and singing. At 11:00 P.M. a catacomb service was held, depicting services in the early Christian movemcnt when open meetings could not be held. This service was led by Mr. Jack Dew.

Approximately 70 young people, along with their adult counselors, stayed overnight at the church, sleeping in the fellowship hall and classrooms on bedrolls and sleeping bags. Breakfast was served at the church, and after a clean-up session and a devotional time the group went to the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dew for a grilled hamburger feast.

The youth group from McGuire Church has plans to attend a Spiritual Life Retreat in Oklahoma with the youth from Longview.

Thc Rev. John H. Sewell is the pastor, and Miss Susanne Luke is the youth director at McGuire.

The youth of McGuire Church, West Manrae, are shawn as they entertained their recent guests fram Arcadia, La. and Langview Tex.

Mrs. Robert J. O'Neal

Mrs. Robert J. O'Neal, wife of retired Judge R. J. O'Neal of the Caddo District Court of Shreveport, died Tuesday, July 6 following a brief illness.

A native of Arizona, La., Mrs. O'Neal had lived in Shreveport since 1928. She was a charter member of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church. She was a life member of the Young Women's Christian Association, and was also a member of Chapter F of PIO-Alpha Xi Delta fraternity.

Funeral services were held July 8 at Noel Memorial Church with Dr. Sam Nader, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Forest Park Cemetery.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Stuart DeLee and Mrs. M. Miles Snider, both of Shreveport; two sisters, Mrs. E. B. Middleton and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, both of Homer; two brothers, W. R. Brown and John Nick Brown, both of Homer; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Charles Ellis Brown, John D. Caruthers, Jr., George Newton Drake, Charles Beard, Charlie Dean Walker and Marlin W. Drake, Jr.

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internationalization of missions. World confessional groups can be effective in evangelistic programs because of basic agreement on doctrine, Dr. Parlin believes. "Within the Methodist fellowship we have problems, but on the basic concept of missions and evangelism our Methodist witness is one." He added that world confessional groups have a key role in international planning and strategy for mission.

FOLK SINGER RICK BONFIM, Brazilian guitarist, presented a musical program and a personal Christian testimony at First U.M. Church, Crowley, on Sunday, July 11. A student at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, he is making several appearances in Louisiana in behalf of the United Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

News and Notes

THE COULEY CHURCH Homecoming will be held on Sunday, July 25. The Rev. James Skinner, pastor of the Couley and Winnfield Churches, will preach the homecoming sermon at 11:00 a.m. The Couley revival begins at 8:00 p.m. the same day and continues each night through Friday. Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Paul Carroll of Coushatta.

DR. H. CLAYTON WADDELL, professor of Social Ethics in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will occupy the pulpit of St. Paul United Methodist Church, New Orleans, the next two Sundays in the absence of the Rev. Charles S. Walker, pastor.

HENNING MEMORIAL UNITED Methodist Men of Sulphur had a fish fry at the home of Olaf Jacobsen on Wednesday night, July 21. Dr. Jim Hebert was the speaker. The Rev. Ray Branton is pastor.

DR. FLOYD DOMER, assistant professor of Pharmacology, Tulane University, spoke on drug abuse to the junior hi UMY of Aurora Church, New Orleans, on July 11. Dr. Henry Rickey is their pastor.

APPALACHIA SERVICE was the project undertaken by eight youths and two counselors from St. Luke Church of Shreveport the week of July 11-17. In cooperation with the Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church, they worked with a selected family to improve their home. In turn, this family helped the workers to repair a neighbor's home. The Rev. James Poole is the St. Luke pastor; Mrs. Charlotte Willis is counselor.

JAMES W. BOWMAN, JR. will serve as president of United Methodist Men in Lake Charles First Church. Other officers are Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., vice-president for programs; E. W. Spencer, vice-president of membership; A. H. Spencer, treasurer; and Richard M. See, secretary.

NEWS and NOTES

MRS. ROY E. MOUSER, wife of the pastor of Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, was the guest speaker in that church on Sunday morning, June 27. Mrs. Mouser is well known as a public speaker before such groups as the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Christian Women's Club, and has spoken in various churches in observance of Ladies' Day.

A "YOUTH FOR CHRIST" mission, held in First United Methodist Church of Welsh, had visiting witnesses from Raymond, Lake Arthur and University Church of Lake Charles. The Rev. Bob L. Lawton is the Welsh minister.

MICKEY STRINGFIELD, a member of Ingleside Church, Baton Rouge, who has completed his second year at Harvard Divinity School, will preach at Ingleside Church on Sunday morning, July 25. The Rev. D. W. Alverson is pastor.

YOUTH OF SIMPSON United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, are making plans for a trip to New Orleans, August 1-4. First they will visit Sager Brown School in Baldwin, MacDonell Children's Home in Houma, and Dulac Community Center in Dulac. While in New Orleans, the group will visit St. Mark's Community Center, Peoples Community Center, and the Methodist Home Hospital. All are Methodist agencies. The Rev. Stone W. Caraway is the Simpson Church pastor.

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REBECCA MELINDA BLOUNT, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Blount, Jr., was married on Friday, July 2, to Wayne Lowry Watkins in the First United Methodist Church of Hammond where her father serves as minister.

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UNITED METHODIST YOUTH of First Church, New Orleans, visited young people of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they shared programs, recreation and sightseeing for a week, recently. First Church will host a bus load of young people from Grand Avenue the week of August 8. "Love —Agape Way" (a playlet) and a covered dish supper will open the New Orleans week. Visits to the French Quarter, a chartered street car ride, along with a film night and a skit night are included in the New Orleans activities. The Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor at First Church.

MER ROUGE AND OAK RIDGE Methodists held vacation Bible school on an ecumenical basis. Episcopal MRI Youth Teams of high school students especially trained as leaders in the work spent a week in the Oak Ridge community early in June working with the Episcopal-Baptist-Methodist Churches. In Mer Rouge, the Episcopal-Methodist school was held June 21-25.

DR. W. RUSSELL PREGEANT, associate pastor of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, and Miss Sammie Maxwell were married in Hannah Chapel of Rayne Memorial on Sunday, July 11.

DONALD STEPHENS, a student of Northeast Louisiana College, Monroe, is serving as summer youth worker in the Winnfield Church. He is a member of Lakeview Church, Minden, and has served as UMY officer in local church, sub-district and district levels. He is working with the Rev. James Skinner, pastor.

DAVE FORTUNA, a senior at Louisiana Tech, Ruston, is the summer youth worker in Horseshoe Drive Church, Alexandria. He is working with the Rev. Warren Blakeman, pastor.

CAMP TANAKO, near Hot Springs, Arkansas, was the destination of junior high youth of First Church, Pineville, and their counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Earl May, the weekend of July 9.

THE MANGUM MEMORIAL junior high tour camp will go to Robbers' Roost, Oklahoma, the week of July 24-30. The group will be accompanied by their pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Mouser, Youth Director Russell Weaver, and Youth Coordinator, Mrs. Harvey Christian. During the week, time will be spent in recreational, inspirational and study activities. The studies will include "The Parables of Jesus" and "Beliefs of a Methodist Christian."

The Cloibarne Church Chair served as guest chair at the Wilhite Church during the recent "protracted meeting." The Rev. Terrel T. Lawe is pastor of both churches.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Aug. 1—Sunday	Joshua 3:14-17
Aug. 2	Joshua 6:6-20
Aug. 3	Judges 15:1-19
Aug. 4	I Kings 17:14-16
Aug. 5	II Kings 2:7-14
Aug. 6	II Kings 4:2-7
Aug. 7	II Kings 4:42-44
Aug. 8—Sun.	II Kings 5:10-27

WEEK DAY ACTIVITIES FOR PINEVILLE CHILDREN

Children's weekday activities are being held in First Church, Pineville, each Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m., through August 11, according to Mrs. Wayne Fallin, educational assistant at the Pineville Church.

The program, designed to keep children in closer contact with the church during the summer months, includes games, singing, crafts, films, and other activities. Children in the kindergarten and elementary I through VI are included in the program.

Vacation church school for children in kindergarten through elementary III was held the week of May 31 with Mrs. Phillip Brooks as director.

Day Camp for elementary IV, V, and VI was also held the week of May 31. This group went by bus each day to Camp Brewer. Directors were Mrs. Richard Lohrey and Mrs. James Pelley.

The Rev. Richard E. Walton is the Pineville pastor.

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THE "NOW SINGERS" from Benton, Arkansas, will present a musical program in First Church, Haynesville, on Sunday morning, July 25. They are under the direction of Kristi Garrison of Haynesville, who is summer youth director in First Church, Benton. They will sing that evening in Grace Church, Ruston, where Kristi serves as organist during the school year.

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AT LEFT: Pat Lann discusses bowling scares with Debbie Hackbarth and Sam Pierce as Steve Nopper sways his ball. The Grace Church Junior Hi UMYF had a fine time an this outing. The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. is their pastor.

AT RIGHT: The retired members at Groce Church in Ruston ore orgonizing a "Young In Heart" group. The first meeting was a noon luncheon, June 30. From left: Mrs. Bertho Morelond, Mrs. Alto Hearn, Mrs. Gracie Watson, coordinator, ond Mrs. Alline Delony.

World Federation of Methodist Women to meet in Denver

NEW YORK (UMI) — Under the theme, "Christian Women in a Changing World," an estimated 350 women from around the world will gather at Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colo., August 12-16 to consider issues and concerns encompassed in four areas: "Women as Persons," "Implications of the Social Gospel," "Evangelistic Challenge," "Christian Unity."

They will be attending the quinquennial Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women. It is one of several international Methodist events being held in conjunction with the World Methodist Conference August 18-26 at the University of Denver. The World Federation of Methodist Women has 62 units in 56 countries.

Presiding at plenary sessions and giving the opening message will be Dr. Patrocinio Ocampo, educational administrator from the Philippines and World Federation president. Other Federation leaders who will bring greetings, lead worship or take part in plenary sessions include: Mrs. Nathaniel Bedford, Youngstown, Ohio, president of the North American Area; Mrs. Eugenia Simpson Cooper of Liberia, Federation vice-president; Mrs. Winifred M. Dudley of New Zealand, secretary, and Mrs. Raymond J. Latham of Australia, Federation president emeritus.

Major program features are to be organized around the four issue areas, with plenary presentations for each, with commissions organized around each of the four, and with each commission expected to produce findings to be considered by the total Assembly. In addition, geographie area meetings are scheduled.

A highlight will be election of officers of the World Federation of Methodist Women for the next five years, and their formal installation in a ceremony to be led by Mrs. Latham.

Among platform speakers: Miss Brigalia M. Bam, formerly of South Africa and now a staff executive in the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, speaking on "The Urgency for Radical Re-Examination of the Theology of Femininity Within the Christian Church"; Mrs. Elisa R. Ocera, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Philippines United Methodist Central Conference, speaking on "Christian Presence in a Changing World"; Dr. Katherine B. Hockin, dean of studies at the Ecumenical Institute of Toronto, Canada, preaching on Sunday, August 15, and leading Bible Study.

Other plenary session features will include: A presentation on "The Ecumenical Movement in the Seventies—The Role of Women"; a film and other input on "Implications of the Social Gospel for Christian Women"; several reports on activities, program and witness of Methodist women around the world, including a multi-media presentation and in-person reports, on the theme "Voices from the Areas: What Methodist Women have been doing 'in all the world' since the 1966 Assembly." A closing "Service of Worship, Recognition and Challenge" is to be led by Mrs. Emma B. Watson, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Unit.

The program for the World Federation Assembly is being planned by a Program Committee comprising Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, Aurora, Ill., Federation treasurer; Miss Theresa Hoover, New York, associate general secretary of the United Methodist Women's Division, and Mrs. Mamie B. Reese of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, dean of women at Albany (Ga.) State College.

The idea of a world organization for Methodist women is credited to the late Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha Women's University in Korea, who first proposed it in 1923. However, the Federation was not formally organized until 1939. Quinquennial Assemblies have been held, the last in London in 1966.

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DEACONESSES FROM NINE DENOMINATIONS MEET

NEW YORK (UMI) — As many as 200 persons from nine denominations were expected to attend the Second North American Deaconess Conference June 28-July 1 at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.

Focusing around the theme, "Called to Holy Obedience Now!", Conference participants followed a varied program that included worship, recreation, small group discussion, business and plenaries on common goals and concerns.

The deaconess movement in the United Methodist Church, lodged administratively in the Office of Deaconess/Home Missionary Service of the National Division, is one of nine groups planning the Conference. Miss Allene M. Ford, executive secretary of Deaconess/Home Missionary Service, is the denominational representative on the Central Committee for the Conference.

Other denominations represented are the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church of Canada, Anglican Church of Canada, United Church of Canada, Episcopal Church and United Church of Christ.

FIFTEEN UNITED METHODIST MISSIONARIES RETIRING

NEW YORK (UMI) — Retirement of 15 missionaries of the United Methodist Board of Missions' World Division was announced at a missionary conference June 16-21 at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. They represent a combined total of 492 years of service. They were recognized at the conference.

The missionaries are:

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Clay of Winston-Salem, N.C., honored for district evangelism, pastoral service and Christian education work in Brazil for 35 years.

Bishop and Mrs. Ralph E. Dodge, honored for service in Angola, Rhodesia and Zambia, for 28 years. He served as bishop of Rhodesia for 12 years. He was born in Terrill, Iowa, and Mrs. Dodge in Fredonia, N.Y.

The Rev. and Mrs. Conrad Heins of Alexandria, Va., honored for pastoral service, teaching and school principal work in India for 36 years.

Miss Josephine S. Laskey, of Okemos, Mich., honored for teaching and school administration in Argentina and Uruguay for 11 years.

Dr. Pearl McCain of Hazen, Ark., honored for 42 years of teaching service in Japan and China.

The Rev. and Mrs. James McEldowney of Marshalltown, Iowa, honored for 32 years of theological teaching and audiovisual and mass communication work in India and England.

Mrs. Bernice Post of Naponee, Neb., honored for 10 years of school teaching and school administration in South Africa and Rhodesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scheuerman of Portland, Oreg., honored for 23 years of teaching, construction supervision and finance work in West Pakistan.

Miss Marguerite Twinem of Pasadena, Calif., honored for 40 years of educational and evangelistic work in China, Board of Missions staff service in New York, and teaching in Taiwan.

The Rev. Dan W. Tohline and family were welcomed to the Jonesboro United Methodist Church with a reception in the church parlor the evening of June 13. Mr. Tohline was pastor at Vivian the past two years. The family consists of, l. to r.: Rev. Tohline, son Joel, wife Veda, son Jayce, and daughter Barbette.

BLACK EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP

Church Women United of Greater New Orleans is sponsoring a workshop on Black Experience. This will be held tomorrow, Friday, July 23 in the Conference Room of Lawless Memorial Chapel at Dillard University from 9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The program includes the following features: "History and Culture of Black Americans"—Dr. Daniel C. Thompson, professor of Sociology, Dillard University; "Selected Readings in Afro-American History"—Dr. Clifton H. Johnson, director, Amistad Research Center; "Action Programs in Race Relations"—Miss Barbara Guillory, associate professor of Sociology, Dillard University.

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THE YOUNG AT HEART Club of Istrouma Church held the July meeting on the third Wednesday Guest speaker was Mrs. Julian Dardon of Shreveport, who is a member of Broadmoor Methodist Church and is district chairman of missionary education for the District Women's Society.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR AUGUST 1: Roles and Relationships in the Family

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 5:21 through 6:4

MEMORY SELECTION: Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To create an awareness of the many roles family members play, and to bring out the importance of understanding these relationships in the building of mature and abiding family life.

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Members of families are dead serious about enriching the life within the home in these days, but most of them discover that the rapid changes that have come in recent years have left them with only a vague idea of what their individual roles are. Many are unwilling or unable to make the adjustments required to give to their marriages the zest and excitement that should be there.

There is widespread confusion in thinking about the roles of the husband and the wife in contemporary marriage which is every bit as real as the turmoil which seems to exist in so many homes between parents and children. William E. Hulme, in a book entitled **Building A Christian Marriage,** said, "Modern life has finally broken the arbitrary domination of men and freed women for a responsible role in society. Mutuality of love and responsibility is a practical possibility in the modern family. At present, however, we are seeking this freedom by throwing out all authority and subordination in the alliance."

All kinds of forces around us have conspired to add to the confusion concerning the roles in marriage. Television programs about the family, comic strips and other forms of humor do very little to help us come to any understanding of what the mature status of this relationship should be like. In many of the situation comedies on television the father is interpreted as a first-class dope and the American male has done very little to protest that interpretation.

Because of the rapid changes that have come in all of life the family has emerged as an entirely different institution from the one we knew just a few years ago. As we remember confusion in an understanding of the roles in the families in which we grew up, we should be prepared to seek help anywhere we can find it for properly playing our roles as members of families in 1971. As we consider the material in this lesson today, we will want to understand that there is a dynamic mutuality in a union of persons in a home. We should not lose our confidence in a restoration of that kind of relationship in these difficult times.

The main questions we want to consider are: What are the roles of men, women and children in family life? Are they fixed for all time by God, or do they change with the changing culture? These questions take us to the heart of family life. Our identities are closely linked with our understanding of the role we play in our families.

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THE ROLE AS PARENTS

In Exodus 20:12 we read: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you." It is very interesting that the injunction concerning respect for parents carries with it a promise. Someone has said that this commandment—the fifth—forms the bridge between the first four, which are concerned with man's responsibility to God, and the last five which refer to his social relationships. There is no doubt that this commandment did much to condition the life of the early Hebrews in such a way that family ties have always been very strong in the Jewish community.

We read in Broadman Comments: "The promise accompanying the commandment reflects the Hebrew persuasion that worthy conduct will bring material benefits. But it also acknowledges a fact to which history bears striking testimony, namely, that the preservation of the family by the fulfillment of its God-given obligations is a means of strengthening of the nation.

Parents are facing problems in our day that are of frightening magnitude, the solution of which can only be found in a new dedication to this relationship. The Bible not only speaks of the need for children to obey their parents, but we find Paul speaking in Ephesians of the need for reciprocity: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right . . . Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (6:1,4)

Although some critics have objected to Paul's handing out advice on family living, the fact is that we see in this passage from Ephesians a sound appreciation of the necessity of understanding that parents and children are people—people in varying stages of maturity. Every child has the need for a feeling of self-worth and the approval of others. As one has said, "Parents can help the child to develop his sense of selfhood by letting him, under their guidance, think, plan, discover, and decide many things for himself. You cannot give him all the answers. You cannot bear the bruises and the brunt of life for him. These things he must experience."

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THE CHANGING ROLE OF PARENTS TODAY

Moving from the firm foundations which the Bible lays for family living, we need to recognize the great changes that have come to render the roles of parents and children more difficult.

Once the relationship involved the division of tasks and chores about the home. The very nature of existence today has eliminated this type of responsibility. We have many new challenges that are the result of an affluent society.

As Bishop Hazen G. Werner has said in his recent book, **Look at the Family Now,** "The family has been worked over, mauled, and pressured by social forces of the new revolution that assault its traditions and its ways of life. The reactions of the family have been in terms of bewilderment and disorganization. The cultural scene in America has undergone vast change, and with it the family system. It's a different family."

Nothing is more frightening to parents today than the anxieties they face concerning the widespread availability and use of drugs among youth. Here is a symptom of the lack of significance in the achievement of a great dream. The home today is faced with the challenge of finding a new dream that will not disappoint us.

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MUTUALITY BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE

Someone has pointed out that although many books deal with child care, child development and child psychology, there is a continuing need to remember that parents are people, too. The roles which husband and wife play in the interrelationships with each other have a direct bearing on the total life in the home.

In some parts of the world, the wife is still considered the property of the husband. Sometimes this attitude reasserts itself in some of the dating practices of our day. Students are sometimes heard to say, "You don't ask a girl who has been going with another fellow for a date, because she's considered his—well—his property." It is important to remember that the relationships in marriage should be person-to-person. The roles should never be such that either can be considered "it" by the other. Both must regard each other as "thou", so that mutuality always prevails.

Sometimes persons enter into a marriage determined to make it a "fifty-fifty" proposition, but this has real pitfalls in it, because if husband and wife have each resolved to go half-way in every relationship there will be too much of a spirit of legalism.

The only proper antidote to the property concept of womanhood is not simply democratic legislation. It is in the spirit of the creation story in which the woman is created not as a help-meet subordinate to the man, but as a help-meet who is the companion of the man. "It is not good for man to be alone." The mutuality of the marital partners grows out of their union as persons in the dialogue of close companionship.

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THE ROLE OF THE WIFE

Paul spoke first of the necessity of the wife's being subject to her husband. The word "obey" was left out of the marriage ceremony a long time ago, and the authoritarian stance with which he was familiar is not found in many homes. However, if we look carefully at what is said in this chapter in Ephesians we discover that the apostle moves beyond the stance of submission to mutuality.

Not only in the marriage relationship, but in Christ there is a unique oneness and equality. In many areas of life women have rightfully struggled for the same opportunities that men have. What the Bible teaches about a wife's subjection to her husband in no way violates these truths. Christian women should not feel that Ephesians 5:22 is some kind of a backward step. Hers is a submission based on tenderness, growing out of her special, exclusive relationship to her husband. Note that Paul uses the figure of the husband's being the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church.

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THE DUTY OF CHRISTIAN HUSBANDS

The comparison of the relationship of husband and wife with that between Christ and the church continues in Paul's exhortation to husbands: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." (Ephesians 5:25)

As to the woman, so also to the man, Paul bases his plea on the example of Christ. He urges husbands to find the pattern of their love in the love of their Lord for his church. At the heart of his appeal is the reminder of Christ's sacrifice for the church—he "gave himself for it."

The emphasis of the Genesis passage which we studied last Sunday is clearly reflected in Paul's continuing charge to husbands. He still finds a parallel between husband and wife, Christ and the church, for as the former become "one flesh" through marriage so also Christ and the church are one body. Paul reaffirms throughout this chapter the mutual relationship responsibilities of husbands and wives.

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"MARRIAGE IS A GREAT MYSTERY"

Paul concluded his passage on marriage with the words, "This is a great mystery, and I take it to mean Christ and the church; however, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

As Dr. Laymon says, "In one final attempt, therefore, he says that marriage is a mystery comparable to that of the relation of Christ to the church; he died for it; it is his body; his presence fills it; he lives for it; he will work to present it faultless before the throne of God. This is what happens between a husband and wife in Christian marriage."

Laymen's Day theme is announced

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodists will join other Protestant denominations October 10 in observance of Laymen's Day, and they have been reminded specifically this year that women and youth are part of the worshipping community and should be included in leadership of the observance.

"Unto the Least of These" is the theme of the annual event, according to resource materials produced by the General Board of the Laity here.

U. S. Senator George McGovern (D.-S.D.), a prominent United Methodist layman, is the author of one of the articles in the resource booklet. Other articles are by Dr. Cynthia C. Wedel, president of the National Council of Churches, and Gerry Glaser, a student at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Also included is a suggested order of worship prepared by the Rev. Hoyt L. Hickman, Erie, Pa., secretary of the church's Commission on Worship.

"Laymen observe this day as a special celebration of thanks to God for giving Christ to the world," said Dr. David W. Self, general secretary of the Board of the Laity.

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OKLAHOMA FRESHMEN AID UMYF PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Three college freshmen from Oklahoma are providing a boost here this summer to a United Methodist youth program seriously hindered by fund cutbacks.

The trio are conference youth associates for the Oklahoma Conference Department of Youth Ministries, selected for a year to develop a legislative action program and to promote Youth Service Fund (YSF) and other projects.

They are Rob Bartlett of Oklahoma City, Jack Wimer of Miami and Lynn Garst of Bartlesville, all of whom will enter Oklahoma City University this fall, as potential political science majors.

They are spending two months in Washington as interns in the Legislative Affairs Project (LAP) of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries, now in its fourth year as a year-round program. LAP works with other church agencies here to determine the processes and prospects for national legislation of interest to youth, then advises state and local youth leaders on what is going on and how they might influence congressional action.

The LAP staff over the years grew from one to three youths, each taking a year off from college and working here on a subsistence level. The three who were assigned here a year ago, augmented because it was a national election period, have been severely limited since mid-winter because of a shortage of YSF income. The council decided in December to eliminate or reduce the stipends paid its staff members, in order to keep its commitments to mission projects already approved.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

History was made in the latter half of the Methodist Conference when the whole Conference Session went out into the open air.

So far as I have been able to discover, this has never happened before. Although later the new president, the Rev. Kenneth L. Waights paid a tribute to Lord Soper, saying that Lord Soper's open air ministry was the greatest since John Wesley, certainly no president has led the whole Conference in an official session in the open air before.

The idea was the brain-child of Kenneth Waights who is himself an open air speaker of considerable experience, and he persuaded Lord Soper to give up, for once, his famous "pitch" near the Tower of London, where thousands of people have heard him speak every Wednesday lunchtime, and speak at this special occasion in Harrogate, Yorkshire, where the Conference met.

In Harrogate there is a great expanse of green lawns which has the name "The Stray." It was to this area that the president, with Lord Soper, and the vice president led the 660 members of the Conference for an open-air devotional session which turned out to be a question-and-answer time when Lord Soper faced questions not so much from the kind of audience he is accustomed to face on these occasions, but none-the-less interesting.

In fact, Harrogate as a town was not greatly affected. Not many people who were not members of the conference were in the crowd — perhaps it had not been publicised well enough? But many people felt that this was more of a symbolic gesture than anything else — a gesture which reflected the growing mood of a Conference which did not want to be on the defensive, but which was constantly asking itself how it could mobilise its forces better.

This was a recurring theme, and was nowhere more certainly touched upon than when the chairman of the Cornwall District and Dr. William Strawson, one of British Methodism's theologians proposed that the conference should support the thinking in a booklet which has been written by Douglas Hubery, Methodism's Education Secretary.

In an Introduction to this booklet the president quite rightly says: "All the documents in the world cannot be effective unless they become incarnated in people, and I would suggest that when the reader has read it he says to himself 'What does this mean for me and how can I best deal with the issues raised?' ".

This was precisely the way the document was presented to the conference. "Don't put your hand up to vote in favour of this unless you are prepared to do something about it in your own church or circuit" said Dr. Strawson. And when apparently every hand went up it was in response not so much a motion in a Conference as an appeal to take seriously the words of **"For Such A Time As This."** In it Douglas Hubery has said: "Too few are called upon to do too much . . . the church carries too many passengers . . . Every church member should be challenged to take on one specific task on behalf of the church, whether in leadership or prayer or community service."

"You are either the people of God or not. It is for you to say 'Yes' or 'No.' " And, on the whole, this reflected the mood of the Conference which is now over. Whether this kind of positive thinking can be got to the level of every church member is the real question. But there is no doubt that many church people have been waiting for just such a lead as this.

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CROP, the community hunger appeal of Church World Service, is shipping four carloads of split beans to feed refugees from East Pakistan. CROP also has made $10,000 available through Church World Service to purchase medicines for cholera victims and tarpaulins for temporary shelter for refugees in India.

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Building Bridges?

by Arthur West
United Methodist Information

"To build bridges of loving understanding and fellowship with all members of the United Methodist Church" was one of the announced goals of the Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 7-10.

Meeting under the banner, "The Word of God — Alive" 1,675 registered for the gathering which was sponsored by the Forum for Scriptural Christianity, an unofficial United Methodist organization which publishes the quarterly periodical, **Good News.** Local visitors swelled the evening congregations to well over the 2,000 mark.

Delegates listened to a dozen major addresses in Cincinnati's new convention center and had opportunity to select two afternoon seminars from an offering of 28 topics that ranged from "Coffee Pot Evangelism" to "The Fine Art of Selective Giving."

In a keynote address, the Rev. Leslie Woodson, Elizabethtown, Ky., diagnosed the state of the church today as "sick, but not hopeless."

Dr. Woodson, who is chairman of the board of directors of the Forum for Scriptural Christianity, set the tone for much that was said by later speakers when he denounced "an omnicompetent church government," and "a bureaucracy . . . determined to proceed with a program that it cannot sell."

"Let us never forget," he said, "that the life of the church is to be seen on the frontiers in Antioch, not at the headquarters in Jerusalem, or New York or Nashville."

His declaration that "the boards and agencies are to be servants, not dictators" was the first of numerous occasions when loud "Amens" and thunderous applause greeted denunciations of the church's general church's agencies or its curriculum resources.

Dr. Woodson's subject was "Leucocytes in the Body of Christ," and he likened his fellow evangelicals to the white corpuscles which fight infections in the body's blood stream.

He pictured the plight of his colleagues thus: "Evangelicals have been given curriculum resources which we cannot use, assigned pastors whom we cannot follow, handed programs which we cannot share, and given leaders whom we cannot trust. Yet we are told to give our tithes while we starve to death."

About half of the platform speakers and many of the seminar leaders echoed similar sentiments throughout the four-day meeting.

On the other hand, at least three major speakers made bold to call to the assembly's attention some of the wider implications of the gospel message. This note was emphasized by an urbanologist and two United Methodist bishops.

Dr. Gilbert James of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., discussing the subject, "Christians as Agents of Social Change," called upon his hearers to have a commitment deeper than simply "getting on the bandwagon for Jesus." He said he was tired of hearing some evangelicals mouth pious phrases or "Jesus talk" without seriously following the Christian mandate to confront the whole framework of life, including such problems as pollution, war, and the economic exploitation of the poor.

"Proof of a living relationship with Christ," Dr. James declared, "is a loving relationship with men."

True evangelism, he said, is "not tricking people into signing an insurance policy and then letting them read the fine print later. Jesus never cheapened his demands to secure followers, and his followers cannot do it either."

An evangelical Christian, he said, needs to get involved in community groups that are working for human betterment and renewal and are protesting social evils. Often, however, he said, such groups will be dominated and led by liberal Christians and some with no religion at all. Here is an evangelical's opportunity for a creative, reconciling role.

Dr. James also tried to lay to rest the common assumption that a conservative theology demands a conservative or even reactionary political science, sociology or economics.

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, in welcoming the convocation to his area, went on to say that "Evangelicalism is authentic Christianity and comes at a time when it is greatly needed."

The shortcoming of the evangelical movement, he said, is that "it hasn't saved persons enough." Just saving a fragment of a person's life by conversion at the altar is not sufficient, the bishop maintained. "We must save the whole of a man's life and relationships, his personality, intellect and feelings."

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of Charlotte, N.C., who said he brought "the warm and affectionate greetings of United Methodist bishops" was present throughout the convocation and gave the principal address on the final evening.

As an official representative of the church's Council of Bishops, he thanked the group for "the good things you are trying to do" but he cautioned: "Don't ever fence in that term **evangelical.** It is as big and as wide as the gospel and the wholewide earth." He also urged that they never surrender to a "neurosis of negativism."

Bishop Hunt's theme was "Christ's Mighty Victory."

"The tragic impoverishment of the church's witness in recent years," he said, "is traceable to persistent ignoring, often in high places, of the naked spiritual power implicit in a full awareness of God's work through Jesus Christ in his Incarnation, his death on the Cross, and his Resurrection."

According to Bishop Hunt, the Incarnation is "the authentic authority for Christian involvement in seeking a solution to the tormenting problems of this moment."

He said: "If Jesus Christ, indeed, was both man and God, then His Gospel is the silken cord that binds earth and heaven forever together, and that urges the application of the heavenly insights in the Sermon on the Mount to the problems of racism, poverty, war, population control, ecology, moral confusion, and all the rest."

One of the presiding officers, Dr. Charles Kellogg of Evanston, Ill., a black layman on the staff of the General Board of the Laity and also a member of the sponsoring agency's board of directors, gently chided his brethren for the scarcity of black persons in attendance. At most sessions, black persons in the audience could have been counted on the fingers of one hand. Several of these were black staff members who were observers from general agencies of the church.

"I expect you to go back to your homes and bring more black persons with you when we meet again," Dr. Kellogg said.

One of the principal speakers was a Negro educator, Dr. Oswald Brunson, President of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga. His topic was "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory."

Other speakers at plenary sessions included Mrs. Virginia Law, director of family life, Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. David Seamands, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Wilmore, Ky.; the Rev. Kenneth Enright, missionary on furlough from the Congo; the Rev. Phillip E. Worth, Collingswood, N.J.; George E. Curtis, Jr., a Portland, Maine, layman; and the Rev. Ford Philpot, Lexington, Ky., president of the National Council of United Methodist Evangelists.

Worship services were greatly enriched by the music of the Lake Junaluska (N.C.) Singers, directed by Glenn Draper, and by the Aldersgate Singers of Tyler Street United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, under the leadership of Joseph Abston.

Events were planned especially for the 100 or more young people attending the convocation. These included informal fellowship, panel discussions on a variety of issues such as racism and war, folk singing and spontaneous witnessing. On the final night, the young people made an evangelistic mission to nearby Fountain Square for late-night witnessing to groups that congregate there.

On the final morning, the convocation gave a standing ovation to the Rev. Charles Keysor of Elgin, Ill., who was hailed as the person "who under God was chosen by the Father to let this movement be born." He edits **Good News.**

Briefly assessing the movement's progress since its first convocation in Dallas a year ago, Mr. Keysor said: "After a long period of 'exile' we came to Dallas. There we found out who we were and since then our identity has congealed. We are no longer doubting since Dallas. We realize we are messengers of the living God, bearers of the Gospel that saves to the uttermost. We must lay everything on the line in our fight against apostasy and complacency . . . But, brothers and sisters, we shall overcome!"

Whether this warfare the evangelicals propose to wage is, as some insist, simply a "lover's quarrel" with the church or whether it becomes a vindictive vendetta against general boards and agencies, especially those with social-action thrusts, remains to be seen.

Obviously, the movement has gained strength. While the attendance at Cincinnati was not appreciably greater than at Dallas, where 1,600 registered, reports do show that the income of the organization has tripled during the past year and membership has increased. One member of the board of directors reported in a seminar that he had personally visited nine conference units since the first of the year.

Dr. Woodson, at a press conference, reported significant gains in electing evangelicals to the 1972 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. One conference, he said, had elected a complete slate of evangelicals, but he declined to name the conference.

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, a staff member of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., served as general chairman of the 30-member steering committee which planned the convocation. For many years prior to 1968, Dr. Mayfield was the top executive of the Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities.

According to Dr. Mayfield, "We want United Methodists to come to the foot of the Cross in contrition, rededicate themselves to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of their lives, and then go into the world, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, to be Christ's agents of reconciliation proclaiming the GOOD NEWS and eliminating injustice, hatred and brutality among all segments of mankind."

Few would find fault with so lofty a goal as expressed by Dr. Mayfield or with the clearly-stated purpose that one of several aims of the group is "to build bridges of loving understanding and fellowship with all members of the United Methodist Church."

However, there were numerous times during the Cincinnati convocation when this observer got the impression that some of the adherents of the movement are more interested in building barriers than bridges. It gave one a sinking feeling to hear enthusiastic applause and hearty "amens" to attacks on church boards and committed but liberal-minded leaders when only token response greeted speakers who dared to press for a gospel that seeks to redeem all of life and not just the individual. The movement could easily drift into a holier-than-thou separatism.

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Each year the American Legion from Shreveport takes part in the Ruston Peach Festival Parade. They always bring their Forty and Eight train (remember – 40 men or 8 horses) to take Home children for a ride. Question: Who is having the most fun?

This little batch of fish would have been much bigger if they had not run out of bait.

From the Superintendent

ONE OF OUR BOYS

(Reprinted by permission: Ruston Daily Leader)
By Allan Crow

Trinity Methodist and Maxwell's Restaurant each posted victories Tuesday night to remain in second place in their respective Dixie baseball leagues.

Mickey Rushing hurled a no-hitter as Trinity smashed Hunt Lumber 12-1. The win enabled the Methodists to remain in a three-way tie for second place in the Youth West League.

Old Time Physics

This Superintendent (well over thirty) remembers a law stated in his high school Physics book: "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." The same is true of people. Youth who have been, or think they have been, rejected will almost always react strongly to any additional real or imagined rejection.

My Country, may she ever be "one nation, under God—with liberty and justice for all."

Self Respect is the Foundation of Success

"And man He made in the image of God"
"Now are ye the sons of God"
"The Kingdom of God is within"
This is what we believe and try to build upon.

Much Ado about Something Vital

For an eagle to hatch, it must break out of its shell. This takes a lot of wing beating, pecking, and general disturbance. For a child to become a man, the same process is usually necessary. Most of us who are older experienced this. A few of us even remember it.

Something GOOD About Kids

So often it seems that only the bad makes news. We want to share something good.

Each summer the Home puts on an intensive program of recreation, work, crafts, and remedial education. This year the cost of our remedial education program was paid for by the hard and joyful work of youth from five churches as their Bible School projects. Churches taking part were Hosston Methodist, Gilliam Methodist, Belcher Methodist, Belcher Presbyterian, and Dixie Presbyterian.

We are truly delighted with this spirit of unity, of sacrifice and service and sharing: Christianity in Action. Our thanks to each one who took part. You will be better people, better Christians as a result.

Our Scouts Are Winners

Scout Troop 44 — our boys — took part in a six day Camporee at Camp Kiroli. Among the awards received by the troop were:

Honor Camp—First Place
Aquatic Show—First Place
Health and Safety—Second Place
Individual awards were:
Ten boys advanced from Tenderfoot to Second Class
Three boys won Life Saving Merit Badges
Four boys won Camping Merit Badges
Five boys won Swimming Merit Badges
Four boys won Archery Merit Badges
Three boys won the Mile Swim Award.

Our camp was directed by Mr. John Allen of the staff of the Home. We express to Mr. Allen and to the boys our pride in the very fine record they achieved.

—Harry E. Ezell, Superintendent

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A group of participants in the Daily Vacation Church School at Barksdale Church, Bossier City. A total of 81 took part in the two-week school. The Rev. Fred A. Mead is the pastor.

This group attended the Iowa Vacation Church School, June 21-25. The Rev. Raymond Crofoot is the pastor.

These children and their leaders attended the Vacation Church School at First Church, Homer, July 5-9. This was a combined school with First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Odell Simmons is the Methodist pastor.

The Rev. Carey Martin of Eunice, extreme right, was the director for this Lake Charles District Elementary Camp No. 1.

Fifty-one campers and six staff members are pictured at the Shreveport District Junior High Camp at Caney Lake. The Rev. Lewis Ovenshire was the director and Mrs. Betty Rowell was co-director.

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THE 1000 CLUB: Nineteen years of building Methodist churches

by Cecil Bland

Sunday, August 15, will be observed as 1000 Club Sunday in the Louisiana Conference, marking the beginning of the 19th year of service for this active organization of our church.

The three calls selected for this year are: **First Call** (Sept. 1)—Hughes United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge; **Second Call** (Dec. 1)—The Inter-faith Chapel at Louisiana State Prison at Angola; and **Third Call** (March 1) — St. James/St. Paul churches in Monroe.

Back in 1952, information was brought to the old Conference Board of Lay Activities, as it was then called, that laymen in other parts of the country were assuming the responsibility for assisting new churches in their building programs. That year the "1000 Club" became a reality. The original plan called for the enrollment of 1000 laymen in Louisiana who would be willing to give $10.00 to each new church started, to be used specifically for building purposes. But the idea was so popular that many more than 1000 persons wanted to participate.

Also, changing conditions in the Conference prompted the Policy Committee of the organization to recognize population growth and mobility by allowing churches in such transitional situations to also obtain funds through these calls, and that special projects such as chapels, etc. should also be included.

Since the start of the organization, 44 new churches, relocated churches, and replaced churches (for those destroyed by hurricanes and fires) have been built. One hospital chapel has been built and special district calls have been made. The total of the funds raised is more than $250,000.

1000 Club Sunday is a day set aside each year to lift up this program to the churches of the Conference. Posters listing the three calls for the 1971-72 Conference Year have been sent to each church in the Conference. Membership cards are being distributed in the districts to enroll those who are interested in becoming part of the program.

Concerning the calls for this year:

The Hughes United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, is a former Conference B church in a depressed neighborhood. Some years ago, First United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge working together took this area as a project out of which developed the Hughes Community Center. This is a program of the Quadrennial Emphasis "Fund for Reconciliation" in Louisiana. It provides training in domestic arts such as cooking, sewing and handcrafts. It also provides a day care center and supervised recreation for children among other services.

The church building is a dilapidated frame structure. Its replacement would not only provide greatly improved worship and training facilities, but would be of immeasurable help to the Hughes Center project.

The second call for the Inter-faith Chapel at Angola State Prison will help provide a worship center for over 3,000 inmates who do not have any present building in which to hold church services. The most active Methodist Men's Fellowship in Louisiana meets every Saturday night at the prison. Several other denominations are cooperating in this project.

The third call is for the St. James/St. Paul churches in Monroe. These two small churches, both formerly in Conference B, are hoping to merge, relocate and build a new plant. Both of them are located in depressed areas of Monroe.

If you would like to become part of the 1000 Club, you may contact your pastor or your district 1000 Club Director who is a part of the District Board of the Laity.

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Centenary College receives grant from Western Electric Foundation

Centenary College is one of the first colleges in the nation to receive a $50,000 grant under a new program of unrestricted grants being made by Western Electric Fund.

The Centenary grant was announced by Floyd C. Boswell, general manager of the Western Electric Company's Shreveport Works. The first payment of $10,000 was presented by Boswell to Centenary President John H. Allen and Trustee Chairman George D. Nelson. The entire grant will be paid out over a five year period.

The Trustees of the Western Electric Fund selected Centenary for the grant from a category headed, "Highly Academically Rated 4-Year Colleges or Smaller Universities."

In presenting the first installment to Centenary, Boswell said, "The Trustees recognize that private colleges and universities play a most significant role in the field of higher education. Consequently, they began this new program this year, and Centenary, I am happy to say, is one of the first to be named a recipient."

"It is our hope that this grant will in some measure demonstrate our confidence in Centenary College and its administration. We also hope it will reflect the pride we have for this community which possesses so much latent potential," he said.

In implementing this new program, the Western Electric Fund Trustees took into account the role of the private sector of higher education in the United States. They also recognized that many private colleges and universities have come under financial strain in recent years, so they decided the schools should decide where the moneys will be used.

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Floyd Boswell, general manager of the Western Electric Company's Shreveport Works, left, is shown presenting the first installment of a $50,000 grant to Centenary College. Accepting the gift were George D. Nelson, center, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and President John H. Allen.

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Annual Laymen's Retreat offers varied program

The fifteenth annual United Methodist Retreat for men, women and youth will be held the weekend of July 31-August 1 on the campus of Centenary College in Shreveport. This lay-sponsored event attracts some 400 persons yearly.

This year, in addition to the regular School of Theology which is a main feature of the program, the Retreat will feature special training sessions for organizational lay leaders of the Louisiana Methodist Conference.

Dr. Clifford B. Lott, associate General Secretary of the General Board of the Laity of the United Methodist Church, of Evanston, Illinois, will lead a special session designed to train those laymen primarily concerned with leading local churches in Stewardship programs embracing all areas of life.

The Rev. Richard S. Smith, also of the General Board of the Laity, will lead a session for the training of District Lay leaders, Local Church Lay Leaders and others concerned with the overall lay program.

The School of Theology will feature these courses: The Gospel of Matthew by the Rev. Robert Ed Taylor; the "God Question" by the Rev. Grayson Watson; and Leadership and Dynamic Group Action by Reverend William McCutcheon. In addition, a commercial organization will present courses for adults and youth in how to motivate people in the work of the church.

Cecil E. Ramey, Jr., prominent Shreveport area civic leader and churchman will be the featured retreat speaker. Mr. Ramey is an attorney.

The Retreat program begins with registrations at 12:00 noon Saturday, July 31 and ends with Sunday morning worship services on Sunday, August 1.

Goals are announced by Louisiana Foundation for Private Colleges

W. D. Rodemacher, newly elected chairman of the Louisiana Foundation for Private Colleges, (LFPC) has announced a two year goal of $180,000 to be raised from Louisiana corporations in support of independent colleges.

At Centenary for it's 18th annual meeting, Rodemacher, president of Central Louisiana Electric Company, Pineville, said that the fund raising campaign will correspond with the 20th anniversary of the Louisiana Foundation. "Presidents of the member colleges will join businessmen in calling on some 650 businesses in the next two years. Last year, over 320 firms were visited. Contributions totaling $77,000 were received from 103 corporations, foundations and individuals," he added.

Elected president of LFPC was Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, Pineville. Other officers elected were: George D. Nelson, Shreveport, vice president; Ted Tumminello, treasurer, New Orleans; and Sister Mary Ursula Cooper, secretary. Nelson is president of Querbes and Bourquin, Tumminello is tax counsel for Pan American Life Insurance Company and Sister Ursula is president of St. Mary's Dominican College, New Orleans.

Thirteen members of LFPC's Board of Advisors were installed during the meeting. They are: Joseph Andrus, vice president, International City Bank; Charles A. Gogreve, Jr., general manager, New York Life Insurance Co., J. S. Matthews, general personnel manager, South Central Bell; Lewis C. Moulton, regional vice president, Louisiana and Southern Life Insurance Co.; and Steve Sibley, director of sales, The Monteleone Hotel, all of New Orleans.

Also, Virgil Shaw, division manager, Gulf States Utilities Co. and Warren N. Waggenspack, treasurer, State National Life Insurance Co., Baton Rouge; Parrish Fuller, Fuller Forests Products, Oakdale; Walter B. Mackenzie, president, Plantation Pipe Line Co., Atlanta; J. P. Owen, Jr., Owen Drilling Co., Lafayette; J. Edward Murray, president, The Muller Co., Lake Charles; B. N. Strong, manager, IBM Corp., Shreveport; and J. M. Pinkston, personnel manager, Olinkraft, Inc., West Monroe. All will serve three year terms.

In other business, outgoing chairman Dr. John H. Allen, president of Centenary, announced that the national convention of the Independent Colleges of America, New York, will be held in New Orleans on March 6-9, 1972 and the Louisiana Foundation will be the host association. ICFA represents 40 state associations of independent colleges and their 150 independent colleges.

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W. D. Rodemacher, secand fram right, president of Central Louisiana Electric Co., Pineville, has been named chairman af the Louisiana Faundation of Private Colleges. He was elected at a recent meeting of the presidents af the three colleges who are members of the Faundation. They are, fram left: Sister Mary Ursula Cooper, St. Mary's Dominican College, New Orleans; Dr. John H. Allen, Centenary College, Shrevepart; and Dr. G. Earl Guinn, Louisiana College, Pineville.

World Methodist Family Life Conference will be held at Estes Park

NEW YORK (UMI) — The Christian family will be discussed from different generational, geographical and topical perspectives at the second World Methodist Family Life Conference August 14-18 at Estes Park, Colo. Planned by the World Methodist Family Life Committee, it is one of several events clustered around the World Methodist Conference in Denver August 18-26.

With most reservations believed to be in, Conference officials say total attendance by delegates and official observers will be about 265. An objective sought—approximate balance between U.S. and overseas delegates — has benerally been achieved, said the Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young, Park Ridge, Ill., chairman of the World Family Life Committee and over-all coordinator for the Conference. Registration figures show about 100 U.S. delegates and 90 from other countries, he added, with registrations having been received from 35 countries including many in the "Third World" (Asia, Africa, Latin America).

The Conference program has been planned under the leadership of Program Committee chairman, retired Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Carlisle, Pa., and is focused around the theme, "The Christian Family and the Arriving Generation." Plenary session leadership will involve persons of virtually all ages and from 16 countries, Bishop Werner said.

The program is organized around sub-themes, to be presented in plenary and followed by discussion in reaction groups. Features of the program include: A welcome from Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of the Denver Area; worship to be led by Bishop Eric Mitchell of the Bombay Area and others; a Bible Hour meditation by Bishop Roy C. Nichols of the Pittsburgh Area; an International Night and Informal Witnessing Hour; Summary and Recommendations at a closing session to be moderated by Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area; hospitality functions to be hostessed by Mrs. W. Ralph Wark, Syracuse, N.Y., and Mrs. T. Otto Nall, Hong Kong; evening prayers led by the Rev. Leonard Brown of England.

Leaders for plenary sessions at which sub-themes will be presented: "The Impact of the Changing Society on the Growing Person"—Address by Dr. Nalla Tan, senior lecturer in the Department of Social Medicine and Public Health at the University of Singapore, and Methodist laywoman.

"The Church's Ministry to the Growing Person" — Address by Bishop Ole E. Borgen of the Stockholm Area of the United Methodist Church, former World Methodist Council executive, pastor and administrator in the U.S. and Sweden. "The Responsibilities of Parenthood and the Growing Person"—Dialogue with Dr. C. D. Eck, head of the Management Training Department of the Institute of Applied Psychology and Methodist lay preacher; and the Rev. Hyun Ju Shin, associate professor at Soodo Women's College in Seoul, Korea.

"The Family in These Disturbing Times"—Address by Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte (N.C.) Area and chairman of the United Methodist General Committee on Family Life. "Learning About Sex in the Home"—Presentation by Mrs. Norah S. Shipstone, Lucknow, India, former assistant editor of **Christian Home** magazine in India and author of articles and stories, and Ivor George Baber, director of the Methodist Social Service Center and an accredited marriage counselor in New Zealand.

"Youth and the Changing Concepts of Morality"—Presentation by the Rev. Leslie C. Clements, of the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland; and the Rev. Alan Kirton of Trinidad, a minister in the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. "Resolving Youth-Adult Alienations" — Dialogue with the Rev. Dr. James E. Doty, president of Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas, and formerly director of pastoral care for the Indiana Methodist Area; and Billy Kaurtei of Koror, Palau Islands, a student at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

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Western Electric

President Allen said the funds would be placed in the general operating budget of the College and would be used in all phases of college operations. "I know I speak for everyone at Centenary College in expressing our gratitude to Floyd Boswell and the Western Electric Fund for this gift to the College." he said. "This is, I think, further evidence of their concern for the dual system of higher education in the state of Louisiana."

The Western Electric Fund is a membership organization with assets contributed by the Western Electric Company. Its sole purpose it to receive, administer and distribute money or other properties for charitable, scientific and educational purposes. Fund contributions to date have been confined to such organizations as the community chest, American Red Cross, youth activities, hospitals and colleges.

They have included Centenary in their scholarship program for a number of years. Since 1966, the College has received $8,700 under this program.

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THE REV. A. E. WINGFIELD

The Rev. A. E. Wingfield, pastor of the Waterproof and Clayton United Methodist churches in the Monroe District, died on Thursday, July 22, in a Ferriday hospital after a brief illness. He was 54.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 24, at Wares Chapel near Haynesville with the Revs. W. D. Boddie and C. C. Mims officiating.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Andrews Wingfield; three sons, James Edward Wingfield of Monroe, and Clifton Ray Wingfield and Harold Gene Wingfield, both of Waterproof; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hardwell of Ashdown, Ark., and Mrs. Ruth Harris of Dallas, Tex.; a brother, Gladney Wingfield of Magnolia, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Audna Nelson of Shreveport; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were L. T. Collins, Whitfield Butler, Dan Justice, the Rev. W. T. Hall, Gerald Thomas and William H. Graves.

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Editorial

REFUGEES IN INDIA CALLED "GREATEST EMERGENCY OF OUR TIME"

The refugee problem resulting from the massive flight into India of persons from East Pakistan has been called "one of the greatest and most difficult emergency actions of our time." As more of the facts come to light in this situation, the other nations of the world are coming to realize that they must find ways of facing up to the human need in this situation.

Relief agencies of the churches have been doing some things to alleviate the suffering, but the magnitude of the problem brings home to all of us the fact that all that has been done to this point is only a small "drop in the bucket" of the massive human need.

You will recall that two circumstances conspired in creating the pressure in East Pakistan which has driven millions of the citizens of that country to seek refuge in India, a nation that normally sees hundreds of thousands of its own die from starvation every year. First there was the catastrophic tidal wave and the resulting flood which claimed the lives of at least 600,000 people. Then there followed a period of civil war which produced the cruelest kind of police pressures on the part of government troops. Millions of the people felt that life there had grown intolerable and began the massive movement across the border into India.

From the information we have been able to see, it is apparent that India is doing a heroic job of trying to deal with the twin specters of starvation and cholera which have been so widespread. They have undertaken to move great numbers of the refugees away from the border. But this is a task far too great for that nation — the other nations of the world must come to their assistance.

The size of this problem was recently described for members of the U.N. Economic and Social Council at a meeting in Geneva. At this time an appeal was issued to India and Pakistan to create conditions which could lead to the quick repatriation of the East Pakistan refugees.

The major statement of the Geneva meeting was made by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadrunnin Aga Khan, who reported in detail on the humanitarian needs of the refugees. His office is coordinating the humanitarian assistance system on behalf of the refugees. Members of the Council also heard a report on relief operations that are underway in East Pakistan itself.

Mr. Khan described the refugee problem as "one of the greatest and most difficult emergency actions of our time." He said that as of July 16, $99.4 million for aid had been pledged to the governments, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations. However, he noted that India has estimated that, to care for an average population of 6 million refugees for only six months would require aid in the amount of $400 million.

The new figure of Pakistani refugees in India provided by the Government of India, as of July 13, showed a total figure of 6,849,000. "There is no doubt," Mr. Khan said, "that we are confronted with one of the major population movements in modern history, with all the tragic aspects of human misery and suffering that such movements entail."

In seeking to deal with the massive problem of shelter, a large emergency allocation of funds from UNICEF, plus governments and voluntary agencies is meeting a major part of the need. Additional deliveries are expected on a weekly basis from various parts of the world. The Indian government is undertaking a program of building light huts made from local materials for 3 million people.

There are acute shortages in food. The key commodity is, of course, rice, of which it is reported that only about 160,000 tons were available against 600,000 tons needed.

Eleven million doses of cholera vaccine were sent to the Indian government from all sources, and the World Health Organization feels that supplies should be continued in case of further outbreaks.

The problems of transportation would stagger the imagination, even if all the commodities and supplies were now on their way to India. India has requested 768 trucks, 480 jeeps, 244 trailers and 120 ambulances. UNICEF has already supplied many of these vehicles and placed orders around the world to cover the needs. As Mr. Khan said, "The problem of transport necessitates a most imaginative response and may indeed require an increasing use of sophisticated means of delivery, including possible helicopters to avert disaster."

Ambassador Agha Shahi of Pakistan reported that President Yahya Khan has appealed four times during the past two months to the refugees to return to their homes. However, he said that many are afraid to return home, even with the announcement of amnesty. The governments of both countries are cooperating to overcome this fear among the reguees. This, of course, is the long-range program, but while it is being developed the world community must recognize the heavy burden of responsibility that is theirs.

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the Editor's Corner

"CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM" URGED CONCERNING RELIGIOUS SITUATION IN USSR

We have been interested to read in the last few days of the visit of an interreligious delegation to Moscow and their report that it views the religious situation in the Soviet Union with "cautious optimism."

The trip sponsored by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, was made by four officers of that organization: Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue in New York, president; Dr. Harold Bosley, minister of Christ Church (United Methodist) in New York, and Father Thurston N. Davis, S.J., vice presidents; and former New York Congressman Francis E. Dorn, a Roman Catholic, secretary-treasurer.

Rabbi Schneier said that it appeared likely that the first Russian rabbinical students would be allowed to begin their training this fall at the Jewish seminary in Budapest. The course will require at least three years, even on a "crash" basis, he said.

The group found the prospect of young Jews being allowed to undertake rabbinical studies particularly significant in view of the advanced age of the few remaining rabbis in the Soviet Union.

All four members of the delegation placed heavy stress on what they termed the "detrimental" effects of the activities of the Jewish Defense League.

Father Davis said that it was clear from all the people they talked with—Baptist, Orthodox, Catholic, and Jewish leaders, as well as officials of the government and the U.S. embassy — that the JDL's activities were not only "befogging the whole atmosphere" but were "extremely dangerous."

A privately-financed agency, the foundation has sponsored visits to investigate problems of religious liberty in such areas as Spain and Northern Ireland as well as Communist countries.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A Toronto pastor, the Rev. Arnold Reimer told his congregation that men are to blame for some of the revolutionary women's activity because they abdicate their role of leadership. The pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church there said that according to the Scriptures, God has given man the authority to rule his home. He quotes Ephesians: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." Then he added that the Scriptures call for men who are believers, leaders, lovers, providers and teachers. Perhaps, he said, this list "overwhelmed" man, who cried, in horror: "Help, I'm a man."

A onetime British Army Commando chaplain, who participated in the 1944 D-day landings, has been nominated to be the next Anglican bishop of the 900-year-old diocese of Norwich in eastern Englaand. Prebendary Maurice Arthur Ponsonby Wood, 54, will succeed Bishop Launcelot Fleming, 65-year-old former polar explorer and geologist — soon to become Dean of Windsor. Wood has been regarded as the authoritative leader of the Conservative Evangelicals in the Church of England. His conciliatory approach to many controversial issues in recent years is said to have led to wider participation by evangelicals in general Church life.

Jarrell F. McCracken, Waco, Tex., former ministerial student and head of the world's largest religious recording company, has been named Special Gifts Chairman for National Bible Week. National Bible Week, sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee, is held annually during Thanksgiving Week to coincide with the nation's only non-sectarian religious holiday. The Baylor University-educated president of Word, Inc. worked his way through school as a radio sportcaster. His reading of an allegorical football game between the forces of good and evil, drew such heavy mail response that he recorded "Game of Life" with special sound effects. In 1951 he established a recording company, and has since expanded into book publishing and other areas of religious enterprise.

The 18 conference bishops of the American Lutheran Church have been replaced on the denomination's policy-making Church Council by parish pastors, one elected from each district. As a result of constitutional changes approved by the ALC's district conventions, the bishops will be retained as advisory, non-voting members of the Council. Each district will continue to have a lay representative. An amendment to the ALC constitution acknowledged a "pledged mutuality of authority, power, and resources" between congregations and the denomination.

For the first time for some years, the crucial issue of Methodist union with the Church of England (Anglican) was not on the agenda of Britain's 1971 Methodist Conference assembled in Harrogate, England. This was because the Methodist Conference has twice voted in favor of the existing union plan and is now awaiting a positive response from the Anglicans.

An American Lutheran Church bishop has recomended that congregations under his jurisdiction give the right to vote to young people at the time of confirmation, usually between the ages of 14 and 16. Bishop Clarence Solberg, president of the ALC's North Pacific District, said that the congregation is a family and "needs the voice of every possible member of that family."

A noted Seventh-day Adventist broadcaster told the annual camp meeting of the Colorado Conference of Adventists that "if our government leaders found themselves on their knees every day, inviting God's guidance for their responsibilities, they would be more readily believed, because they would be led by the One Who has never told a lie." "Who ever heard of a praying people plagued by a 10 per cent annual rise in crime?" he asked. "What strife — at home or abroad—cannot be resolved by the heavenly intelligence found in prayer?"

Three Cambridge seminaries—two Anglican and one Methodist—will work together more closely under a new "federal relationship." According to an official announcement from Cambridge, England, the plan is designed to "strengthen the contribution of each college in preparing ministers for the problems of the modern world." Each of the schools will continue to be responsible for the appointment of its staff and the enrollment and training of its students, and also for maintaining and developing its own traditions. But there will be joint consultation at all points.

A monumental new hall for mass papal audiences in the south corner of the Vatican was inaugurated by Pope Paul VI at his customary general Wednesday audience on June 30. The structure, of reinforced concrete, covers 107,600 square feet, and includes an air-conditioned audience hall which will seat 6,300 people and will accommodate 12,000 if the seats are removed. According to unofficial information, the ultra-modern audience hall is believed to have cost about $10 million. A spokesman said that Pope Paul's intention in having the hall constructed was "to add to other Vatican buildings, which are recognized as the common cultural heritage of all mankind, a building which would be worthy of those other structures."

An organization involving conservative members of eight Protestant denominations is exploring the possibility of becoming a "holding body" for congregations not wishing to become involved in church mergers. The National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship voted in a meeting in Atlanta to "explore the legal and practical implications" of functioning as a "pole around which displaced congregations as well as denominations" might rally.

Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, whose retirement as a United Methodist missionary was announced during a recent Missionary Conference at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., predicts that the countries of southern Africa someday will be ruled by the majority of people there. (Now, in five countries black majorities are ruled by white minority governments.) "The timing will depend on world circumstances," said Bishop Dodge.

Differing points of view may be a source of strength for the Church, the moderator of the Church of the Brethren told 3,500 delegates meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla. Dr. Harold Z. Bomberger, McPherson, Kan., pastor, acknowledged that "we might well come to the place where our differences are irreconcilable. But as members of the community of faith we do not break fellowship. Dr. Bomberger noted that "our diversity, left unchecked can negate the good we attempt to do; can paralyze us into inaction; can erupt into unrestrained conflict and tear us to pieces. Or it can be managed by the grace of God as an opportunity to further his purpose." "To find strength amidst our diversity, it is necessary to affirm not only the fact of diversity but the inherent right of another to be different," he said.

The Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) has turned over 35 mission stations, dispensaries and Bible schools to the Evangelical Churches of West Africa in Nigeria. Dr. Raymond J. Davis, mission director, said the Evangelical Churches in Nigeria will be given all SIM schools, including a seminary, by 1974. In recent months a trend toward handing over mission property to national Churches has become evident.

The New York State Christian Endeavor Union has launched a state-wide teen-age evangelism program aimed at offering alienated youth an option to the nation's "drug and sex culture." Bud Jenson, president, announced at the annual convention that some 2,000 members — particularly teenagers — will be involved in the campaign to win other youths to Christ. "We move now from a flirtation with situation ethics, the God-is-dead theology and experimentation with drugs to quest for meaning and purpose in existence," Jenson said. Christian Endeavor is said to be the oldest ecumenical, interracial organization for Protestant young people.

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(Religious News Service Photo)

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Rev. Wilmina M. Rowland receives the congratulations of Dr. Edward L.R. Elson, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, after becoming the first woman to offer the opening prayer in the United States Senate. Miss Rowland, a United Presbyterian minister who serves with the denomination's Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia, asked God during her prayer to help Americans to realize "that all wisdom does not reside in us . . . "

The theme of the recent Daily Vacation School at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was "The Builder of All Things is God." This picture shows the "Fun Day Picnic" held on the closing day at Greenwood Park, Baker. Shown on the front row, far left, is the Rev. George W. C. Calvin, minister, and at the far right is Wesley J. Belton, dean.

Trading stamps needed for hospital nursery equipment

Church Women United of West Calcasieu have undertaken the project of collecting enough trading stamps to obtain, for use in the nursery of the West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital, one isolette, complete with equipment to monitor the baby's heart beat, breathing rate, and temperature, plus monitoring equipment for another isolette which is already in use in the hospital in Sulphur.

The number of babies whose lives may be saved by such equipment is inestimable. The hospital serves Calcasieu Parish west of the Calcasieu River and Cameron Parish.

The equipment will be supplied by the Big Bonus Stamp Company in exchange for 2,371 books of their stamps.

Persons living in the area may leave their stamps in containers located in several businesses. Persons outside the area may mail their stamp books (or cash donations) to Church Women United, c/o Maplewood United Methodist Church, Maplewood, Louisiana 70663.

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The Rev. William E. James, Owensboro, Ky., has been elected president of United Methodist-related Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Robert F. Burris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burris of Franklinton and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church in that city, has been appointed to the United States Military Academy after graduating from Lyman Ward Military Academy in Alabama. The yearbook of that school called him "perhaps the most outstanding graduate to receive a diploma" from the institution. In addition to a fine athletic record and participation in many of the school's extra-curricular activities, he served as president of the All-Alabama Beta Clubs.

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A Father-Son Banquet was recently held at Aurora United Methodist Church, New Orleans. Left: a general view of those attending, and right: an orchestra which furnished music for the occasion.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. J. P. McKEITHEN, pastor of Carrollton United Methodist Church in New Orleans, will be host of a Holy Land tour which will begin November 22.

SOUTHSIDE UNITED Methodist Men, Monroe, heard two young ministerial candidates speak at the July 15 supper meeting. They were Jerry Fuller and John Garrett. With the recent decision of W. G. Davis, Sr. to study for a license to preach, Southside Church has the distinction of sending 12 men into the ministry during the 19 years since it was founded. The Rev. Lea Joyner is serving her 19th year as pastor of the church.

A PICNIC AT LEBLANC involved the congregations of three churches: First United Methodist and Trinity Churches of Jennings, and Roanoke. Following swimming and fellowship, vesper services were led by the three ministers: the Rev. Eskel Tatum, the Rev. Calvin Lapuyade and the Rev. Homer Bailes.

UNITED METHODIST Children's Choir leaders of the New Orleans area are participating in the workshop sponsored by the Woodland Presbyterian Church, July 29, 30 and 31. Frances Brown, professor of Music Education at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, is leader of the workshop.

KEY MEN OF NEW ORLEANS, sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, celebrated the 14th anniversary of their founding this month. Meetings are held every Friday morning at 7:15 in the Pine Room of the Holsum Cafeteria.

THE GOLDEN WEDDING Anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Beasley was noted at a reception in their honor in Lakeview United Methodist Church, Shreveport, July 25.

THE LIVE OAK United Methodist Church homecoming was held on Sunday, July 18. The Rev. William I. Eubanks of Clinton was the guest speaker. The Rev. Albert Collins is the pastor.

THE REV. R. M. BENTLEY, associate pastor of Asbury Church, Lafayette, was guest preacher in Louisiana Memorial Church of Opelousas, Sunday morning, July 18. John Lee presided in the absence of the Rev. Fred O. Shirley. Mrs. Walter Aymond brought the evening message and B. A. Rose presided.

THE CROWVILLE CHURCH revival was held the week of July 18-24. The Rev. Lael Jones of Thibodaux, a former pastor at Mangham and Crowville, was the evangelist. The Rev. Ted T. Howes is the current pastor.

HORSESHOE DRIVE United Methodist Church of Alexandria observed its 15th anniversary with homecoming services on Sunday, July 11. Dr. John Kilpatrick of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, and former Alexandria District superintendent, brought the message at both morning services. The Rev. Louis Coppage of Lakeview Church, Minden, who was pastor at Horseshoe Drive for six years, spoke at the Gospel Hour Service. Other special programs and dinner on the grounds were featured. Tucker Campbell was general chairman for the observance. The Rev. Warren Blakeman is the present pastor.

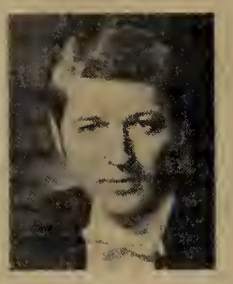
DR. LELAND CLEGG, a retired Methodist minister living in Magnolia, Arkansas, was guest speaker during the Sunday morning service in the Haynesville United Methodist Church, July 18. Other guest speakers during the absence of the Rev. Jack Winegeart were the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, and the Rev. Sam Holladay, retired minister living in Springhill.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUSTON, plans to have the first service in the new building on September 12. The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is pastor.

NEW MUSIC MINISTER AT FIRST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

Dr. Will K. Andress has assumed the responsibilities of Minister of Music at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, succeeding Harold Booth, who was director for 35 years before retiring January 1.

Dr. Andress and wife, Julia Ann, son, Knox, 13, and daughter, Elizabeth, 10, moved to Shreveport from Tallahassee, Florida, where he taught at Florida State University while completing his doctorate in voice and choral directing.



A native of El Dorado, Arkansas, he is a graduate of Centenary College where he was a featured soloist with the world famous Centenary Choir. He also holds degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

Tom Peyton, Jr. is chairman of the Music committee at First Church, Shreveport. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is pastor.

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THE NEW PASTOR of the Tallulah United Methodist Church and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Adams, were honored by the congregation with a fellowship supper, July 15.

CALDWELL PARISH Methodist Men met at the Hebert Church on July 21 for a ladies' night program. Fifty people enjoyed the covered dish supper. Members of the Kelly, Grayson, Columbia and Hebert churches were present to hear Dr. Dewayne Haynes of Northeast Louisiana University speak on problems relating to education. The Rev. Dorothy McGowan, pastor of Kelly and Grayson churches, gave a challenging devotional. E. H. House, Jr. is pastor of the host church. George Hughes is the president of the Caldwell Parish Methodist Men.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Aug. 1—Sunday	Joshua 3:14-17
Aug. 2	Joshua 6:6-20
Aug. 3	Judges 15:1-19
Aug. 4	I Kings 17:14-16
Aug. 5	II Kings 2:7-14
Aug. 6	II Kings 4:2-7
Aug. 7	II Kings 4:42-44
Aug. 8—Sunday	II Kings 5:10-27

NAPOLEON AVENUE CHURCH in New Orleans is the recipient of a bequest from the late Mrs. Georgiana Emma Miller Exnicios. The gift of $2,000 was in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller, Sr. The Rev. D. W. Poole is pastor.

HUBERT BLANCHARD, Lake Charles District lay leader, spoke in Crowley United Methodist Church, July 11, encouraging the congregation in making plans for a Lay Witness Mission in October. The Rev. Beverly Bond is the pastor.

HELEN CHANG, A CHINESE Christian who recently graduated from McNeese State University, Lake Charles, was featured speaker at the family night dinner meeting and program in Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur, Wednesday, July 7. The Rev. L. Ray Branton is pastor.

ROANOKE CHURCH UMYF members took a summer trip to Houston, July 13. The 12 young people, along with Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus W. Tietje, counselors, Mrs. Freyda Dunam and Mrs. Bea Ferguson, visited Astroworld.

SENIOR HIGHS of Lake Charles First Church are working this week with retarded children at the Woodhaven Learning Center, Columbia, Missouri. Adult counselors accompanying them are Will Dublin, youth director, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richardson. Dr. George Pearce is their pastor.

The Vinton Big Stors wan the championship trophy in summer little leogue baseboll at Vinton and one of the team, Gary Cappels (left), wos named best pitcher, outstanding batter and mast valuable player in the league. Gary's father, Charles Cappels (right), sponsors the Big Stars and is chairman of the board at First United Methodist Church where the Coppels fomily ore members. The Rev. W. W. Bevill is their minister.

Yauth af E.S.M. United Methadist Church Bogaluso are off to New Orleons for tour af the French Quarters, City Park and Pontchartrain Beoch. The Rev. William R. Irving, Jr. is their pastor.

WORLD METHODIST WOMEN WILL GET STATUS REPORT

NEW YORK (UMI)—Reports from all continents to the World Federation of Methodist Women reveal that the status of women in church and society, spiritual growth, peace, and social justice have been the predominating concerns of organized units in the past five years.

Progress reports from nearly sixty countries from Argentina to Yugoslavia show continuing activities for women and children, including home economics training, family-planning, child care, education and health. But the role of women in social and political change, and support for the United Nations and internatiional understanding receive a larger share of attention than in earlier reports to the world women's organization.

"Another trend is the concern for Christian unity and the role of women in autonomous churches. In a number of countries the Methodist church has either joined in church unions or become autonomous," Mrs. A. B. Pheiffer, Aurora, Ill., treasurer of the world organization observes.

The complete report will be issued at the quinnennial Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women to be held at the Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colo. August 12-16. The reports will also be given verbally by area presidents from North America, Latin America, South and East Africa, West Africa, East Asia, West Asia, Australasia, Europe and the United Kingdom.

Cuban Women

"If anyone was prepared to live in this Revolution, it was the Christian," the president of the Women's Society of Christian Service told Miss Joyce Hill, a recent visitor to Cuba. Hospital visitation with no overt evangelistic activity is "a gentle proof of Christian presence in the world today," the Cuban report said, adding that another important role which Cuban Christian women have played in the revolution is doing exemplary work in their places of employment: laboratories, classrooms and offices. "This is done without involvement in the political activities." Ordained women have increased responsibilities in the new Cuba because many men pastors left at the time of the Revolution, the report said.

The **Latin America** area report observes: "Women are afraid of rapid changes. We know we are told 'Christians must not be afraid to meet God's challenge to humanity,' but it has come all of a sudden, in some places with a burst of violence; it has come to remove the family's solid foundations. That makes them feel lost." the report described a variety of methods of helping women to face the challenge of change, including the opening of schools in church buildings and the use of mass media and of music as a "multitude moving medium."

From Mexico came a report which described voluntary work done by women in hospitals, homes, slums, jails, institutions for the mentally ill. But it added, "To awaken women to take part in politics and social questions, to claim their rights (is difficult) because it has been an old practice for Christians to stand aside from any national problems."

Many groups are changing their structure and methods, **Argentina** reports. "For years we have been using a traditional rigid way or working that nowadays is completely obsolete. It doesn't fulfill the needs of a changing society. Now the meetings are open to all women of the church—not just the society—and instead of the old weekly meetings, new work teams centering on different issues have been created."

Some groups report drops in income and membership, but **Uruguay** says that despite this "we have gained in more work done in all the churches. We feel we are more responsible and better prepared to get things done." Uruguay points out that two-thirds of total Methodist membership in that country is among women.

Fighting Prejudice

In Rhodesia, work is being done by Methodist women to bridge racial barriers and to bring real understanding of one race for another in racially divided South Africa where there are white, African (black), and coloured groups of women. At the last world Assembly in London in 1966, one of the South African delegates described a dream she and others had for an ecumenical center. Today this center exists under the care of an African Methodist pastor and his wife.

The World Day of Prayer is a big ecumenical event in all countries. **Congo** reports: "Every year we have World Prayer (World Day of Prayer). We send the money we collect to other countries where there is need. In 1970 and 1971 we sent to Botswana to help in building a school for girls there."

Ghana reports the Woman's Fellowship there is celebrating its fortieth anniversary and the preparation began when members decided to get a "cloth." "It is the usual custom in Ghana for all the people involved to make their uniform from a specially designed cloth." The Ghana group chose the World Federation of Methodist Women's symbol, the Tree of Life, as the central motif. Designed and printed in that country, some 72,-000 yards of the material were sold. With the money from the sale, women made a donation to a mission church in Northern Ghana where Methodists are evangelizing pagans.

Pestilence, war and earthquake are among the problems the women have had to cope with, along with more mundane matters like the lack of interest of younger women. **"Nigeria** particularly suffered from disruption because of internal strife," says a report.

From the Board of Women of the United Church of **Canada** comes a report which says they have been concerned about grape pickers in the southern United States, Canadian Indians and their increasing place in society, poverty, abortion, community development and many other issues.

Continuing strong support of mission activity at home and abroad is reported by **U.S. units**—African Methodist, Africal Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal and United Methodist. The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the AME Zion Church tells of a housing program called "Turnkey" III which makes home ownership possible for many who could never have achieved it.

COMMENT

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner — **Conference Treasurer**

Dear Friends:

I am writing in between time of completing my report for the first half year's work and preparation for the School of Christian Mission. When you read this the School of Christian Mission will be over, just as our first six months' giving is over. But let us learn from both.

Our first quarter's giving was up over the first quarter for 1970 and I felt like this was a cause for joy. It meant that the outreach of our Society/Guild could be continued. However, the second quarter of 1971 fell below the second quarter of 1970. This means some workers, projects or program of Missions will have to be curtailed. This is sad to me, for after all the name of the game for us is MISSIONS.

I hope each one will ask herself "what can I do to help our MISSION outreach?" You can be sure you have paid your PLEDGE. This is most important. To make a pledge to your Society/Guild is a privilege each of us has. After we have made that pledge to our local Society/Guild and it has been pledged to the district and from the district it is pledged thru the Conference to the Women's Division, then it is our obligation to pay that pledge.

Besides our PLEDGE there are other ways we can help in the work of MISSION. We can remember someone special with GIFTS TO MISSION, SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP, IN HONOR GIFTS. IN MEMORIAM is a meaningful way to remember a loved one who passed away. Please plan to go that "second mile" in your giving now. This will mean that maybe the third quarter for 1971 will be larger than the third quarter for 1970, and that our programs, workers and work in the field of MISSIONS will continue and maybe enlarge because of you and me.

Another way we can make sure we do all we can to help in the mission work is thru our THANK BANK. This is our Blessing Bank and Thank Offering combined into a new THANK BANK. Each one attending the School of Christian Mission received a sticker to denote their THANK BANK and a leaflet suggesting ways of using the THANK BANK. Let me urge each one to plan to open her bank during the Thanksgiving month. To each local treasurer, start now to plan a program around the ceremony of opening the THANK BANK in your Society/Guild. Send this money in with your fourth quarter report.

I hope you are making plans to be in Baton Rouge, in September for our FALL Annual Meeting. This will be a most historical meeting and we can make it a memorable and meaningful one by being there. As you know, all of you Conference Officers will be going out of office. Some are not eligible to serve again, others will be serving in other offices. If you did not get in your "GIFTS FOR RETIRING CONFERENCE OFFICERS" please send it to me immediately. This is another way you can be a part of MISSIONS. Because the gift goes to MISSIONS it carries a double meaning, it helps the work we are so interested in and it gives substance to your appreciation for the work your Conference Officers have done.

Serving You in Love and Christian Service
Mary Ellen Gardner

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Christians a Minority

Asian Christian women are more conscious of the church and of social problems, a report from that area states. Rural women are often the leading groups of the church.

What it means to be a minority in non-Christian society is described in the report from **Indonesia** which tells that Christians are 10 per cent of the 120 million population. The **Korean** Women's Society of nearly 40,000 women and girls is approaching its seventieth anniversary. From 1919 to 1950 nine missionaries were sent to North and East Manchuria, Siberia and Osaka.

Unlike many other places **Malaysia and Singapore** experience a marked increase in membership of younger women.

From India comes a story of "Adult Literacy Work," the principal emphasis of the five year period. A conference in Fiji which brought women of Australasia together was one of the major events of the past five years in the Pacific area. The correspondent **from New Zealand** describes the growth in understanding between the European and Maori, aboriginal women of the Methodist Church.

European member units report the development of ecumenical ties and the support of World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship Day. **Norway** has intensified the work of informing women about developing countries. From Africa to Europe the problems of drug addiction and the loss of identity involving secularized societies were mentioned as problems. **Norway** is dealing with alcohol, family and drug problems. **Sweden** lists "loneliness,alcoholism, and abuse of drugs" as problems challenging them.

The mother church of Methodist in **Great Britain** also reports a steady decline in membership of the church in general. "We are continually experimenting with new patterns of church life in all facets, and some of these are rewarding."

And a report **from Chile** describes an unusual evangelistic method. Under the leadership of a woman pastor, an entire congregation — men, women and children — made small plastic parachutes with Bible portions which were released from a plane over Santiago on Christmas Eve. Concludes the report: "God knows of the blessings this may have brought to the receivers of Good News coming from the sky."

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR AUGUST 8,1971: The Family Finding Reconciliation

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 27:1 through 28:5; 33; Matthew 21:28-31a

MEMORY SELECTION: Be kind to one another. tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To show the important role of the family as an agent of reconciliation; to discuss the important role of forgiveness within the family and underscore the tragedies that result when it is missing.

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In the last of three lessons dealing with the family we are to consider one of the most important of all the functions of the home — that of serving as an agent of reconciliation. All of us can name individuals we know who have been scarred for life because of alienations within the family which were never reconciled. We know that the deepest love can be known within the family. We likewise know that the greatest hurt can take place there. Unfortunately many members of families have never caught the vision of reconciliation and have let their lives be ruined by its absence.

Sometimes we hear persons tell of how long they have been married without exchanging any cross words or having any quarrels. Normally family life does not move on such a plateau. Cross words are spoken, and sharp differences of opinions do come The important thing is not that they come, but how we handle them when they come. Last week we discussed the roles within the family and discovered that conflict is the natural by-product of playing these roles. It is the inter-play of these conflicts and the reconciliation that follows that provides some of the richest moments in the home.

The so-called "generation gap" is one of the areas in which the members of today's families are challenged to build bridges of reconciliation. Marriage counselors and juvenile judges tell us of the many tragedies which could be averted if parents would only remember that nothing a child ever does or says can change the fact that he is a member of the family. Likewise the children should make the effort to remember that beneath sharp words and acts of discipline is parental love that wants the best for them.

Persons have been alienated through family quarrels and have gone through life with the bitterness generating an internal poison which kept them from ever maturing into real persons. In a few instances the parties to these quarrels have been rallying points around which others became involved. The family should not be the agent that accentuates these differences—it was intended to be the agent of reconciliation by which the wounds could be healed. This is what our lesson is about today, and we trust you will find here some suggestions that will be helpful in your own family life and that will help us bring this series of lessons to a meaningful conclusion.

The Bible has a great deal to say to us about the tragedy of family conflict and the enriching experience of reconciliation. This is a book which portrays man in both his weaknesses and his strengths, containing many stories of family strife, beginning with Cain and Abel. On the other hand, the Bible also offers many examples of happy family life, stating the principles by which this can be attained, and indicating ways by which harmony may be restored to broken relationships. Today's study of conflict and reconciliation in the family of Issac should help us recognize the things which make for harmony or discord in family life and lead us to commit ourselves to follow the ways of reconciliation and peace.

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FAMILY CONFLICTS IN THE STORY OF JACOB AND ESAU

Do we need to sketch for you the details of the conflict between Esau and Jacob as recorded in Genesis 25:19 through 37:1? We hope you will want to read this entire passage, but for those who may not do so we will briefly summarize the story. The conflict and jealousy felt between these brothers arose from the fact that they were twins. Esau was born first, and, under Jewish law and tradition, he enjoyed a great number of privileges that Jacob wanted.

Additional conflict was generated by the fact that Esau was obviously the favorite of his father, Isaac, while Rebekah, the mother, was partial to Jacob and encouraged him in the acts of trickery by which he cheated Esau out of his birthright. Esau resented what his brother had done, hated him, and resolved to kill him following his father's death and regain the dominant role in the family. You can hardly imagine any greater family alienation than this. But stay with us until we come to the happy conclusion of the story in which reconciliation comes.

When Rebekah learned of Esau's plan, she persuaded Isaac to send Jacob to visit her brother Laban in another region. She felt that time would soften Esau's anger, and she promised to send word to Esau when it was safe for him to return. Jacob continued his trickery after marrying two of Laban's daughters, but eventually he decided to return to Canaan.

Esau learned that Jacob was returning and went out to meet him. Accompanying him was a large bodyguard of 400 men, and there was reason for Jacob to be fearful of the reception he would receive. He sent a generous gift to Esau and divided his family and flocks so that some part might escape Esau's wrath. But the climax of the story did not follow the anticipated course. Esau was more brotherly than Jacob had any reason to expect.

Dr. Floyd V. Filson speaks of the meeting in The International Lesson Annual: "Any thoughts of revenge that Esau may have had were overcome at least in large part by the gifts Jacob sent forward. It also is indicated that Esau believed any attack on Jacob would bring God's judgment on him. Esau could also have felt something of family loyalty rising up to keep him from evil revenge."

Reconciliation did occur and, although the brothers decided for practical reasons to make their homes some distance apart, there was a restoration of the family relationship and Esau did not seek the revenge that he had threatened. Dr. Charles Laymon speaks of the healing value of time in this and other instances of family reconciliation. He says: "Time is a precious commodity. It is far more than the ticking of a clock or the movement of stellar bodies. Time gives opportunity for growth, an occasion for understanding, a period for reconciliation and peacemaking."

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ALL TYPES OF ALIENATION PICTURED IN THIS GENESIS STORY

If you look back at this Genesis story for a second time and review its background, you will discover that it provides examples of almost every kind of family alienation that can be imagined. First, some writers suggest that a breach was created between Isaac and Rebekah when during a stay in Gerar (Gen. 26:6-7) the husband had risked his wife's virtue to save his own skin. This mutual mistrust crystallized into antagonism when Isaac sought to give his paternal blessing to Esau, and Rebekah was determined to do almost anything to see that it came to Jacob.

Then there is the conflict between brother and brother in the trickery used by Jacob to gain the parental blessing. During the sojourn in Haran there were other instances of deception and family alienation. First, Jacob fell in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel, and was told that he could have her as his bride if he served her father for seven years. But Laban, taking advantage of the fact that an oriental bride came to her husband veiled, substituted her sister Leah. Jacob had to wait another seven years to obtain the wife of his choice.

Still later when Jacob started back to Canaan with his family, there was further deception in the division of the cattle and the selection of the flock which would be Jacob's for the journey. The whole story is one of family jealousy leading to expedients which aggravated rather than improved the situation. Throughout this sordid story we recognize a number of causes for family conflict and unhappiness. Chief among these was the failure to trust God to do things in his own way. Plots and counterplots resulted from people trying to manipulate events for their own advantage.

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ALIENATIONS ARE CONTAGEOUS

There are many ways by which conflicts within the family may be reconciled. One of the first steps in the process is the recognition that tensions are certain to arise and that a marriage is not going on the rocks because of an occasional quarrel. All members of Christian families must seek to develop skills in dealing with tensions and problems in such a way that through them they will develop deeper understanding and appreciation of each other.

Important in this growth toward mature family relationships in which reconciliation will be possible is the development of a sense of values which can be shared. Dr. Donald M. Maynard says, in his book Your Home Can be Christian, "If a marriage is to succeed, it is exceedingly important that both husband and wife shall have a sense of values that enables them to see events in their true perspective."

Just as strife between parents can be felt by all the members of the family, so can happiness and adjustment be caught. President Dwight D. Eisenhower came from a large family of boys who distinguished themselves and honored their home. He said on one occasion, "Friends often ask why there had not been a black sheep in the family. The answer lies, I think, in the fact that our family was free from parental quarreling and filled with genuine, if not demonstrated love."

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THE MOVEMENT TOWARD RECONCILIATION

As we seek guidelines for reconciliation in our own family relationships, we should look back over the experience of Jacob and Esau at the time of their confrontation following the long sepaaration. We would like to know exactly what changes had come in the life of Esau which prepared him for this reunion of which we read in Genesis 33. There seems to be no question that both Esau and Jacob had matured during the interim. Esau had been so angered at Jacob that he wanted to kill him. Instead he embraced him. No doubt Jacob also grew in the time he had been gone and saw how essential it was that he and his brother learn to live together. Dr. Laymon says: "Jacob and Esau had separated, and apart from each other they had 'found' themselves, so they could again find each other. But may we not also come to the place of reconciliation in our homes as we experience family life together?"

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FORGIVENESS COMES FROM GOD

At the heart of reconciliation whenever it comes is love. One of the most erroneous statements that can be made is, "I'll forgive, but I'll never forget." When Jacob and Esau embraced in reconciliation, it was an expression of love. Esau's sincerity can not be doubted when he refused to accept the gifts Jacob offered him.

Reconciliation goes to the very heart of God. In Genesis 33:10 we read the words of Jacob: "To see your face is like seeing the face of God. Forgiveness that brings reconciliation is of God and leads to a deeper experience of God for those who participate in it. This whole scene reminds one of the words of Jesus when he said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Reconciliation is a gateway that leads into the presence of God.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

Unity — a constantly recurring theme in the church life of Britain— has again been making the headlines, and this week has seen two very different aspects of the subject.

"Must Churches wait until organic reunion has taken place before they can present a sufficiently united front to state their case and commend the Gospel of Christ?" asked the Archbishop of York at the end of his Presidential Address to the General Synod of the Anglican Church meeting at the University of York, in what the **Church Times** described as "an impassioned plea" for the consumation of the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme.

"So long as my Methodist brother and I cannot kneel at the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ without asking questions, there is a scandal which cries out for remedy" he added. He was speaking at the Synod which finally gave overall approval to the scheme by a majority of 65.3%. Thirty-five Bishops voted for the scheme, and only two against. 140 Clergy voted for, with 81 against, and 132 laity voted for with 80 against.

The decision was only reached after a number of amendments which had been designed to wreck the proposals had in turn been defeated, and the general reaction has been favourable, although there is an increasing number of people who feel that the time for talking is over and that action must begin very soon.

The whole matter now goes back to the local areas, and will have to be confirmed at the next General Synod, so there is a further procedural delay. However, this is an encouragement, and one which helps forward the date of the Services of Reconciliation which will have to take place before Stage One of the scheme actually operates.

On local levels there will now be, it is hoped, further activity which will keep an already too slow pace quickening, and this is certainly the hope, for there are many of the younger generation as well as the older ones who are tired of delay.

CHARISMATIC PEOPLE

Unity also came in for attention at a very different occasion at another University in the same week. At the University of Surrey, in Guildford, and at the Guildford Cathedral, itself the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit—there was a conference organised by the Fountain Trust. The theme of the conference was The Charismatic Movement. It was attended by people from all over the world — about 450 visitors full time and 200 day visitors. There was an astonishing range of representation — from Roman Catholic priests and nuns to Pentecostalists and they listened to addresses from a wide spectrum of speakers who included Dr. J. Rodman Williams of Texas, Ralph Wilkerson of Melodyland near Disneyland in California, and Dr. Leslie Davison of the British Methodist Home Mission Department.

The relationship between the Charismatic Movement and the Ecumenical Movement was a recurring theme with many of the speakers, and it was evident that this group of people—many of whom came from America—felt that without the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit not only the ecumenical movement but the whole church could not fulfill its vital role. While there was insistence by Ralph Wilkerson on the speaking in tongues, and in his televised session—put on videotape by my own Churches Television Unit Outside Broadcast crew — a happening of this kind; there was also a rejection of the absolute necessity of this particular gift by Kevin Ranaghan, a Roman Catholic lay theologian.

Altogether the happening at Guildford was one which brought a lot of new light and hope, because those who have so far been suspicious of what the Charismatic Movement might mean were reassured at the seriousness of tone and the general irenical quality of approach.

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News of the Mass Media

Texas Communications group develops news tapes

DALLAS, Tex. (UMI) — Plans for a national cassette news tape series focusing on the issues and actions of the 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta have been announced by the United Methodist Communications Council of Texas.

The Council's first attempt to report a major United Methodist event on cassette news tape was the 1970 General Conference in St. Louis. Subsequent cassette news tape reports have been made directly to individual subscribers across the nation by United Methodist News Briefs, a division of the Council.

A series of 10 cassette tapes will be available to subscribers from United Methodist NewsBriefs beginning in November and continuing monthly through the General Conference. The first six tapes (Nov.-April) will focus on the major issues that are expected to be considered by the United Methodist policy-making body. The remaining four news tapes will report the actions of the Conference throughout its April 16-30 meeting.

All tapes will be delivered by first class mail with the exception of those General Conference delegates who request the last four tapes delivered to them at the Atlanta Conference.

"We expect to report every side of the major issues facing General Conference," said Robert L. Robertson, executive director of the Texas Council. "Our experience with this news medium has proven that fast, accurate reporting of the actual sounds can provide individuals with information to make responsible decisions."

According to Mr. Robertson, United Methodist NewsBriefs is owned and operated by the six annual conferences in Texas under the United Methodist Communications Council. The Council also publishes a weekly newspaper, **The Texas Methodist,** and operates the Texas office of United Methodist Information.

Editor for NewsBriefs is the Rev. Jack McGee, a United Methodist pastor, trained journalist, and former radio news reporter.

Mr. Robertson said the possibility of continuing NewsBriefs as a monthly news service is being considered by the Council. The cassette news tape format, if continued, would report general news of the United Methodist Church directly to subscribers across the nation, he said.

United Methodist NewsBriefs is also planning to report the World Methodist Conference meeting in Denver in August.

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Five seminary students are serving as summer interns in the Nashville studios of the United Methodist Program Council's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO). Participating in the pilot program are (from left): Stephen Mallett, Little Rock, Ark. (a member of Second Presbyterian Church in that city), and Richard Dohrman, Wauwatosa, Wis., student at Chicago Theological Seminary; Ronald Hines, Fort Lupton, Colo., a student at Claremont School of Theology; Mike Elliott, Paducah, Ky., and Penny Pierce, Indianapolis, Ind., both students at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville. The Rev. Sam A. Barefield, right, director of TRAFCO's Communications Education Department, is coordinating the 10-week period which allows the students to design and execute their own media plans, help with TRAFCO projects, and earn field work credit.

ABINGDON ANNOUNCES STEREO ALBUM RELEASE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Abingdon, America's oldest religious publisher, based in Nashville, center of the record-pressing industry, is launching a new phase of its operation with the release of "I'll Tell the World," a stereo album by Cliff McRae.

The 11-song album is also a first for McRae, manager of The Methodist Publishing House's Cokesbury Bookstore in Birmingham. However he has sung in evangelistic meetings and concerts across the country; has appeared on national television; and has sung with Gordon MacRae (no relation) and with Robert Wheaty of The Metropolitan Opera.

Included on the album are "I'll Tell the World," "Go Tell It On the Mountain," "Do You Know My Name?", "Balm in Gilead," and "Amazing Grace."

Abingdon, the book publishing department of The Methodist Publishing House, is the largest denominational publisher in the world.

Departing from the print medium, Abingdon launched earlier this year a multi-media program known as Abingdon Audio-Graphics including two new cassette tape series titled RAP and SOS and another series of records called Disco-Teach. Both are for use in group educational experiences.

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CBS-TV PROGRAMS TO ACCENTUATE INVOLVEMENT

NEW YORK (UMI) — Five programs on CBS-TV's "Look Up and Live" Sunday morning series are recommended by a United Methodist leader. The shows, scheduled 10:30-11 a.m. EDT, began July 25.

They are produced by CBS-TV in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission (BFC) of the National Council of Churches. "These

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United Methodist leaders react to President's announcement of plans to visit Red China

NEW YORK (UMI) — Reactions by United Methodist leaders were generally favorable to President Nixon's surprise announcement July 15 that he would visit mainland China before next May at the invitation of Premier Chou En-lai.

Several of the leaders, including bishops and executives in missions and Christian social concerns (some of them veteran "China watchers"), said communication is better than non-communication even though there may be great variance on issues and in ideology. Some noted that the churches have for some time been urging moves toward reconciliation between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

The purpose of the Nixon visit is to "seek normalization of relationships between the two countries and also to exchange views on questions of concern to the two sides." The announcement said U.S. action in "seeking a new relationship" with Communist China "will not be at the expense of our old friends," meaning presumably Nationalist China (Taiwan). Among United Methodist leaders commenting were these:

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, C.C., president of the Council of Bishops: "Personally, I favor any kind of direct communication with China that is possible. Communication does not imply agreement, but it is absurd for any two great powers, no matter how wide their differences in philosophy, to be unable to communicate with each other. There are millions of people in China who are a part of the world's total constituency, and any effort on our government's part to try to establish better relations with such a vast number of people is to be commended in the hope that better understanding may promote a better world situation."

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York, president of the Board of Missions: "President Nixon's announcement provides a welcome occasion for general gratitude and rejoicing. Closed doors may now be opened. Silences should be broken. Recrimination can give way to reconciliation. May we all embrace the opportunity wholeheartedly."

The Rev. Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Washington, general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns: "I want to express support for the President's announced visit to China and to indicate hope for really fruitful results. The churches have long since supported such relationships, and this visit is a move in the right direction."

Herman Will, Jr., Washington, Board associate general secretary for the Division of World Peace: "I heartily support the President in this move toward normalization of relationships with China. At the same time, I wish he would end the war in Vietnam by withdrawing U.S. forces and would immediately halt the U.S. arms shipment to Pakistan."

The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, general secretary of the Board of Missions and a former missionary to China: "This is a welcome announcement and good news. It opens up a new era of possibilities for the future in Asia. It should be noted that the churches have been working for two decades for reconciliation between the peoples and leaders of these two countries."

The Rev. Edwin O. Fisher, Jr., Board of Missions executive secretary for China, Philippines, Hong Kong and the South Pacific: "The news that President Nixon will visit the People's Republic of China at the invitation of Premier Chou En-lai must certainly rank as the most significant diplomatic event of 1971. The announcement brings a special pleasure to those who have labored over a number of years for a reconciliation of relationships between the United States and China. While we are delighted with the President's announcement, we also recognize the pitfalls of diplomacy and the sometimes seeming snail's pace of progress toward peace. We're certain therefore that churchmen and persons of peace everywhere will be much in prayer for the President and the Premier as they enter these far-reaching negotiations. It seems to us much too early to speculate on the future of church relationships in China."

The leaders' reactions to the President's announcement of his intention to visit mainland China follow statements by United Methodist groups earlier this year welcoming the thaw in U.S.-China relations. The denomination's official position was adopted by the 1968 General Conference which said the "Christian gospel involves reconciliation by encounter and by communication regardless of political considerations," commended the "expressed willingness" of the U.S. to re-examine policies toward China (and some other countries) and urged the U.S. and other nations to "work toward improved cultural, economic and political relations with . . . all countries."

The President's April announcement of U.S. actions aimed at improving relations with China was greeted with "wholehearted approval and support" by the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, who reminded that in 1969 the Board had asked the U.S. to withdraw opposition to seating the People's Republic in the UN. The Council of Bishops, meeting in San Antonio in April, expressed "deep gratitude" for "evidences of relaxation of tension between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China." The Board of Missions, meeting in May in Buffalo, commended the U.S. and China governments for their moves to improve relations, and reaffirmed support for UN membership and other measures "to enable the People's Republic of China to enter into normal relationships with the full international community."

Human relations program set for Army chaplains

NEW YORK (RNS) — A human relations company here, headed by two United Presbyterian ministers, will conduct a seminar for Army supervisory chaplains to provide them with psychological techniques to deal with new G.I. tensions.

Brig. Gen. Gerhardt W. Hyatt, who will become Army Chief of Chaplains in August said here after an introductory seminar that drug abuse and racial tensions are the most serious behavorial problems confronting Army chaplains in their ministry to U.S. soldiers.

Chaplain Hyatt, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman, said these problems are basically human relations problems and the Army is thus taking a new approach to training its clergy.

Instead of lecturing or preaching on moral issues as the chaplain has in the past, he is now being educated to lead his men in small group discussions in which they try to work out their own solutions to frictions and problems, Chaplain Hyatt said.

The seminar conducted by Reed & Di Salvo Associates, Inc., will be an introduction to a group dynamics program that the company will hold for chaplains at key Army bases in the U.S. and overseas later this year.

The Rev. Charles Di Salvo, a former draftee who later served with distinction as a chaplain in the Korean War, is president of the company. Vice-president is the Rev. Roland R. Reed, who served as a Marine Corps corporal during World War II. Both are psychotherapists.

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CBS programs

programs show the church in mission to people who have been ignored or suppressed; they show a church alive with the vitality of the spirit of Jesus for struggling, emerging people," said Nelson Price, New York, chairman of the BFC Broadcast Operations Committee and United Methodist executive for Broadcast Communication. The shows as presently scheduled:

July 25, August 1, August 8 — Three-part series on empowerment of minorities. Listed for probable coverage are Chicanos (Mexican-Americans) in the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, Indian empowerment in the Tacoma (Wash.) area and black empowerment in Chicago.

August 15 — Program on the Delta Ministry in Mississippi. This church-sponsored project has worked since the early 1960s in such fields as voter registration/education and economic development. United Methodist agencies have supported it.

August 22 — A look at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco, which has become known for its multi-phased ministry to the pluralistic Bay Area. Scheduled is a segment on new forms of worship.

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New staff leadership for UMCYM

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — They're "changing the shift" in the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM).

David Harvin, who has just completed a one-year term as youth associate on the UMCYM staff here, has returned to Laurinburg, N.C., where he will continue his college studies, enrolling this fall in St. Andrews College there.

Replacing Harvin at Dayton is Steven Harding, 18, of Camden, N.J., a recent high school graduate who will serve for the next year in charge of UMCYM's Dayton Office. Already active in youth work, he has been president of the South New Jersey Conference Youth Council and is a youth member of the General Board of the Laity.

Miss Myrna Gum, who served here for part of last year and then transferred to UMCYM's Nashville Office, has left for her home in Wyoming and will enroll this fall in the University of Wyoming at Laramie.

In Nashville, a trio from Florida will work as one-year volunteers on subsistence salaries, giving special attention to the Youth Service Fund. They are Dick Cash, 18, of Tallahassee; Gary Thomas, 19, of Fort Pierce, and Larry Jacobs, 18, Satelite Beach. One vacancy is yet to be filled in Nashville. Continuing as a full-time staff member in the Youth Service Fund office is the Rev. James Ling.

Another vacancy in Nashville is yet to be filled.

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SEMINARY SURVEY: GRADUATES OF '30S REPORT GREATER JOY IN WORK, SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

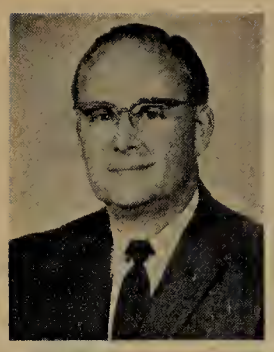
EVANSTON, Ill. (RNS) — Older clergymen find more enjoyment in their work and have a greater sense of accomplishment than do seminary graduates of the 1960s, according to a study of the alumni of Garrett Theological Seminary here.

The United Methodist school has found that 70 per cent of those graduating in the 1930s are highly satisfied with their work — as against only 55 per cent of the graduates of the 1960s.

Similar percentage gaps were reflected on the question of the feelings of accomplishment and whether the jobs held gave graduates an opportunity to do things they like best.

While the data collected by Garrett Theological shows greater dissatisfaction among the younger seminary graduates, the results of the study do not necessarily point to increasing clergy disaffiliation. A variable is the fact that there is no data on how ministers who are older today felt when they were younger.

In fact, the survey showed that a consistently high percentage of graduates, yesterday's and today's, stay in church-related vocations.



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Concerned Citizens of Calcasieu

One finds it difficult to understand the reasoning of Governor John J. McKeithen in the matter of horse race tracks in Louisiana. Under dateline, Baton Rouge, May 17, 1971, the Governor is quoted,

"Governor McKeithen today promised a group **interested** in **Louisiana horse racing** that he will do everything possible to insure the openirg of the 99 day racing season at **Jefferson Downs** August 2."

"The Governor promised us that **he would look into the matter, talk to the racing commission** and generally try to see that everything is worked out."

In the matter of the Clarence Downs race track near Natchitoches in an article appearing in the **Baton Rouge State Times,** July 16, 1971, Governor McKeithen, is quoted by his press secretary, Bill Reed,

"The Governor said he does not wish to interpose himself on the racing commission."

Apparently the Governor is more interested in listening to groups with vested interest in race tracks, than to citizens concerned about the moral and economic effect on the community. The same thing can likewise be said of the Louisiana State Racing Commission. In reference to the Clarence Downs Tracks opposition, Acting Chairman Albert "Buck" Kreihs said, "If we listened to them maybe we'd only have a church and that wouldn't bring jobs and money."

So where do we go from here. One course is by way of the courts. Concerned Citizens of Calcasieu in a recent meeting in Sulphur, pledged to initiate a suit against the State Racing Commission seeking a local option election on pari-mutuel betting at Delta Downs. According to A. J. Planchard, information officer for the C.C.C., that group will only use court action as a last resort. Planchard said that his group is "looking to the Police Jury to call for a referendum. We think, they'll have to." (Such a referendum is permitted under the Louisiana Revised Statutes 4:170)

Tribute must be paid to both Clergy and Laity alike in all of these matters. At Natchitoches, Dr. James Carter of the First Baptist Church and Dr. Jolly B. Harper of the First United Methodist Church have given untiringly of their time and efforts to halt the opening of Clarence Downs. In Calcasieu Parish, Dr. George F. Pearce of the First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles, Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, District Superintendent of the Lake Charles District of the United Methodist Church, the Rev. Don L. Roberts and Dr. Franklin Atkinson Baptist ministers of Lake Charles, the Rev. R. E. Miller, First Baptist Church of Vinton, Mr. Hubert Blanchard of Sulphur and Mr. A. J. Planchard of Sulphur, have given unstintingly of their time and efforts to prevent the building and operation of Delta Downs. They have been joined by hundreds of dedicated citizens who are likewise opposed to these tracks on both moral and economic grounds.

For all of these efforts LMCF's Executive Director, Mark A. Lower has served in a resource capacity, furnishing material and data to the several groups concerned and addressing various community rallies, ministers meetings and lay groups.

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Editorial: from Lake Charles American Press

July 15, 1971

If the present trend continues, Louisiana may have gambling race tracks in every parish of the state. Conditions are getting so far out of hand that it may be necessary to establish another state agency to keep track of the tracks.

Pari-mutuel tracks are now located in New Orleans, Jefferson Parish and Lafayette. A new track is scheduled to open this fall in Nachitoches, and another is slated for opening in Calcasieu Parish in September of 1972.

In the midst of this activity comes word that Texas promoters are eyeing the establishment of another race track in Cameron Parish.

Where it stops nobody knows. Unless a halt is called to this proliferation of gambling throughout the state, Louisiana may replace Nevada as the biggest gambling state in the Union.

Both the Natchitoches track (Clarence Downs) and the Calcasieu track (Delta Downs) have aroused considerable controversy. Efforts are now under way in both areas to prevent the tracks from opening.

Track opponents in Natchitoches are urging Gov. John McKeithen, the only official who has any control over the State Racing Commission, to revoke the Clarence Downs license and call a public hearing on the track.

"Evidence is mounting that people as far away as Shreveport are getting concerned about Clarence Downs. They may have reason to wonder why horse racing with pari-mutuel betting has grown so much in Louisiana the last few years," said a letter to the governor.

All previous pleas for a hearing on the Natchitoches track have fallen on deaf ears. The same thing happened in Calcasieu Parish until local legislators forced a hearing by resolution.

Hearings do provide an outlet for race track opposition, but we believe they are completely ineffective in halting race track construction and operation. Racing commissioners simply go through the act of a hearing, as they did in Vinton recently, with their minds already made up that tracks will open. If they planned to do otherwise, why would the commission authorize construction and racing dates before ever letting the general public in on the act?

A major point of contention for track opposition at Natchitoches is a 1969 survey which concludes that officials there strongly favored location of the race track in that parish. The report also said officials believed the track would boost the economy of the area.

The same thing might be concluded in Calcasieu Parish since the vast majority of public officials refused to take a stand on the track.

When the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury last week tabled a move to seek a vote on Delta Downs, some said jurors did so believing the majority of citizens favored the track.

We challenge any statements about how the general public feels about gambling race tracks. How does anyone know how the average citizen feels about horse-race gambling?

Since no one really knows the sentiment of the man on the street, it is only logical to call an election to find out. However, those who favor the tracks stubbornly resist any moves in that direction. Could it be they know horse-race gambling would be rejected at the polls?

Legal machinery may already exist for calling an election on the race track question. Thanks to the efforts of the Concerned Citizens of Calcasieu (CCC), a group opposing Delta Downs, a legal test of whether an election is possible may be forthcoming.

We find it completely incomprehensible how police jurors, or any public officials for that matter, can deny citizens a chance to be heard on controversial issues. Yet that is exactly what the Police Jury did last week when it tabled a resolution for an election.

One juror has implied that some of his fellow jury members were influenced by a West Calcasieu resident who is also a track proponent. He said that when the citizen got up at the jury meeting, "four or five of the police jurors almost fell dead—well, I don't frighten that easily."

The people of Calcasieu Parish have a right to be heard on the race track question, and we support every move for an election. When it comes to gambling race tracks, a referendum seems the only means by which the public can express its views. All other avenues have fallen on deaf ears.

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Facts Column

AMA DENOUNCES "SAFE" DRINKING CHART — The American Medical Association has denounced a chart published by the Licensed Beverage Industry, which alleged to show social drinkers limits of consumption before driving. TIME and NEWSWEEK magazines have printed the liquor industries ad. The so-called safe limits of drinking were based on the .10 percent blood-alcohol content, the presumptive limit according to many state laws. Richard S. Wilbur, M.D., Assistant Executive Vice-President of AMA, said in a letter to the magazine, "The Chart shows that the legal limits are with respect to drinking and driving, the safe limits are something else."

"CONDITIONED REFLEX" USED IN ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT — Schick Hospital in Fort Worth employs a new "conditioned-reflex-aversion" technique in treating alcoholism. The technique is designed to develop within the patient a dislike for the taste, smell and sight of alcohol. Director at Schick Hospital is Dr. Robert B. Dunn, who says, "Alcoholism is not a personality disorder but an addiction."

DRUG SEIZURES UP 90% to 21,905% — Drug Seizures by the United States Customs District of Miami, Florida reported increases during 1970. "Cocaine seizures have increased 279% over 1969, hashish seizures have gone up by almost 3,000%, marijuana seizures have increased by 90%, dangerous drugs by 131%, and heroin by a phenomenal increase of 21,905%.

"Just imagine for a moment what these depressing figures mean when translated into disrupted lives, deaths from overdose, long jail sentences for young people, ruined careers and incalculable cost in energy and money which could have been channeled into better causes," said Myles J. Ambrose, Commissioner of Customs.

(Narcotics Control Digest
2nd January, 1971)

A part of the group that attended the Doily Vacation School ot St. Mark United Methodist Church, Alexandria, where the Rev. Nothaniel P. Perry is the pastor. The school averaged 63 pupils doily, with 10 teochers ond severol youth assisting. Mrs. Doisy M. Lorry and Herbert Walker directed the session.

An enrollment of 184 students, 34 teochers and 20 teen ossistants was recorded in the Daily Vacation School at First United Methodist Church, Monroe. Mrs. James Rodgers was the DVS coordinator. Dr. Carl F. Lueg, postor, and the Rev. James Putnom, associote pastor, brought daily messoges to the chapel assembly.

Members of the UMYF of Centenory Church, Franklinton, recently hod a "housecleoning" for their church and prepared the exterior for pointers.

The Senior High UMYF of Blonchard United Methodist Church recently spent o week on Loke Greeson in Arkansas. Eleven young people and their counselors made the trip.

Vocation Church School at Houghton United Methodist Church. Mrs. Lorry Simpson wos the director, and the Rev. Lewis Ovenshire is the pastor.

This group of youth from Elizobeth Sullivon Memoriol Church, Bogoluso, is shown os it left for o choir workshop ot Gulfside Methodist Assembly, Wovelond, Miss. The Rev. William R. Irving, Jr. is the postor.

Members of the Men's Bible Class of First Church, Columbia, with their wives, enjoyed a trip up the Ouachita River on the houseboat of Sheriff Floyd Hodges.

Bubba Leone of Zwolle, president of the Aubrey G. Walton Sub-district, is shown os he recently presented o silver troy to the Rev. ond Mrs. W. H. Bengston for their yeors of service os sub-district counselors.

The Rev. Calvin Lopuyade and the Rev. Walter Clorke were co-directors for the Loke Charles District Junior Hi Comp held July 12-16.

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Msgr. Sigur

Busload of 46 persons from New Orleans arriving for Annual Layman's Retreat held at Centenary College the weekend of July 31-August 1. Shown (l. to r.): Truman Ward, Walter P. Harris, Sr., and Ernest Arnold. This delegation received top honors for the largest representation.

Ministers' Retreat set for Aug. 10-12 at Camp Istrouma

According to the Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr., executive secretary of the Conference Board of Evangelism, the annual Ministers' Retreat will be held this year at Camp Istrouma near Baton Rouge on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 10-12. Principal speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Monseigneur Alexander O. Sigur, rector of Notre Dame Seminary at New Orleans.

Msgr. Sigur was born at Crowley and educated at St. Michael's in Crowley; St. Joseph Seminary, Covington; Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans (MA); Catholic University of America (J.C.L.) and Angelicum University in Rome, Italy (J.C.D.).

He is much in demand as a speaker for college groups, ministerial retreats, Family Life Programs, liturgical and ecumenical groups.

The Retreat will begin at 2 p.m., Tuesday, August 10, with registration set prior to this from 12:00 Noon to 2 p.m. The first Retreat meal will be Tuesday supper and the Retreat will end with lunch on Thursday.

Registration fee is $10, which covers six meals, two nights lodging, honoraria and incidental expenses. Fees are to be paid to the Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr., treasurer.

Dean of the Retreat is the Rev. Lonnie Sibley of North Highlands Church in Shreveport. Registrants are asked to bring bedding, towels, toilet articles, a Bible, raincoat and jacket.

Camp Istrouma is located 18 miles northeast of Baton Rouge on Louisiana No. 37, near Greenwell Springs (Highway 37 is the Greenwell Springs road).

Leaders for the Conference-wide Lay Retreat at Centenary College. FROM LEFT: Cecil E. Ramey, Jr., principal speaker; Dudley V. Snow, Shreveport and Allen Brown, New Orleans, who shared the honor of presiding in the absence of Conference Lay Leader Tom Matheny, who is in England on a speaking tour and vacation.

World Methodist Consultation on Worship

DENVER (UMI) — "Worship in the Present Age" will be the central theme of the World Methodist Consultation on Worship to be held here at the Iliff School of Theology Aug. 26-29.

Bishop Lance Webb of Springfield, Ill., chairman of the United Methodist Commission on Worship, and Dr. Rupert E. Davies of Bristol, England, past president of the Methodist Church in Great Britain and principal of Wesley College, are co-secretaries of the World Methodist Council's Committee on Worship, which is convening the Consultation on Worship.

Some 100 liturgiologists and theologians are expected to attend the meeting, which follows immediately upon

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World Methodist Conference delegates announced

The 12th World Methodist Conference will be held August 18-26 at Denver University Arena in Denver, Colorado. Over 6,000 persons from 87 countries representing the over 22 million members of Methodism around the world will take part.

Those attending from the Louisiana Conference are: (Council Members) Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and Dr. G. Leon Netterville (Bishop Walton is head of the delegation and a Council member, but will not be able to attend).

Delegates are: Dr. Ben R. Oliphint; Mr. Tom H. Matheny; Mrs. Charles B. McGowan; Dr. John H. Allan (president Centenary College); Dr. Sam Nader; Dr. G. W. Pomeroy; Rev. John B. Kilpatrick; Dr. George Pearce, Jr.; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn; Dr. W. T. Handy, Jr.; Miss Ethel Alston; Dr. Virgil D. Morris; Lewis Averett and Leonard Merriman III, youth representatives.

Alternates are: Rev. Harvey G. Williamson; Dr. L. L. Haynes; Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick; Dr. Keith Mason; Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader; Dr. Benedict Galloway and Dr. Douglas McGuire.

The foregoing is a corrected list. A previous list in SADDLEBAGS is incorrect.

The Conference will deal with such international problems as race, pover-

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A meeting to determine areas of special need for leadership training in the South Central Jurisdiction was held recently at Mount Sequoyah emphasizing "The Church: An Agent of Change?" Participating in that meeting were: (l. to r.) the Rev. Prenza Woods, Dr. Virgil D. Morris, the Rev. W. J. Washington, Dr. Richard H. Robinson, the Rev. Bob Pinezaddleby, the Rev. Roy D. Barton, chairman, and Dr. Sam L. Fore.

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DELEGATION

ty, peace and justice and others in daily workshop sessions. Principal speakers will be from the many nations represented by the body.

Bible study, daily Holy Communion, worship and preaching services and a festival of music, as well as tours will also be on the program.

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CONSULTATION

adjournment of the 12th World Methodist Conference, which also will have a strong emphasis upon worship and a daily celebration of the holy communion.

The program of the consultation will be built around five major addresses, three services of holy communion and two innovative worship services with adequate time for group participation and discussion.

Planners of the consultation have announced that all participants will be assigned to one of five groups to share responses to the speeches and the various services of worship. Discussion groups will center on trends and concerns of worship and the ferment in liturgical thought and practice throughout the Christian world.

The keynote address on "Characteristics of Effective Christian Worship" will be delivered by Professor James F. White of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Other speakers include Prof. Geoffrey Wainwright of Faculte de Theologie protestante, Yaounde, Cameroun; the Rev. Hoyt Hickman, Erie, Pa., executive secretary of the Commission on Worship of the United Methodist Church; Dr. A. Raymond George, principal of Richmond College, London, and secretary of the Faith and Order Commission of the British Conference; and Bishop Raymond Valenzuela of Santiago, episcopal leader of the Methodist Church in Chile.

Celebrants and preachers for the services of holy communion will include Dr. William F. Dunkle, Jr., Wilmette, Ill., vice chairman of the United Methodist Commission on Worship; Professor Grady Hardin of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas; Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa of the United Methodist Church in Rhodesia; Bishop Marvin Stuart of the United Methodist Church's Denver Area and host bishop for the consultation; and the Rev. Gordon S. Wakefield, connectional editor of the British Methodist Conference.

Innovative worship services will be led by Dr. Roger Ortmayer of New York, chairman of the Division of Worship and Fine Arts of the National Council of Churches, and Dr. David J. Randolph, Nashville, Tenn., assistant general secretary of the Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church.

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I used to ask God to help me. Then I asked if I might help him. I ended up by asking him to do his work through me.—Hudson Taylor

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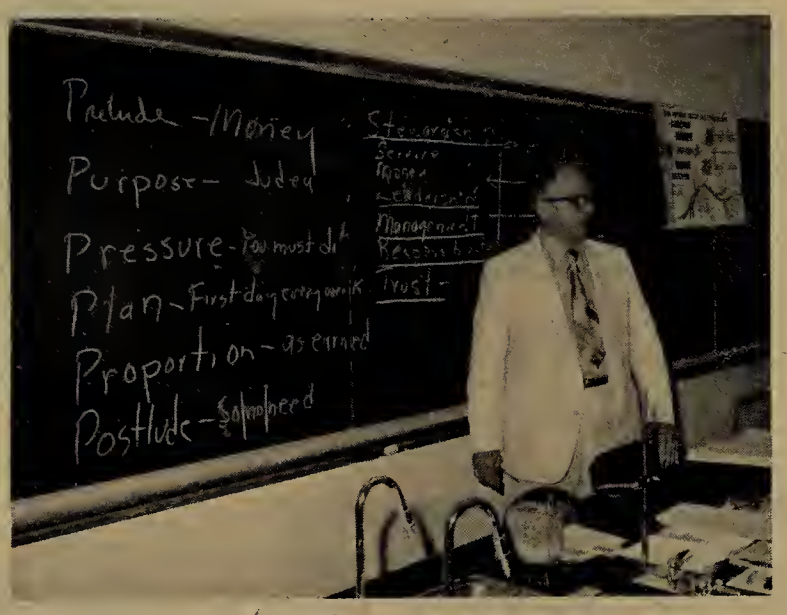

Dr. Clifford B. Lott of the General Board of the Laity talks about Stewardship at Annual Layman's Retreat held at Centenary College. (The Rev. Richard S. Smith, also of the General Board, led a training section for conference lay officers).

Glen Moon and the lay choir in action at July 31-August 1 Layman's Retreat.

Director named for Southwest Career Development Center

FORT WORTH — The Rev. William M. Gould, Jr., Fort Worth, associate general presbyter of the Union Presbytery of Central Texas (Presbyterian Church, U.S. and United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.), has been named director-counselor of an ecumenical Southwest Career Development Center that will serve church professionals in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Center, the exact site for which has not been selected, is expected to be located in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. It will be similar to several already operating regionally from Princeton, N.J. to Oakland, Calif.

Testing, counseling and other career-planning help will be offered to clients —ministers and lay professionals in church vocations.

Mr. Gould, who is a member of Consultant/Trainers Southwest and has directed human relations workshops, will spend 12 weeks, beginning Sept. 7 in an internship at the Midwest Career Development Center at Columbus, Ohio.

Cooperating in the Center are the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), American Lutheran Church, Episcopal Church, Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Presbyterian Church, U.S., Roman Catholic Church, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church and United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

John Stephen Holt

Director of Student Activities at Centenary named

John Stephen Holt of Natchitoches, who recently received his M.A. degree in student personnel services and psychology at Northwestern State University, has been named director of student activities at Centenary College by President John H. Allen.

Holt will replace Jimmie Smith who has served in this position since 1968. Smith is leaving to work toward his Ed. D. degree as an assistant instructor at East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas.

Holt is a native of Urbana, Illinois but moved with his parents to Henderson, Texas in 1946 and to Shreveport in 1957. He is a graduate of Fair Park High School and received his B.A. degree in history from L.S.U. in 1969. Since that time he has been working for his M.A. degree which was granted at Northwestern in May.

In addition to his formal education, Holt has gained considerable practical experience in his field, working in the offices of the Dean of Men, the Dean of Students, the Counseling and Testing Center, and the office of the director of Housing at Northwestern.

As an undergraduate student at L.S.U. he ran track and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity. At Northwestern he was secretary and treasurer of the Student Personnel Association.

His duties at Centenary will include supervision of the Moore Student Center and the men's dormitories.

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All things change, creeds and philosophies and outward systems—but God remains.—Mary Augusta Ward

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Editorial

EXCITING NEW APPROACHES TO THE MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

There have been a number of interesting reports concerning the ideas of Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt who became Army Chief of Chaplains on August 1. He was interviewed during a recent Command Chaplains Conference in Washington, telling John Novotney, Religious News Service correspondent, of his plans to undergird the chaplains as they deal with drug abuse problems and challenges in the area of human relations.

The interview was held during a conference set up by a professional human relations company for the Army supervisory chaplains to provide them with psychological techniques to deal with G.I. tensions. Chaplain Hyatt, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman, said that instead of lecturing or preaching on moral issues as the chaplain has in the past, he will now be encouraged and educated to lead his men in small group discussions in which they try to work out their own solutions to frictions and problems.

He said, "It's really the chaplain who must solve the problem of drug abuse in the army. The medical role is one of treating and healing, but you can treat and heal, treat and heal the same man over and over again."

Chaplain Hyatt said, "There's something basically wrong with the man, something bothering or troubling him that causes him to want to be someone else than he is, and he accomplishes this 'transfiguration' of himself through drug abuse. It's up to the chaplain to open the man up spiritually and find out what's bothering him, and then apply the Word of God and the Gospel, or his message and his 'spiritual therapy' to heal the man's spiritual wounds which cause drug abuse."

An Army chaplain for 25 years, Chaplain Hyatt talked about the involvement of chaplains in what has become a serious problem for the Army, especially in Indo-China. He points out that chaplains work at two levels on drug abuse, prevention and treatment. Every chaplain works with men in his unit on an individual basis and in groups to "persuade and educate them away from drug abuse." He said that since chaplains do have the confidence of the men to a large degree, he thinks they are being successful in this approach.

A number of chaplains have been sent to school to equip them to work on the rehabilitation of soldiers who have become "hooked" on heroin and other drugs. They are made members of medical teams at hospitals where rehabilitation programs are established. "Preliminary reports indicate that these chaplains are very successful in the rehabilitative work they are doing," said Chaplain Hyatt.

In explaining his own philosophy concerning the method of getting at this problem, the new Chief of Chaplains said that while there are various reasons why a young man in the Army gets himself hooked on addictive drugs, he believes one of the prime reasons is that he is angry at himself. This is possibly because he is "inadequate and can't cope with life," and therefore he wants to transform himself into someone who is very daring and dashing, and drugs bring this about for him.

"Or he's angry with himself because he is guilty, which may be real or imagined. But this guilt makes him angry and disgusted with himself, and so he wants to be someone else. Drugs or alcohol will permit him to make this 'transformation,' as far as he is concerned."

Asked to comment on how the Army as a whole views the work chaplains are doing on medical teams dealing with drug abusers, Chaplain Hyatt said, "The surgeon general and his deputy fight to get chaplains on these teams and support us 100 per cent in every way. They would be very upset if chaplains could not be on the team. They themselves call us a member of the healing team."

Commenting on the attitude of commanding officers toward chaplains, he said, "Commanders lean on the chaplain more than they do on anybody else, in regard to the drug abuse problem. They lean on the chaplain much more than they do on the surgeon regarding prevention of drug abuse, and also after it has become a problem. The chaplain is the one who accumulates the other resources to make a frontal attack on the problem."

Another serious problem facing the Army, on which chaplains are working, is racial tension, which the top chaplain called "negative human relations, just as drug abuse is." Chaplains have been and are being trained "in the broad area of human relations so that they can take the leadership in army communities to improve racial harmony."

Asked what his "program" or "concerns" will be in his new responsibility, Chaplain Hyatt said he intends to concentrate his attention in two areas: the continuing education of chaplains and experimentation in the various approaches to the military ministry.

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the Editor's Corner

A DAY WITH "THE LIGHT COMPANY"

"The Light Company" turned on the youth of the Little Rock Conference at their Conference Youth Rally last week. These three young men, all of them ordained ministers of the United Methodist Church, came through loud and clear in two one-hour sessions of contemporary music.

All of those who planned the day's program felt that there was a style of communication demonstrated by this group which speaks to the youth and the world of the involvement which is so much a part of the mission of the church in our time.

These young men, recent graduates of United Theological Seminary of Dayton, O., make up the second group which has been associated with the General Board of Evangelism in its program of contemporary ministry.

The first group, which called itself "Dust and Ashes," made an effective witness across the church for about three year's under the Board's sponsorship. When they recently made the decision to "go it on their own" as a free-lance concert group, the Board recruited these three young ministers who had sung together all during their seminary days.

Although there are still some persons among us who may be "turned off" by the style of such a group as this—hair, dress and musical style—one of the religious realities of our time is the effective witness that is taking place today through groups like "The Light Company."

We were personally impressed by the sincerity of Dave Trout, Bill Hanlin and Bob Morley. We feel they will render long and effective service to this church of ours through their association with the Board of Evangelism.

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The old order changeth, yielding place to new, and God fulfils himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world.—Tennyson

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The release of Bishop Walsh, the "ping pong" thaw, and now the projected visit by President Nixon have served to inspire feelings of hope for improved relations with mainland China in many areas. But, according to Religious News Service Staff writer Bob Johnston, most observers feel any hope of religious rejuvenation in Communist China is quite premature. It must be remembered, they say, that an entire generation of young people in China has grown up since the Christian Churches ceased to function and most have no knowledge of Christianity whatsoever.

Federal support to higher-education — which includes church-related colleges and universities — declined seven per cent in fiscal 1970 from the previous year, according to a report by the National Science Foundation. Federal support had taken the form of federal grants for construction of classroom facilities, funding of academic science programs, and research and development projects. "Much of the net decline in federal support," the NSF reported, "may be attributed to a recent shift in government policy away from direct federal grants for facilities construction to subsidizing interest charges on loans from non-government sources."

Jan Cardinal Willebrands, head of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, is scheduled to address a conference of the World Methodist Council in Denver in late August. Announcement of the cardinal's plans was made in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican City daily.

A bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Edward R. Roybal (Calif.) would continue and broaden eligibility of schools of nursing for financial aid and seek to improve the quality of the schools. The amendment to the Public Health Service Act would affect all non-profit schools of nursing, including those operated by religiously-affiliated hospitals, a spokesman of the congressman said.

Pupils attending Roman Catholic elementary schools throughout Ohio will pay tuition of at least $100 a year beginning in September. The tuition plan was approved by bishops of Ohio's seven dioceses and Catholic school superintendents. Tuition charges were made necessary by the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision halting aid to non-public schools in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, diocesan officials said.

Anglican and Methodist missionaries from England will work together in Latin America as a result of a history - making decision by executive agencies of the two church bodies. The Central Committee of the Methodist Missionary Society and the Council of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel said in a joint statement, "We believe that the Holy Spirit is leading the two societies to participate in the mission of the Church in Latin America."

Cuba had "less than a million active Catholics" and about 50,000 Protestants, according to 1970 figures cited in a new book, Religion in Cuba Today, published in New York. In 1959, the year of the Castro-led Communist takeover, Catholics numbered four million and Protestants were said to have numbered 250,000.

Hoping to strengthen American Baptist churches in southern states and build cooperation with other Baptists, the American Baptist Convention has opened a regional office in Atlanta. Until recently ABC churches were predominantly in the North, but the denomination now lists 130 congregations in the South, some of which are also affiliated with other Baptist bodies. The Rev. E. B. Hicks, executive officer for the Southern area, said "We are not in competition with anyone, we will be dealing with unusual groups of people and trying to make the church relevant."

Ninety per cent of Protestant parents in the Rostock District of East Germany are said to have withdrawn their children from pre-confirmation instruction because of pressures by the Communist state. Church officials in West Berlin were told that children in Rostock schools had been asked by teachers to indicate whether they took part in religious classes. Later, the reports said, parents of children taking such instruction were visited by school officials. They were warned that children in religious instruction would be barred from higher education unless they halted study of the catechism.

A resolution which would have made the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) a "peace Church" opposed to all war failed to win the endorsement of the denomination's General Board. The decision not to ask the General Assembly for action on the "peace Church" designation came when it was pointed out that Disciples have historically believed in diversity of opinion.

An "escort service" for women and elderly people provided by several churches in Louisville has been commended as a deterrent to crime by Congressman Romano L. Mazzoli (Ky.). The Shawnee Community Ministry was cited for "innovative efforts" in establishing Youth Escort Service (YES) through which persons age 14 to 26 are available to accompany the aged and women on the streets. Mazzoli said "much of the responsibility for making our streets safe again lies within the people themselves."

"Share," a pilot issue of a new publication for church educators will be published in August by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church. The magazine is designed to be a vehicle for the exchange of ideas among pastors, directors of Christian education, church school superintendents and church school teachers. "Share" will include an insert section prepared by the respective denominations for their own constituencies.

An Ohio woman, Mrs. Ben Ruhlin of Cayohoga Falls, is spearheading a drive to reactivate a measure aimed at amending the Constitution to permit prayers in public schools. Mrs. Ruhlin said she became interested two years ago when her children asked why prayers are forbidden in schools while each daily session of Congress is opened with prayer.

The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in St. Louis, decided that strengthening existing congregations is more important than starting new ones. In a move directly opposite to the course asked by the denomination's staff, the Board favored placing twice as much money into long-established congregations over the next four years as the sum that will go to new churches.

A supplement to the Episcopal Church's Hymnal 1940 is to come off the presses in September, according to the chairman of the denomination's Joint Commission on Church Music. Some of the hymns have been arranged for unison singing, some are in the form of rounds, and some are with accompaniments by handbells, cymbals, drums, tambourine, hand clapping and guitar as well as by the organ. The supplement will be issued in two versions—for congregations and for choral/instrumental work.

The Gideons distributed a record 7.8 million Bibles throughout the world in 1970, an increase of 8.3 per cent over the previous year, according to F. C. Aldridge, president of Gideons International. The Gideons' "greatest" asset is "still God-called men," Mr. Aldridge said, noting that more than 4,000 men joined the organization in the U.S. during 1970—also a record. "It took us 22 years to place our first million Bibles. Now we are placing Bibles and Testaments at the rate of 1 million every 46 days," he said.

Legislation prohibiting the showing of X-rated movies in drive-in theaters in Pennsylvania has been passed by the State Senate and sent to the House. Senators voted 39-8 for the proposal, which would provide for a fine of $100 and up to 10 days in jail for each day of violation.

Thirty participants in a Southern Baptist urban studies project were dispersed on the streets on San Francisco, disheveled and unshaven, without money, and told to obtain food and transportation any way they could. The Rev. Joseph C. Strother, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church in San Bernardino, recalled following the experiment, that "all my pride, personality and previous conditioning were pulling me back as I approached the first person and asked, "Excuse me, will you share a quarter to help me get a meal?" "The man went on by as if I didn't exist, just as I have done a thousand times," the pastor said. The learning experience was one of several in an Institute sponsored by the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Bd. Participants included Baptist pastors, laymen, missionaries and students from the seminary.

Commenting on Pope Paul's June 24 proposal for the internationalization of Jerusalem, the president of the American Jewish Committee, said that "objective Christian and non-Christian observers have publicly testified . . . that free access to the Holy Places has never been as secure to Christians, Muslims, and Jews as it has been since coming under Israeli jurisdiction." President Philip E. Hoffman, expressed the fear that the introduction of an international agency in Jerusalem would "invite intrigue, political competition, and controversy that every internationalized city of the past has foundered on."

NEW YORK – Miss USA, Michele McDonald, 18 of Butler, Pa., receives a copy of "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, from Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary of the American Bible Society, during a visit to Bible House in New York. Miss McDonald, an ardent Bible student who hopes to become a nurse, is a member of the Browndale United Methodist church in her hometown. Visiting New York prior to the Miss Universe contest in Miami Beach, Miss McDonald said the Bible has a "vital and important message" for youth in their everyday lives. (RNS Photo)

● Conference Work Camp

"The Ballad of Broken Bow"

by Cynthia Lewis

"Out in Oklahoma, up near Broken Bow,
Some fool creep decided that's where we had to go.
Twenty-seven knotheads packed up on a bus
That finally showed up five hours late, causing quite a fuss.
And it's down by Tohwali, out in the sticks,
We are fighting day and night digging out the ticks."

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Thus begins "The Ballad of Broken Bow," a song written about workcamp experiences in a Choctaw Indian community near Broken Bow, Oklahoma. The authors of this song are twenty-three young people and their counselors, from United Methodist churches over the Louisiana Conference. This group spent the week of July 18-25 renovating an old church building for use as an educational building by the Tohwali United Methodist Church.

Early this spring, announcements of the coming work camp along with application forms were sent to the pastors of all local United Methodist churches in the Conference. There was a limit to how many young people could go. In May, those chosen to participate were notified, and on June 12 this group met in Alexandria for an orientation session.

On Sunday, July 18, the crew arrived at Centenary College in Shreveport to meet the bus that would haul us to Broken Bow. Those who went were: Stuart Allen of Delhi; Cynthia Lewis of Lake Charles; Gene Gurley of New Orleans, Mike Coulter of Baton Rouge; Cynthia Crosby of Maplewood; Edward Henkel of Kinder; Randy Sibley of Shreveport; Steve Carroll of St. Joseph; Carol Scott of Farmerville; Roger Crow of Farmerville; Gordon Kyle of Farmerville; Cherie Cook and Linda Pepper of Monroe; Diane Mirvis of Ringgold; Cynthia Revisore of Metairie; Debbie Cady of Rayne; Jes Montgomery and Chipper Hamm of Lafayette; Gena Lynch and Jeff Hass of Slidell; Bill Carter and Denise Davis of Baton Rouge; and Cindy Joyce of St. Joseph. These were the youth. The counselors were Alice Flint and Cecil Bland of the Conference Program Council in Shreveport; Rick and Marilyn Hebert of Dallas, Texas; and Junie Havard of Zwolle. Later, Don Cottrill of the Program Council Office joined us.

Each of the group was armed with a paint brush or a hammer, and perhaps other assorted weapons, plus tons of bedding and clothing. The general optimism of the entire group was evidenced by the calm acceptance of the fact that our transportation (a 40-passenger bus from Dallas) had a frozen transmission which held us up for about five hours.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sibley saw our plight and opened the doors of North Highlands Church to us for supper Sunday night. The UMY there generously gave us the fried chicken dinner they were going to have and had hamburgers instead. We will always remember them for that. We finally got on the bus and arrived at our destination after 11 o'clock that night.

The group joked and punned its way through a week of sheetrock, putty, paint, rain and more rain, hand-pumped water, outhouses, sandwiches and kool-aid, a few snakes and bad jokes. By the end of the week everyone began to realize that the Indians, who were living at the poverty level, had done for us as much as we had done for them. In his attempt to act out his Christian faith, each worker was receiving a priceless lesson in living. And he might have discovered that happiness is not attached to material possessions. Or maybe he learned that we were superior to no one because of social status or color.

Whatever was gained by either party, the worker or the Indian, one thing was certain: each time those of us who were there takes a warm bath or complains of bad food, we will probably feel a twinge of guilt as we remember our week in Oklahoma.

Perhaps, if we remember well enough, we will continue to look for, visit, feed, clothe, house, and love our brother, just as Jesus Christ did.

"The Ballad of Broken Bow" did not end on July 26 when we went home; it will continue forever in the lives of all of us who took part in it.

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Ernie Scott, Jr. (better known as "Buzz") is the summer youth director at First United Methodist Church, Jonesville. He is a recent graduate of Northwestern State University, Natchitoches. The Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles is pastor of the Jonesville Church.

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MATHENY NAMED PRESIDENT OF MASONIC YOUTH FOUNDATION

Tom Matheny, Hammond attorney and Louisiana Conference Lay Leader, was elected president of the Masonic Youth Foundation at a special meeting on July 10 in New Orleans.

This is a foundation supported by all Masonic bodies in the state to give financial leadership and guidance to youth organizations sponsored by the Masonic fraternity and to create sources of financial assistance for young people.

Presiding at the meeting was Judge Grover T. Covington, Grand Master of the State of Louisiana.

Other officers elected were: Pat Patterson, Shreveport, first vice-president; Thomas B. McIntosh, New Orleans, second vice president; and Fred Raiford, Jr. of Baton Rouge, secretary-treasurer.

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MOURNING
Read: Psalm 23

Grief is a journey, never a state of being. The words of the psalmist remind us that we **walk through** the valley of death. His words are as relevant to those suffering loss as they are to the one who experiences death.

Isn't it strange that we react so differently in a time of hurt or death? Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott were both lame. Byron was embittered by his lameness. He brooded over it until he loathed it. Scott, on the other hand, never spoke a bitter word about his disability. Toward the end of their careers Sir Walter received a letter from Byron with this sentence in it: "Scott, I would give my fame to have your happiness."

The difference might have been that one walked through his valley and the other descended to the depth and stayed there. When you and I experience hurt or disability, injury or tragedy, when we lose a loved one in death, we need to remember that grief must be a journey and never a state of being. For if we stop in the valley we are going to grow weary, embittered and sick. How, then, can we understand our journey through the valley?

Expressed Grief — In our descent into the valley of the shadow of death, our first experience on the journey is that of expressed grief. It is no sin to weep. Jesus wept beside the tomb of His friend Lazarus. He understood sorrow and shared the grief of the family of Lazarus.

We express our grief in many ways. Tears are a normal response to the anguish and pain of sorrow. Healing and relief are often found in our ability to express our sorrow and disappointment through weeping.

Resentment — When we are in the bottom of a valley we may begin to experience resentment, bitterness, and hostility. In the case of illness the resentment may be directed against the doctor or the hospital. The doctor should have given a shot, or should not have. The nurse was not quick enough. Friends did not come to call, or too many came. The minister has said either too much or too little.

God can even become the object of resentment. I have known people who have emptied their cup of bitterness toward God. Because they have mistakenly believed that a certain tragedy or death was God's will, they have resented God and His will. All of this happens, not because God has lost His character of love, but because we have lost our understanding of God's role in sorrow.

Resentment may be a part of our journey. We can easily see how disastrous it would be to stop in the middle of our mourning. We must move on.

Loneliness — We do not get out of the valley until we pass through the experience of loneliness. This a part of our return to reality. The person whose friend or relative has died feels alone in the world. He desperately misses the presence and company of the one who is gone. Sometimes in utter despair a grief stricken person will cry out, "My God, my God why hast Thou forsaken me?" There are times when even our closest friends seem to leave us alone.

In the darkness of our loneliness we want to be with others who have walked through the valley and who can understand our agony. We reach out to those who have passed this way before us and find comfort in their victory.

Faith — Faith is like an oasis on our pilgrimage of life. We return to this source of strength again and again. We remember the promise of our Lord, "I am the resurrection and the life. Because I live you shall live also."

No one goes through life without difficulties. Pain, grief, and death visit all of us. We do well to remember the confession of the psalmist, "Even though I **walk through** the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me." Grief is a Journey and we cannot stop too long at any one place. Even now your journey may help others to travel more faithfully.

—Dan Tohline

NEWS and NOTES

THE NATCHITOCHES DISTRICT Board of Laity recently elected these officers: John G. Jackson, district lay leader; Dennis Shell, district lay witness coordinator and associate lay leader; Reginald Dietzel, district director of United Methodist Men; and Newton Forrest, associate lay leader.

AN OPEN FORUM is being held on Sunday nights of August in the Aurora United Methodist Church of New Orleans. The Commission on Missions is sponsoring the series and has secured these speakers: Bruce Feingerts, president of Tulane Student Body, August 1; Rose Loving, representing the black community on the West Bank, August 8; Mike Stark, speaking on Youth Culture in the French Quarter, August 15; and Peter Beer, city councilman, August 22.

DR. ROBERT HARRINGTON, New Orleans district superintendent, was pulpit guest in Napoleon Avenue United Methodist Church, July 11. The Rev. D. W. Poole was host pastor.

THE McGUIRE United Methodist Church of West Monroe recently formed a new Sunday morning class for those of college age, especially those who have just graduated from high school. Twelve are enrolled, with the pastor's wife, Mrs. John Sewell serving as counselor and teacher.

A SCHOOL OF WITNESS was held in the Monroe area last week. This was a follow-up of the recent crusade conducted by an evangelistic team from Asbury College. The first session was held at Southside Church on Tuesday night. Memorial Church was host on Wednesday, and McGuire Church on Thursday.

THE DENHAM SPRINGS UMYF of senior high age will take a trip to Galveston and Houston this weekend. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Peairs and the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Pickens.

"THE LIVING FLAME," singing youth group of Lakeview Church, Minden, presented a program July 25 in the Jonesboro United Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Dan Tohline is pastor.

TRINITY CHURCH YOUTH Activities, July 26, featured the following speakers: Karim Adib from Lebanon, Vichai Wongvasu from Thailand, Ben L. Kedia from India, Dr. Lamoyne C. Bleich, the Rev. Ralph Cain, the Rev. W. O. Lynch and the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, pastor.

The newly organized Fellowship Club is shown at the recent luncheon in McGuire United Methodist Church, West Monroe.

McGUIRE CHURCH SPONSORS FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Fellowship Club was formed at McGuire United Methodist Church, West Monroe, during the month of June. Sponsored by the church, it is oriented toward the needs of people of the community, and has no age limitation. It is for those who feel the need to know others better and to participate in activities of a recreational nature. Mrs. Charles Magown is the volunteer coordinator. At the initial meeting, a covered dish lunch, Mrs. John Sewell gave a devotional, "God's Gifts To Us." A birthday cake, given by The Wesleyan Service Guild, honored all who had birthdays during the first half of the year. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month, at 2 p.m.

THE REV. JOHN SEWELL, pastor of McGuire Church, West Monroe, is at home recovering from surgery which he recently underwent at Glenwood Hospital.

THE FINAL SESSION of the Seminar on Pastoral Care will be held at Glenwood Hospital, West Monroe, on Tuesday, August 17. The Rev. Roland Friederich, Protestant Chaplain at Central State Hospital, Pineville, and Mrs. Jerry Walker, director of Nursing at Glenwood will discuss "Understanding the Emotionally Unbalanced Patient."

THE NEW TRADITION Choir of Travis Park United Methodist Church, San Antonio, presented a program of contemporary church music in First Church, Shreveport, July 28, en route to New York City.

BOB ADAMS REPORTED to United Methodist Men of Simpson Church, Lake Charles, concerning the worship workshop which he attended recently, at the July 26 supper meeting of the group. The Rev. Stone Caraway is the Simpson pastor.

UNIVERSITY OF LIFE, the Sunday at 6:30 program in First Church, Shreveport, featured three areas for adult groups last Sunday. Dr. Robert Hallquist associate professor of education at Centenary College, reviewed "God's Smuggler"; Ed Greer led a discussion after his group viewed "The Antkeeper"; Dr. Will Andress, minister of music at First Church, led a section on great hymns. Dr. D. L. Dykes preached at the 7:30 worship service, the first of a series entitled "Words from the Windows!"

A RELIGIOUS FOLK Festival was held in Minden on Friday, July 23, sponsored by the Greater Minden Ministerial Association. A number of church youth groups participated.

THE REV. ROBERT TOWNSEND, recently appointed director of the Wesley Foundation on the McNeese campus, Lake Charles, was guest speaker at Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur, July 25.

YOUNG PEOPLE brought the messages when an interdenominational youth revival was held in the First Baptist Church at Mangham in July. Chip Etier of the Mangham UMYF was the speaker one evening.

MARTHA LOU CARROLL has been employed as educational director in First Church, Natchitoches, and will assume her duties there September 1. She grew up in the Natchitoches First Church and has recently been doing special missionary work in East St. Louis. The summer youth program at Natchitoches is being directed by Coaches Derwood Duke and Dan Poole. Dr. Jolly B. Harper is pastor.

WILL DUBLIN has resigned as minister to youth in First Church, Lake Charles, effective August 15. He plans to work toward his Master of Divinity degree at Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee. While in Memphis he will be minister of program at Central Christian Church.

FORTY YOUNG PEOPLE and counselors from North Highlands Church, Shreveport, held a retreat at Caney Lake, July 24 and 25. The Rev. Lonnie Sibley is pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Aug. 8—Sun.	II Kings 5:10-27
Aug. 9	Daniel 6:16-23
Aug. 10	Jonah 2:1-10
Aug. 11	Matt. 9:27-31
Aug. 12	Matt. 9:32-33
Aug. 13	Mark 7:31-37
Aug. 14	Luke 5:1-11
Aug. 15—Sun.	Luke 13:11-17

INEZ E. BARNES TO HOST 4th SEMI-ANNUAL CONCERT IN NEW ORLEANS

Miss Inez Eleanor Barnes, will produce and direct her fourth semi-annual "nite of music" on the second Friday night, August 13, at 8:15 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, corner Iberville and North Prieur Streets. The Rev. J. C. Bibbons is host pastor.

Entertainers have been selected to present a complete cross section of Negro spiritual talent of the city. The "nite of music" will feature a combination of soloists and church choirs. Miss Barnes is the sponsor-producer of all her entertainments.

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YOUTH LED EVANGELISTIC services will be held in Crowley United Methodist Church, August 8-12. Four young men from Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, will be the leaders. Terry Lowe, one of the four, was at one time organist and choir director of the Crowley Church. The others are Harold Custer of Parkersburg, West Virginia, Ron Ball of Prestonburg, Kentucky, and Ed Cain of Dayton, Pennsylvania. The Rev. Beverly E. Bond will be host pastor.

CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE WEEK in Slidell United Methodist Church also included youth of grades 7-10 from the Pearl River and Lacomb Churches. The Rev. Willis Dear, pastor of the latter churches, served as the coordinator of the Planning Committee. The Rev. Phil Woodland was host pastor for the week, July 26-30.

THE BAHAMAS WORKCAMP team shared experiences with Broadmoor United Methodists in Shreveport via slides and motion pictures on Sunday night, July 25. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is their pastor.

COLLEGE STUDENTS are sponsoring a tutoring program in New Iberia this summer. About 45 children in the fourth and fifth grades are being helped in the area of reading skills and comprehension. Classes are 3:30-5:30 Mondays through Thursdays. Mike Deare is directing the program with 20 teachers and 8 aides assisting.

A Tribute to a Black Woman

By Connie Myer

The Woman's Division of the Board of Missions has approved a special appeal for $100,000 from its 1,700,000 Society and Guild members for a memorial for the late black educator, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. This project, being developed in a park in Washington, D.C., is sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women.

Some persons immediately may raise the question, "Why $100,000 for a memorial? Aren't there other more pressing needs, such as poverty, hunger or college scholarships which could better serve as a memorial to Mrs. Bethune?"

The Women's Division, however, believes this particular memorial is unique. First of all, it is not just a statue, according to Miss Peggy Halsey, secretary for financial promotion for the Women's Division. The project, which has an estimated total cost of $400,000 includes revitalizing a park and turning it into a recreational and cultural center for low income families who live in the area.

In fact, before the project was launched, this area of Lincoln Park, which bridges Southeast and Southwest Washington — black and white areas — was considered for the site of a freeway. The National Council, with the aid of neighborhood residents, managed to save the area.

Who was Mary McLeod Bethune that all this is being done in her honor? She was a Methodist churchwoman who founded United Methodist-related Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., when she was a determined young missionary dedicated to raising educational standards for her fellow blacks. The school began in 1904 in a small frame building, but with her unflagging devotion and spirit, grew to a high school, then a junior college and now a full college.

This daughter of freed slaves went from Daytona Beach to be the adviser of four Presidents in matters of black rights and education, and founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935. As director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration during the Depression days of the 1930s, she was instrumental in getting financial aid so more than 150,000 black boys and girls could go to high school and more than 60,000 to college or to graduate school.

When Mary McLeod Bethune died in 1955 at the age of 80 she left a legacy, called "Her Last Will and Testament," stating her principles and the meaning of life. One of her legacies was love, which she described this way: "Love builds. It is positive and helpful. It is more beneficial than hate. Injuries quickly forgotten quickly pass away. Personally and racially, our enemies must be forgiven. Our aim must be to create a world of fellowship and justice where no man's skin, color or religion, is held against him."

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Dr. Mabel I. Silver has been honored with a citation from the prime minister of Sierra Leone for her 30 years of service in the country.

The members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church, Hammond, were guests recently for their monthly meeting in the home of the district president of the Women's Society, Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr. Pictured seated: Mrs. Nancy L. Kemp, president, Mrs. Carol Forman, Mrs. Barbara Utley; standing Mrs. Clay, Mrs. E. Mazzeno, secretary and treasurer, Miss D. Vickers, Mrs. Vivian Carpenter and Miss Vivian Crook, membership and coordinator. Mrs. James Caraway (not pictured) is the vice president.

engage TO BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — **engage,** the United Methodist social action magazine, has switched to a monthly schedule and a revised editorial format.

The editor, the Rev. Allan R. Brockway, announced that the change from semi-monthly to monthly would be effective in September, in order to better meet readers' needs. The number of pages will be doubled.

The editorial change will bring a concentration in alternate months on single subjects, of which the first will be drugs, in October. Such issues are intended to serve as resources for discussions and programming. Other issues will continue to carry varied articles and columns.

engage, in its third year, is published in Washington by the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns.

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ANNUAL BREAKFAST AT NATCHITOCHES

The members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Asbury United Methodist Church, Natchitoches, held the annual breakfast July 18 in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The theme "Risk and Reality" was developed through relationships by Mrs. Evelyn Evans. She is the president of the Women's Society of First United Methodist Church, Natchitoches. Also, she is the district treasurer of the W.S.C.S.

Other participants were: Mrs. Vianna Gay, Mrs. Gladys Revels, Mrs. Winderlean S. Lewis, president of the Asbury W.S.C.S. and the Rev. E. D. Smith, pastor.

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INGLESIDE WSG REPORT

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Ingleside United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, met in the church annex on the evening of Thursday, July 22.

Mrs. Mary Faulkner, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Lorris Wimberly gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Allen Carpenter presented the program, assisted by Mrs. B. W. Causey who read the scripture from the 13th chapter of I Corinthians.

On the topic of "Love," Mrs. Carpenter used Henry Drummond's "The Greatest Thing in the World" to point out that "the world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education, and the one eternal lesson for all is—**how better can we love."**

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(Text and supplementary reading suggestions for the study "The New Generation in Africa")

THE NEW GENERATION IN AFRICA

FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

CRY SORROW, CRY JOY! edited by Jane Ann Moore —Adult Text. Writings by African authors $2.75

BEYOND INDEPENDENCE: THE FACE OF THE NEW AFRICA by Donald M'Timkulu—Adult Supplementary Book $1.75

UNDERSTANDING "THE NEW GENERATION IN AFRICA" by Grant S. Shockley—Intergenerational Guide for Adult, Youth, and Children's Studies $1.50

AN AFRICAN PANORAMA by Anne M. Spencer—Youth-Introductory packet for late and early teens $1.75

NO MORE THE ROUND MUD HUT by Willard E. Roth—Youth booklet on issues $1.50

ALL IN AN AFRICAN LIFETIME by Wilfrid Grenville-Grey—Youth booklet on African Expressions $1.50

SOUTHERN AFRICA: A TIME FOR CHANGE edited by George M. Daniels (1969) $1.95

CHURCHES AT THE GRASS ROOTS by Efraim Andersson—A study in Congo-Brazzaville (1967) $3.95

A CHURCH BETWEEN COLONIAL POWERS by Hans W. Debrunner—A study of the church in Togo (1965) $3.95

CHRISTIANS OF THE COPPERBELT by John V. Taylor and Dorothea A. Lehmann—The growth of the church in Northern Rhodesia (1961) $3.50

AFRICAN INDEPENDENT CHURCH MOVEMENTS by Victor E. W. Hayward (1963) $1.25

THE SPLENDOR THAT WAS AFRICA by Ricky Rosenthal $1.25

I LIE ON MY MAT AND PRAY edited by Fritz Pawelzik—Prayers from Africa (1964) $1.50

I SING YOUR PRAISE ALL THE DAY LONG edited by Fritz Pawelzik—Prayers from Africa (1967) $1.50

PALAVER: DRAMATIC DISCUSSION STARTERS FROM AFRICA $1.50

CHOOSE THIS DAY by Stanley J. Rowland—Choral Drama (1964) $ .75

CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY by Felicia Komai —Three-act play in verse based on the novel (1955) $ .75

DRUMBEAT TO DIALOGUE—Color filmstrip with record (1969) $10.00

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR AUGUST 15: Alcohol and the Family

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 35:1-10, 18-19; Ephesians 5:15-20

MEMORY SELECTION: Do not get drunk with wine, for this is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To consider the effects of beverage alcohol on family life; to seek to establish some guidelines for the Christian's position on the use of alcohol based on sound scientific knowledge.

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It seems logical to move from a series of three lessons of family life to a series on "The Social Results of the Use of Beverage Alcohol." Remember that we are dealing this quarter with a unit entitled "The Bible Speaks to Human Relationships." Today we are being guided by some passages from Jeremiah and Ephesians into a consideration of alcohol and the family.

We should call your attention to the fact that this unit represents a decision to give a stronger emphasis than ever before to the problem of beverage alcohol. Formerly, one lesson every quarter was labeled a temperance lesson, whether it really had been planned to deal with that issue or not. This unit deals more thoroughly with the subject and should be welcomed as representing a more constructive and positive approach to one of society's major problems.

The three lessons of this unit deal with alcohol and its relationship to the family, society, and the community, This first lesson emphasizes the effect that the use of alcohol is having on family life in America and suggests some helps for those families where such a problem exists. Dr. Horace R. Weaver says, in introducing this series in International Lesson Annual, "Questions concerning a Christian's responsibility in these matters are dealt with from the perspective of the style of life of Jesus Christ. The Christian community needs to be an informed group as to what science is discovering about alcoholism and problem drinking and ways in which they can bring help to those who seek aid in conquering this enemy of social and domestic stability."

One of the most encouraging signs in the battle against the problem of alcohol is the strong stand that is being taken by leaders in the medical profession. The nation was surprised a short time ago when the president of the American Medical Association made the following assertion: "If alcoholic beverages were invented today, they should be outlawed, just as the nation has outlawed marijuana, LSD, and other dangerous drugs." An aroused public opinion is the force that will cause this nation to eventually rise up against this destroyer of persons, and a discussion of what is being done to destroy families is an important means of developing such a public opinion.

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WORD FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

The major part of our biblical material for today is found in the prophecy of Jeremiah. The verses from the 35th chapter of Jeremiah direct our attention to the Rechabites, a small group that supported the prophet in his protest against the sensual practices of Baal worship. These people had been taught by their leader in their formative years to live a simple and self-denying life. They interpreted this to mean a nomadic life, based on faithful worship of Jehovah.

Jeremiah, one of Judah's great prophets, was active in the latter part of the seventh century B.C., and the early part of the sixth century. One of the greatest religious problems during this period was the tendency of the Hebrew people to neglect the worship of God by diluting their tradition and practicing Baal worship, which lacked moral foundations and included sensual practices related to nature worship and fertility cults.

Because of the teachings of their fathers, the Rechabites had taken a stand against the kind of life that was characteristic of the Baal worshippers. Dr. Floyd V. Filson says (International Lesson Annual): "They had no vineyards, made no wine, and stoutly refused to give any place to such drinking bouts as were widely practiced in Israel by the royal court and by well-to-do families. Their way of life was a testimony against the spiritual and social dangers of soft living and drunken excess."

At the time of our passage, the Rechabites had come into Jerusalem, not because they wanted to be a part of city life but to seek refuge from King Nebuchadnezzar, who with the Syrians was overrunning the land. Jeremiah brought representatives of the group to the Temple, into a room where pitchers of wine were found and commanded them to drink. They flatly refused, saying, "We will drink no wine," and they reminded the prophet of the fact that their ancestor had planted this resolution in their hearts.

In 35:18-19, Jeremiah held up the faithfulness of the Rechabites in living up to their rigid standards, and showed how they were in sharp contrast to the general laxity which the prophet found in the land. He told them that their tribe would continue with God's approval and blessing. He indicated that they should be seen as an example to all the people of the land.

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PAUL'S WORD TO THE EPHESIANS

As a New Testament companion passage to the words from Jeremiah we have material from Ephesians 5:15-20. In it, the apostle Paul, describing the wise walk of the Christian, includes a mandatory prohibition against drunkenness. In our memory selection for today we read, "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit."

In this setting, Paul makes sobriety a test of wisdom affirming that it is God's will and that those who become drunk are foolish. Dr. Donald Ackland, writing in Broadman Comments, says: "Although wine was a common beverage in biblical times, water supplies being inadequate and often impure, the Bible abounds in warnings against its dangers and abuse."

As Paul surveyed the world of his day, he concluded that "the days are evil." Today, as Christians, we are part of a culture in which hard liquor is manufactured, sold and used in increasing quantities. The result is the growing prevalence of social drinking and the multiplication of alcoholism. The tragic cost is seen in broken family relationships and in the great number of traffic deaths in our time.

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ALCOHOL AND FAMILY RELATIONS

As we studied the Christian responsibility to his family in the last series of lessons, we emphasized the fact that we must have sanctions that are deeper than legalism for the undergirding of relationships within the home. The biblical grounds for abstinence are to be found primarily in the teachings of responsible love for neighbor. Dr. John C. Irwin says in Adult Bible Studies: "We abstain not because the Bible says, 'Do not drink,' but because it tells us to love our neighbor."

An abundance of material is available to back up the charge that alcohol is one of the greatest enemies of family life in America. This information tells us that 30 to 40% of all delinquent youths come from homes in which excessive drinking exists. Forty per cent of the problems brought before a large city family court can be attributed directly to alcoholism. Juvenile Court records in another city indicate that 55 percent of child non-support cases are directly related to excessive drinking. The National Council on Alcoholism estimates that every alcoholic adversely affects the mental health of four family members. Alcoholism has become a major problem in the United States, and its greatest toll is exacted from family life.

Dylan Thomas, a gifted poet of this century, was a pathetic victim of alcohol. It brought about his early death while on a poetry-reading tour of America. Shortly before his death, he thought of his little son back across the ocean and said to a friend, "I adore my little boy. . . I can't bear the thought that I am not going to see him again. Poor little bugger, he doesn't deserve this."

No child deserves a home broken by drink. Any family counselor knows that alcohol both produces and aggravates family problems. The increasing prevalence of the use of alcohol in America is a threat to the stability of the home.

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FAMILY PATTERNS AND DRINKING HABITS

Sociologists tell us that there is nothing which influences the drinking habits of an individual more than family attitudes and patterns. The persons most likely to drink are those who come from families where drinking is practiced. Some have pointed out that at the turn of the century most Americans did their drinking in saloons, whereas today two-thirds of the drinking is done in the home or the private club.

The equipment the home gives to a child in personal security becomes the means for developing socially secure relationships when the child starts to school. Some parents have communicated a dependence on social drinking as an aid to a false sense of security, and this, in the long run, gives many children a false image of themselves.

Ann Landers spoke out recently against the viewpoint that the use of alcohol in the home helps the child to learn how to handle alcohol. She said, "What is drinking?" It just fogs you up and anesthetizes your mental processes. In addition it knocks off inhibitions and distorts judgment. So, instead of teaching kids how to use crutches when they already have two pretty good legs, I say teach them how to walk and stand on those legs."

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HOMES CAN HELP WITH THE PROBLEM

Having mentioned how alcohol often destroys the home and the personalities within it, let us close on a positive note concerning the contributions the family can make in this area. Dr. Thomas E. Price of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, mentions three:

First, the home shapes the character and convictions on which we make decisions and evaluate our actions. Then, it provides an atmosphere of understanding love in which responsible decisions can be made. Finally, the family supports the decisions the members make in their effort to live responsibly before God.

Dr. Irwin speaks of the undergirding influence of the home in helping the alcoholic have some hope for a new life. He says: "In this task we recognize that the Christian home and family will be a major resource, for it is in the home that the fundamental life attitudes are established and learned. Christian parents therefore bear a tremendous responsibility in determining how the alcohol problem will be solved in our time."

The Missionary Task:

Today and Tomorrow

by Tracy Early

The increasing specialization that has been such a marked feature of twentieth century life has also characterized the work of the United Methodist missionary.

The missionary's purpose — giving witness to his Christian faith — has not changed. But now that mature Christian communities have developed in mission countries, with national preachers who can present the Christian message perhaps more effectively than foreigners coming in, the need for the missionary as a preacher and general church leader is not so great. The missionary who is still needed is one with Christian dedication plus a particular skill that is in short supply.

The United Methodist Board of Missions is still getting requests for help, but they tend to be quite specific: Nepal — internist-radiologist-physician; India — nurse, M.S. degree and teaching experience; Zambia — agriculture settlement supervisor; Brazil — director of extra-curricular activities for General Council of Educational Institutions; Korea — music teacher.

That is the situation not only with regard to the needs of institutions like hospitals and schools, but also in church development, says Dr. John W. Johannaber, executive secretary of the Joint Commission on Missionary Personnel. A standard seminary will not generally suffice for missionary appointment unless the candidate has some specific skill to go along with it.

The Rev. Alton Robertson, director of the Overseas Personnel Recruitment Office, compares his work to executive recruitment. The requests he gets from the mission boards, he says, demand qualifications comparable to those industry requires for executives. Over 90 per cent of the people registered with his office either have a graduate degree or have a graduate program underway. And over half speak a second language, with many fluent in a third or fourth.

United Methodists are sending some less specialized missionaries, particularly short-termers, the U.S. 2's and the Overseas 3's. Each year since 1948, in a program that was a precursor of the Peace Corps, about 75 young people right out of college have been appointed for terms of two years in the United States or three years overseas. The program is continuing, though the number was cut last year and is being reduced still further this year.

Nonetheless, the overall trend toward specialization will continue, even as the type of specialists needed shifts somewhat.

With 1,170 United Methodist Missionaries currently at work in 54 countries, the World Division this year will spend $21-million for the support of missionaries and their work. This represents a decrease in income from $22.6-million in 1969. The decline in income has been doubly crippling because it has occurred at a time when inflation makes it necessary to have more dollars every year just to do the same amount of work.

Currently, United Methodists are involved in the work of about 700 secondary schools, over 100 colleges and universities, and many hospitals, medical schools, leprosariums, and other institutions. In the years ahead, many of these institutions will be transferred to governments, private groups, or national church bodies.

The missionaries established the institutions in a time when the work was not being done by anyone else. Now, however, governments are increasingly taking responsibility for work in such fields as health and education, which are becoming too expensive for mission boards.

In the future, Dr. Jones says, the missionary perspective will be centered around the "development of people," a concept that reveals the close connection between mission in the United States and mission abroad.

Varied service ahead for new Methodist missionaries

NEW YORK (UMI) — Varied kinds of service, ranging from church development to aviation, are ahead for 30 United Methodist missionaries scheduled to leave the U.S. this fall to begin service in countries of Africa, Asia and South America.

Included in the overseas personnel are regular and special-term workers —those going for a first term (up to five years) of regular service and those going as "3s," for a short term of three years. All are commissioned under the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, and will serve in its worldwide missionary corps.

The new missionaries are scheduled for these types of vocational services: education, 15; church development and pastoral ministry, 5; agriculture, 3; Christian education, 2; aviation, 1; nursing, 1; medical, 1; medical technology, 1; industrial, 1. In their varied fields, World Division leaders say, the new missionaries will be "ministering in the name of Christ to spiritual and other needs of people, as persons and as members of society."

Several of the group are 1971 college graduates; others are fresh from the pastorate or work in secular fields; a few are returning to the mission field after leaves-of-absence. Countries where the group are scheduled to serve include: Congo, Rhodesia, Botswana, Mozambique, Algeria, Pakistan, Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Singapore, Malaysia and Peru. States represented among the new missionaries include: Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

Though most of the new missionaries are United Methodists, they also include members of other denominations.

For about 10 weeks this summer, the United Methodist missionaries are part of an ecumenical community at the Missionary Orientation Center, Stony Point, N.Y., where several major denominations send missionary personnel to prepare for their future service overseas.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins

Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

In a short article written as he takes up the most important executive post in British Methodism, the Rev. Kenneth G. Greet, newly-appointed Secretary of the Methodist Conference, says: "The trend in all the major churches in Britain is the same . . . the mathematics of the situation are startingly simple. If present trends continue, the organised church in Britain will have disappeared in forty years' time."

His stance, however, is not so completely negative as this quote would suggest. He knows, for instance, that church attendance and membership are not synonymous with living faith. He recognizes also that the old "triumphalism" and paternalism of the kind that suggests that there is an inherent superiority in what the Church has to offer is out. And he wants the church to find its role in mission in a way which, while it does not deny the element of proper proclamation, will also be ready for dialogue with the non-Christian. As he begins his new work, the thoughts and prayers of Methodists; not only in Britain will be with him—many thousands of Methodists throughout the world, who still look upon the British Conference in some sense or other as the "Mother" of Conferences, will uphold him.

While this realistic quote comes from Dr. Greet, the problem of empty pews is not by any means confined to the churches. At their Annual General Meeting this week the British Humanist Association were told that their membership has fallen by almost half in eighteen months.

The cause of the decline in this anti-religion movement were given as partly organisational, and partly due to disagreement about fundamental aims . . . and a further comment is of great interest. For example in Holland where it is said that 80 per cent of the population are churchgoers organised Humanism is flourishing. In England, where church-going is on the decline, Humanism wilts in the climate of toleration. and permissiveness.

It may even be that part of the answer to Dr. Greet's question lies in the fact that the Church is now the militant minority proclaiming and offering an unfashionable faith, and it is in with a chance to get on the offensive now.

THE WEEK'S LEGISLATION

In the House of Lords the Industrial Relations Bill was amended and passed back to the Commons for ratification. In the Commons two major debates took place. One was on the Common Market, and the other was on the so-called "Mini-Budget" by which a new injection of life has been put into the economy. I know that many Christians say that you can't make people good by act of Parliament. You must, they say, work by grace and not by law. But what you can do by law is to create an environment in which people can be good (or bad).

And this point was brought home to me when a newsman of many years' standing said to me that this week's legal actions "could mean a new way of life for Britain." Now that phrase really stopped me in my tracks. Christians are always talking about "a new way of life." Perhaps they ought to get together with their politician friends more often, so that the politician, whose job it is to practise the art of the possible, and the Christian who believes in the vision of the Kingdom of God can find a way together to build that Jerusalem we are always singing about?

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"Source of Inspiration" In Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — A prayer read many times in the U.S. Senate and which has opened several major political rallies has been inserted in the Congressional Record as an example of a "source of inspiration for the nation's legislators and the public."

Rep. Lester L. Wolff (D.-N.Y.), a Jew, said the prayer, composed several years ago by the Rev. Henry J. von Schlichten of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Port Washington, N.Y., was written in the same rhythmic style as the original Old Testament benediction and is "unique for its moving combination of religious and patriotic ideals and feelings."

Titled "A National Benediction — Dedicated to God and Country," the prayer follows:

"Lord bless our Country's President,
Our Halls of Congress, too;
The people on our Continent,
The good we try to do.
Lord keep us in Your loving care,
Unharmed by night and day,
On land and sea and in the air,
At home and far away.

"Lord make Your gracious Face to shine
Upon a troubled world,
That needs a spark of light Divine
To keep our faith unfurled;
Lord lift Your Holy Countenance
Upon the ways of men
Who look to You for sustenance,
And grant us peace. Amen."

West facade of the Ben M. Cherrington Hall as seen from Humanities Garden on Denver University campus where the Twelfth World Methodist Conference will be held Aug. 18-26. Representatives from about 35 countries are expected to attend. The 1966 Conference was held in England.

Basic benevolence fund lags while nine general funds show increase

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — At the mid-point of the fiscal year, support of United Methodism's basic benevolence fund, and five other funds, is lagging behind the same period a year ago, but nine general funds are showing increases.

According to a report released here July 7 by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, support of World Service, the basic benevolence fund, through June 30 is ten per cent behind a year ago with $8,007,306 received toward an annual goal of $25,000,000.

Other decreases are in special gifts to World missions, the World Communion offering, special World Service projects, the quadrennial Fund for Reconciliation, and a fund to ease financial problems created in mergers of black and white conferences.

Largest increase is in the ministerial education fund, up 39 per cent from a year ago.

The complete report for **benevolence funds** shows:

World Service—$8,007,306, down 9.97 per cent

World Missions Advance Specials—$3,544,940, down 4.63 per cent

National Missions Advance Specials—$1,003,061, up 3.52 per cent

Overseas Relief Advance Specials—$732,088, up 23.39 per cent

One Great Hour of Sharing—$764,523, up 32.25 per cent

World Communion—$98,359, down 15.87 per cent

World Service Specials—$38,715, down 71.62 per cent

Temporary General Aid—$309,621, down 1.32 per cent

Fund for Reconciliation—$578,809, down 41.07 per cent

Ministerial Education—$1,745,334, up 39.36 per cent

Race Relations—$634,073, up 31.16 per cent

Student Day—$60,768, up 22.45 per cent

Youth Service Fund—$101,888 (new on report this year—no comparison)

The report for **three administrative funds** is:

Episcopal Fund—$1,219,655, up 4.92 per cent

General Administration—$601,210, up 12.18 per cent

Interdenominational Cooperation—$246,823, up 1.75.

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Atlanta churches join in construction of hotel for visitors

ATLANTA (RNS) — A corporation representing five Churches has signed a $278,643 contract for the construction of a low-cost, short-term hotel for international visitors here.

Villa International Atlanta (VIA) will be located next to the Protestant Radio and Television Center. It will have 19 rooms for visitors, public rooms and housing facilities for a minister and his family.

The idea originated in the Synod of Georgia of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern). The sponsors include that denomination, the Lutheran Church in America, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

The Villa is part of the ministry of these Churches to metropolitan Atlanta. A large part of the construction costs will be provided by women of the Southern Presbyterian Church through their 1970 Birthday offerings.

College students in variety of Summer service projects

Three persons from Louisiana and one from Arkansas are among a group of college students and others who are giving six weeks of service this summer in a variety of United Methodist programs and projects in the United States.

From Louisiana there are: Mrs. Eliza Barnes, a staff member at Southern University, Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Mae E. Calvin of New Orleans, who are serving at the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis, Ill.; and Miss Mary V. Kuder, Lake Charles, a student at McNeese State College, who is working at Red Bird Mission, Beverly, Ky.

From Arkansas, Miss Bessie Lou Hershberger of Bentonville, a student at the University of Arkansas, is serving at Red Bird Mission, Beverly, Ky.

A number of the workers from other states have been working at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock. These include: Scott Barnett, Peoria, Ill., a student at Western Illinois University; Miss Sharman Bridges, Courtland, Miss., a student at Mississippi State College for Women; Miss Eunice C. Foss, Hazen, N.D., a student at the University of North Dakota; Miss Connie B, Cunigan, Dayton, Ohio, a student at Capitol University; and Miss Joan Marie Shager, Menomonie, Wis., a student at Stout State University.

These are part of 51 men and women who are participating in the 1971 summer work program of the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. Their work settings include children's homes, urban and rural community centers, hospitals, camps, urban and rural parishes, and programs with physically and emotionally handicapped children.

The program is not limited to United Methodists, as Presbyterians, Lutherans and Roman Catholics are among this summer's volunteers. This program is just one facet of the United Methodist Church's over-all summer service program for young adults, which also includes work in such varied settings as national parks and Appalachia.

In addition to those serving under the program of the Board of Missions, most of the camps and other centers are employing a great number of college young people not included in the group mentioned

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SWEDEN'S UNITED METHODISTS TO CONTINUE AS INDEPENDENT FREE CHURCH

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists in Sweden have turned down a proposed merger with two other free (non-state) churches, voting to remain within the United Methodist Church and approving a plan that provides for interchurch cooperation but not union, say reports to United Methodist Information.

A dispatch from Dr. Arne-Jacob Kristoffersen, United Methodist news correspondent for Scandinavia, had this to say of the recent session of the Sweden Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, held near Gotenburg and the first to be presided over by newly-elected (in 1970) Bishop Ole Borgen:

"One of the main themes discussed was the ecumenical dialogue that has gone on in Sweden among the Free Churches. Two opposite views confronted the Conference. One plan presented a fusion (merger) with the Covenant Church and the Baptist Union in a 'United Free Church of Sweden.' Bishop Borgen had worked out a plan that the Methodist Church of Sweden should continue as an independent church that is part of the worldwide United Methodist Church, which can cooperate with other churches and church bodies without merging. The Conference voted for the bishop's proposal, which means Methodism will continue as an independent Free Church in Sweden."

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News in Brief

More than 350 churches and chapels being used by Protestant and Orthodox churches in Poland can now revert to these churches under a national law passed in June. The Methodists make use of more than 50 of these structures.

British union plan advances

YORK, England (UMI)—The General Synod of the Church of England gave "resounding" support here to the proposed union of the Anglican and Methodist Churches in Great Britain, according to a Religious News Service dispatch.

Members of the Synod voted "provisional approval" of the currently-stalemated plan to merge the two communions. Having passed the Synod, the plan now must be returned to the Anglican dioceses for discussion and voting before the "final vote" can be taken by the General Synod, probably in February. A 75 per cent margin will be required then.

Britain's Methodists have twice endorsed the merger document, but the Anglican Church, in sessions of the Convocations of Canterbury and York in July 1969, failed to give the plan the required 75 per cent majority.

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"Look Up and Live" TV series recommended

NEW YORK (UMI) — Five programs which began July 25 on CBS-TV's "Look Up and Live" Sunday series have been recommended by a United Methodist leader.

The shows, scheduled at 10:30 a.m. (EDT) are produced by CBS-TV in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission (BFC) of the National Council of Churches. "These programs show the church in mission to people who have been ignored or suppressed; they show a church alive with the vitality of the spirit of Jesus for struggling, emerging people," said Nelson Price, chairman of the BFC Broadcast Operations Committee and United Methodist broadcasting executive.

The Rev. Leon Scott (second from left), Farmerville, was guest evangelist for a recent revival at Wesley Chapel Church in Ruston. He is shown here at an after service reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smelley (at right) and Dianne Evans (left). The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. is pastor.

CHILDREN'S HOME

(Memorials list continued)

MRS. CORDELIA C. MATTHEWS
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winslett and Mrs. Lula Humphries
W. E. BROOKS
by Mrs. Lula Humphries
DR. O. B. OWENS
by "One Whom He Helped"
E. H. MORGAN
by Bertha Baker Bible Class, Jena
A. M. MORGAN
by Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Denison
A. H. HARPER
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RICHMOND HANKS
by Donna & Ned Knotts
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by Mr. & Mrs. V. M. Robert
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MRS. JOHN BARHAM
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by Mabel Tillotson

DUKE ENDOWMENT AID TO METHODISTS CITED

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (RNS) — The Duke Endowment, a private foundation, gave United Methodism in North Carolina more than $1,100,000 in 1970 for retired clergy support and for the construction and operation of rural churches.

This sum was in addition to $7,000,000 given to Duke University, a United Methodist-related institution.

Total outlay of the foundation in 1970, according to the annual report issued here, was $20,140,000.

Recipients of Duke funds are colleges, universities, hospitals, and child care institutions in North and South Carolina, and the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

James Buchanan Duke, who founded the endowment in 1924, was an active Methodist layman. The university in Durham named for him is the major beneficiary of Duke Endowment funds, having received $153 million since 1924, according to the report covering 1970.

Funds are also provided under the endowment for Davidson College, a Southern Presbyterian institution in Davidson; Furham University, a Southern Baptist School in Greenville, and Johnson C. Smith University, a United Presbyterian facility — predominantly black — in Charlotte.

In 1970, the foundation paid $260,429 to retired United Methodist preachers, widows and dependent orphaned children of deceased prcachers in North Carolina.

Allocations totalling $472,939 went to United Methodist rural church building projects in the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences and $391,831 went for the operation of rural churches.

The latter category includes supplements to pastors' salaries, provision of assistant pastors in some cases, special Summer programs and leadership training.

MRS. RUBE H. ANDREWS

The death of Mrs. Rube H. Andrews has left a place within the Glenmora United Methodist Church that will be most difficult to fill. She was one of God's greatest witnesses through the innumerable deeds she was constantly doing in His name during her 31 years as a member of this Church.

Mrs. Andrews served as president of the W.S.C.S for over ten years, she taught the Adult Ladies' Church School Class, and was a member of the Official Board until her death. Vacation Church School was not complete without her assistance.

This great lady and her husband were blest with two children of their own, a son, who preceded his mother in death, and a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Waldrop of Demopolis, Alabama; but nearly every child within the community knew both Mr. and Mrs. Rube because they loved children. She was present on every opening day of school, and kept in close contact with teachers in order to know the needy families and to assist them.

At the present time, members of her church and community feel as though an important part of these structures is gone. Yet, God's work will be stronger among those who remain here because Mrs. Rube Andrews has left an inspiration and a job that must be filled. †

Archbishop of York appeals for Anglican-Methodist union

YORK, Eng. (RNS) — Anglican Archbishop Donald Coggan of York made a fervent plea for Anglican-Methodist union in his presidential address at the opening of the Church of England's General Synod.

"England is waiting for an authoratative word from a united Church," he said. "The Church of this land and the great Methodist Church have for many years drawn ever closer, one to the other. It would be a matter of the greatest gravity if anything were done to delay further the consummation of that union which we have come so close to achieving."

Archbishop Coggan pleaded specifically for a favorable synod vote on "provisional approval" of the currently deadlocked plan for Anglican Methodist union.

The plan has been adopted twice by the Methodist Conference with majorities exceeding 75 per cent. It failed to secure the necessary overall majority of 75 per cent in the Anglican Convocations of Bishops and Clergy in July, 1969.

Archbishop Coggan said the "scandal of disunity" which normally prevents Anglicans and Methodists from sharing Holy Communion "is far more grave than any defect which can be found in the scheme before us."

According to an earlier Church of England staatement, a simple majority of only 51 per cent will be required in each house — Bishops, Clergy, Laity —for a favorable synod vote on the union proposal.

If the synod gives "provisional approval," the matter will then pass on to the 43 diocesan synods. If a majority of synods endorse a resolution of approval, the matter will return to the General Synod for final approval. It stance, a 75 per cent majority be considered necessary.

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Shreveport District Elementary V-VI Camp group at Caney Lake during July 19-23 period. Fifty-one campers were present for the week of fellowship and worship. This year each girl brought a baton, and twirling became a popular activity, under the direction of Miss Linda Williams, one of the staffers. Others on the staff included the Rev. C. B. Krumnow, director, assisted by the Rev. and Mrs. Heaton Crammer, Brenda Peal, Dacy Bolin, Caron Cherry, Jimmy Morrow and Mall White.

Shown above are 58 young campers and eight adult workers who attended the Hammond District Elementary-Junior High Camp at Camp Istrouma, July 19-23. The Rev. Larry Stafford was director of the Elementary Division and the Rev. Jerry Means directed the Junior High Division.

A group of 50 "Now Singers" from First United Methodist Church, Benton, Ark., presented an evening of folk music at Grace Church in Ruston on Sunday, July 25. The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. is pastor.

The youth of McGuire Church in West Monroe with forefingers pointing upward display the "one way with Jesus Christ sign" following a hard day's work at car washing. The industrious group estimated they had washed fifty cars. Youth Director Susan Luke stands third from left. The Rev. John H. Sewell is pastor of the McGuire church.

Sixty-eight boys and girls were enrolled in the Vacation church school at First Church, Eunice recently. The Rev. Carey A. Martin is pastor.

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Outstanding British preacher coming to Jonesville

Dr. Reginald Mallett of Wiltshire, Eng., will preach at First United Methodist Church, Jonesville, the week of August 22, according to the pastor, the Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles. Dr. Mallett is a chemical engineer and a medical doctor in addition to being an ordained Methodist minister.

He served for a time as a chemical engineer with the British army in Malaya, returning to enter London University to study theology. He became associate minister at Central Hall, Westminster, and was then appointed the minister of Albert Hall, Manchester.

In 1964, although invited to become the minister of the First Methodist Church, Edinburg and become Methodist chaplain to the University of Edinburg, he decided to enter Birmingham University to study medicine. He believed that in a changing world he ought to fulfill the dual role of minister and doctor. He graduated in medicine and surgery in 1970 with distinction and is currently working as house surgeon at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindom, Wiltshire, England.

He has made a number of preaching visits to the United States and has been invited to address the Southeastern Jurisdiction Laymen's Conference at Lake Junaluska on four separate occasions.

Dr. Mallett is filling speaking engagements at Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, N.C. and Dyersburg, Tenn. during this current visit to the United States.

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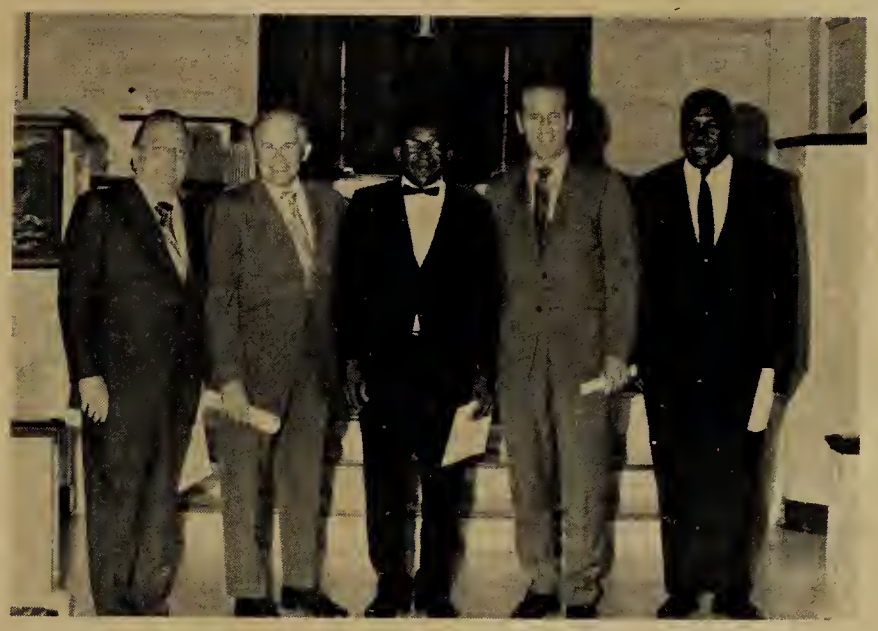
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CLAREMONT RECEIVES REGIONAL ACCREDITATION

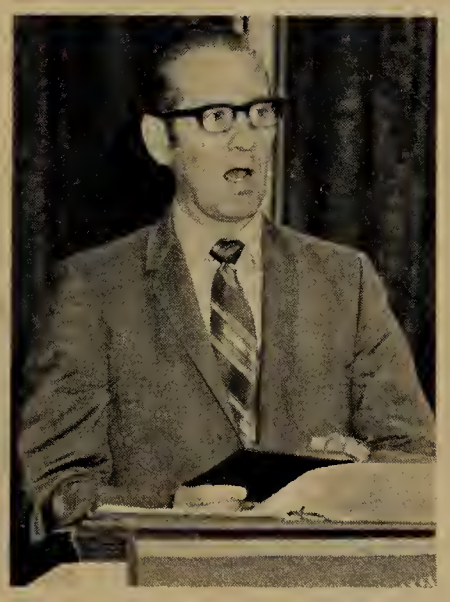
CLAREMONT, Calif.—The School of Theology at Claremont has received its first regional accreditation, from the Western Assn. of Schools and Colleges, and has had its professional accreditation continued without qualification by the American Assn. of Theological Schools.

The School of Theology has been a member of AATS since 1942. The AATS has 182 member schools, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish.

The Methodist commission, chaired by Bishop Fred Wertz, examined each of the 14 Methodist seminaries, and will report to the 1972 General Conference on the allocation of Methodist resources for theological education.



Four members of the Louisiana Annual Conference recently completed special studies at SMU's Perkins School of Theology. The four were among 26 ministers from seven states receiving certificates for completing the five-summers "courses of study" program. They are, from left to right, the Rev. Johnny Hollingsworth of Greenwood, the Rev. Lionel J. Marcel of Shreveport, the Rev. Clarence Hillard of Clinton, and the Rev. Robert Peterson of Rayne. Pictured at right is the Rev. Burnell Robertson of the United Church of Christ, who completed an advanced study program.



The Rev. Robert W. Peterson of Rayne, lay pastor on the Indian Bayou-Kaplan Charge in Lafayette District, participating in the worship service during graduation of the Courses of Study School, Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University, July 22.

NCC's General Board to hold Fall meeting in New Orleans

The General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. will meet at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, Sept. 10 and 11. This will bring together a number of national denominational executives and leaders.

Dr. Cynthia Wedel, a member of the Episcopal Church and a past president of Church Women United, will preside over the sessions. She is the first woman to serve as National Council president.

Members of the National Council staff and denominational leaders who serve on the General Board will fill a number of New Orleans pulpits on Sunday, Sept. 12, by invitation of the pastors and congregations of the New Orleans area.

Centenary College schedules Fall registration

Registration at Centenary College for the Fall semester will be held in the Gold Dome Physical Education Building on the South campus, August 30 and September 1, 1971, Dean Thad Marsh announced today.

New students (freshmen and transfers) will register Monday with students whose surnames begin with S-Z from 12:30 to 1:25 P.M.; M-R from 1:30 to 2:25 P.M.; F-L from 2:30 to 3:25 P.M.; A-E from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Returning students will register on Tuesday with students whose names begin with O-S from 8:30 to 9:25 A.M.; K-N from 9:30 to 10:25 A.M.; F-J from 10:30 to 11:25 A.M.; C-E from 11:30 A.M. to 12:25 P.M.; A-B from 1:30 to 2:25 P.M.; and T-Z from 2:30 to 3:25 P.M. All students may register only at the time assigned to them. If for some reason this is not possible, the time from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. will be reserved for those students coming late or out of order. Students must bring a ball point pen to registration with them.

The evening schedule for the Fall semester registration at Centenary will start Wednesday, August 25, 1971, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the basement of the Library; Thursday, August 26, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the basement of the Library; Monday, August 30, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon in the basement of the Library; from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. on the same day it will be held in the R. E. Smith Building and then again in the basement of the Library from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Late registration will be held after Friday, September 3, and there will be a $10.00 late registration fee. The last day for registration will be held, with a late registration fee, at 7:00 P.M., Friday, September 10.

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News in Brief

Union Theological Seminary in Gothenberg, Sweden, which for almost 50 years has trained Methodist ministers in Scandinavia, no longer will be used by the Norway United Methodist Conference which has started a theological education program related to the University of Bergen. The Gothenburg school will be retained, however, for educating ministers from Sweden, Finland and Denmark, and for possible use as a church center.

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Paul Carruth, a Freshman at Southeast College in Hammond, was a recent participant in the "Presidential Class Room for Young Americans," which includes certain select students from all over the United States. Carruth, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Angus Carruth—pastor and wife at First United Methodist Church in Covington, was a recent speaker at First Church in Jennings.

Washington church adds new staff position

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — A new church position grew out of this spring's protests and demonstrations in Washington — an associate pastor of community relations, to deal with participants, police and other agencies. Believed to be the first staff member with such an assignment, he is at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church.

The associate is the Rev. John P. Adams, which adds another unusual element, because his regular work is on the denomination's national staff as director of the Department of Law, Justice and Community Relations of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The assignment grew, according to the Rev. James P. Archibald, pastor, out of the discovery, during the April and May demonstrations for peace and other causes, that many needs growing out of crisis situations were not being met. Only five blocks from the U.S. Capitol, the church served some of the protesters in such ways as getting food to the jails and stadium for those arrested, relaying messages, securing releases for some arrestees. It also helped the police and the Justice Department by assisting with communication and by service to wounded officers.

Adams at that time was engaged in the liaison between officials ond protestors as part of his regular job. Since then, he has worked with police to secure credentials for clergy, thus enabling them to move freely within crisis areas; works with other "involved" ministers of the city, and with Capitol East Community Organization and similar community efforts, especially ecumenical programs, according to Archibald.

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Of 40 ordained ministers in the United Methodist Church, fewer than 300 are women.

TRINITY SUB-DISTRICT ELECTS OFFICERS AT MEETING IN FIRST CHURCH, LAFAYETTE

The Trinity Sub-district United Methodist Youth recently held their annual meeting and elected officers at First United Methodist Church in Lafayette.

The slate of officers elected to serve during the 1971-72 period are: Chipper Hamm, First Church, Lafayette, president; Jes Montgomery, First Church, Lafayette, vice president; Melony Dunbar, First Church, Porte Barre, secretary-treasurer. Elected to serve as representative to district meetings was Johnnie Strozier of Porte Barre's First Church.

Cindy Bruner of First Church, Porte Barre, is the outgoing president. The installation of new officers will occur at a later meeting.

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AN INTERGENERATIONAL Class is being held in St. Luke Church, Shreveport, during August. Subjects and speakers for the youth-adult class include: August 1, "Are We Listening?"; August 8, "Celebration" with Alice Flint; August 15, "Our Families" with Dr. Ed Leatherman, Homer Adams, Leon Brooks, Sherri Adams and Kix Brooks; August 22, "Work Experiences" by volunteer workers in summer projects. St. Luke's minister is the Rev. James M. Poole.

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BASCOM D. TALLEY, JR.

Bascom D. Talley, Jr. died July 27 at his residence in Bogalusa of an acute coronary occlusion. He was 55 years old.

Participants in the Memorial Service held July 29 at Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church, Bogalusa, included: the Rev. William R. Irving, Jr., the pastor; Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, Natchitoches District Superintendent; the Rev. Bascom D. Talley, III, a United Methodist minister in the New England Southern Annual Conference; and the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, pastor of First United Methodist Church, New Orleans.

A life-long resident of Bogalusa, Talley was a member of the Conference Board of Trustees. At the time of his death he was working on a memorial to General Conference which would require annual conferences to keep an orderly record of the deeds to all local church properties. His friends and associates will continue this work.

During his lifetime he worked for better understanding among the races in Bogalusa and in Louisiana, and evidenced a deep appreciation of the Social Creed of the United Methodist Church and its Wesleyan heritage.

A community leader, the prominent Bogalusa attorney is survived by his wife, Imogene Wilson Talley; three sons, Bascom III, Morris W. of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and James, a student at MacAlister College, St. Paul, Minn., and a daughter, Jean Talley Drew, a Baton Rouge attorney.

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Black community developers speak out on communications needs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — A group of black community developers in the United Methodist Church recently took action on what they consider the exclusionary process for minorities in the communications industry at a meeting here.

The group of more than 100 persons approved a resolution calling for the Federal Communications Commission to adopt rules and regulations for cable television that would "ascertain community needs, wants, and interests. Provision should then be made for these needs to be met on a continuing and regular basis." The resolution asked that the FCC implement special economic assistance to enable participation by black and minority entrepreneurship in CATV."

Earlier in the meeting the Rev. Dr. Negail R. Riley, New York, executive secretary of the Department of Urban Ministries in the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, said, "the history of religion in black America is a history of the development of black power. Religion in black America is a segregated religion. The black church has traditionally been the one institution in which the black American could exercise his own abilities. He owns it and he controls it. That's black power."

Dr. Riley concluded that "perhaps Arnold Toynbee, the historian, is right when he indicates that the survival of the entire Christian church in the USA is dependent on the power of the black church to infuse new life and honesty into it.

The community developers explored the role of other media in addition to cable television in community development. Peter L. Francis, staff producer for the denomination's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO) and specialist in minority broadcast issues, directed the communications program.

Leading the group of discussions and workshops were Dr. Riley, the Rev. John W. Coleman, New York, field representative, and five regional coordinators.

The Quadrennial Emphasis Black Community Developers Program, conceived and directed by Dr. Riley in 1969 with a pilot program for eight community developers, now has a nationwide network of 45 developers and 45 local supervising pastors. The developers serve on the staffs of traditionally black churches in rural and urban minority ghetto areas. The program functions under a 12-member Policy Committee representing three United Methodist agencies—the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Commission on Religion and Race, and the National Division.

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The church that lifts up the hands of the poor and unemployed may rediscover one day that its future is in good hands.

NOTICE

Bishop Walton has asked us to pass the following word along to you:

"If anyone has an extra copy of the official program for the First Session of the Louisiana Conference (merged), June 1-4, 1971, it will be greatly appreciated if he will send it to Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, 1915 American Bank Building, New Orleans, La. 70130."

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Council of Christian Education to merge into WCC

LIMA, Peru (RNS) — The World Council of Christian Education (WCCE) which traces its origins to 1889, voted here to merge its activities into the World Council of Churches.

The vote was 158 to 7, with two abstentions, in support of the long-planned move.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, WCC general secretary, and other World Council officials welcomed the WCCE.

The eight day quadrennial assembly brought together 400 participants —Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox — from 77 countries to consider how the Churches can respond, particularly through education, to the world's crises.

Delegates agreed that Christian education must redirect its scope in order to bring about social change and the "liberalization of man."

The assembly affirmed dedication to liberation by educating the peoples of developing nations in a new life based on universal principles of community, solidarity, respect and equality.

As part of the preparation for the sessions, delegates first took part in "encounters" in 17 Latin American countries where they studied the social, political, economic, educational and religious situations.

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ATLANTA (RNS) — A vice-president and publications editor of All-Church Press, Fort Worth, has been named editor of periodicals for the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. He will assume his new duties on September 1.

John Allen Templeton will be responsible for Presbyterian Survey, the denomination's official magazine, and other publications.

The 57-year-old editor has been associated with All-Church Press, the nation's largest publisher of newspapers for denominations and congregations, since 1959. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, he was publisher of the Jacksonville (Texas) Journal from 1935-1959.

Presbyterian Survey was transferred to the Southern Presbyterian General Council at the recent General Assembly. The Church also formed a Communication Council to coordinate mass media efforts.

Editorial

THE CHALLENGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Among the many encouraging signs within today's Christian community, one which stands out is the vital force which is made up of a wide variety of confrontations and training opportunities under the general heading of "continuing education." Ministers and laymen are being challenged to budget their time to allow for serious intellectual and spiritual explorations to strengthen their Christian witness in today's complex world. It is our observation that an increasing number of persons are realizing that yesterday's knowledge and yesterday's skills will not suffice for today's Christian witness.

We have been prompted to comment on this subject by a number of announcements now on our desk relating to training enterprises of this nature. Here is an annual conference laymen's retreat which includes in its program a number of in-depth studies of serious theological questions as well as an opportunity for professional leadership in human resources development.

Another folder tells of an opportunity for ministers and laymen to participate in a training session for leadership in human resources development. Some of our readers will be interested in seeking this more advanced training in this exciting new science. We are reminded that none of the wastes of our time are as tragic as those which are related to human resources. This is a real stewardship opportunity and we hope a number of our ministers and laymen will avail themselves of it.

We are looking now at the program for "An Institute on Modern Religious Communication Dilemmas" to be held in November at Syracuse University. Its stated purpose is "to enable professional religious communicators to get away from the nuts and bolts of everyday operations to (1) consider the 'why' of doing things the way they do them; (2) evaluate traditional and new media with a view of making intelligent selection for effective communication; and (3) deal with the complex attitudinal, social, financial and institutional problems common to religious communicators in a changing society." This editor is giving serious consideration to becoming a part of this opportunity for his continuing education.

Just a few weeks ahead of us are the Pastors' Schools available to the two areas in which our readers are located. These annual events have grown in the quality of education they offer, and the 1971 programs deserve the full support and the participation of our ministers.

Our two theological schools in the South Central Jurisdiction are actively engaged in programs of continuing education, and the centers located on their campuses are attracting an increasing number of ministers and laymen. However, these opportunities are not restricted to those who find the time to get to the centers. They have been extended into the field with a number of ministers and laymen taking part in study groups closer to home, utilizing the guidance and the leadership provided by the seminaries.

In the light of all these enterprises, and many more, it seems to us that some things need to be said concerning the movement for continuing education as it relates to the church.

First, there is an increasing awareness of need. None of us is going to pay the price of participation in such a program unless there is a real conviction that the tasks confronting us demand resources we do not now have. The problems around us are truly complex, and yesterday's preparation needs up-dating.

Next, members of local congregations need to be made aware of the opportunities that are available. If your minister is made to feel that you are truly behind him in helping him plan for his continuing education, then he will begin to involve himself in such programs for growth. Local churches should follow the example of the educational institutions and the boards and agencies of the denomination who are insisting that their personnel take time off for study, research and travel.

Finally, if you are concerned about encouraging your minister to participate in a program of continuing education, then you will need to think about helping him bear the cost. Not only should you help him find time that is not charged against his vacation, but some provision will also need to be made to undergird the financial support for his participation. We are encouraged to see that more and more local churches are including funds for the continuing education of their ministers in their budgets. Has your church made such a move? It should.

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the Editor's Corner

INSPIRING MOMENTS WITH THE ASTRONAUTS

From blast-off to splashdown the voyage of Apollo 15 to the moon and back has captivated this editor's imagination and motivated him to sing again the praises of all the persons who make up the team that makes such a flight possible.

For three days Astronauts Scott and Irwin made their homes on the surface of the Moon while their companion, Alfred Worden, made geological discoveries from the orbiting Endeavor which could be as useful as the rocks picked up from the lunar surface in determining the age of the Moon and the rest of the Universe.

Each of us registers different reactions to lunar exploration, but the prime emotion this writer has had during the entire flight of Apollo 15 is that of admiration for the over-all organization and teamwork of the thousands who had a part in sending them out and bringing them back.

On a number of occasions slight irregularities developed aboard the spacecraft, and each time satisfactory solutions came back from the ground, preventing mechanical irritations from becoming major tragedies. I hope that someday I may have the privilege of a period of briefing at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston so that I may have better comprehension how problems like these are so effectively worked out on the ground.

We continue to read of those who feel that the probes of space and the landings on the moon are incongruous because of the unanswered questions and unsolved problems of the earth. This writer is one who feels that the doors to the solution of the latter problems will be opened in part by the findings of space travel. Some suggest it is too expensive a way to solve our problems, but only history will be able to judge this.

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All things change, creeds and philosophies and outward systems—but God remains.—Mary Augusta Ward

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Major crimes during a one-year period ending June 30 dropped in the nation's capital for the first time in 15 years by 18.7 per cent. City authorities give as the reason for the reversal of what was a steadily increasing crime rate the expansion of the police force, court reorganization, better narcotics treatment programs, modernized police communications, better downtown lighting, improved police-community relations programs, and better mobilization of policemen.

Father Francis Fleming, a prominent Minneapolis Roman Catholic priest, says he is concerned by the recent disclosure of classified information "by persons in positions of trust." "It is not just because of the possible harm of our national security it may bring, but rather the public acceptance of loose treatment given confidential information," he said. Writing in the parish bulletin, Fleming charged that the "light attitude toward confidentiality" is "related to the 'openness' and 'talk syndromes' which are currently sweeping the nation."

As the 10-day Billy Graham Crusade in Oakland, Calif. progressed a Religious News Service report said that during the first five days youths under 25 made up 75 to 80 per cent of the audience. The evangelist said the 8,700 "decisions for Christ" represented the largest response ever received in a corresponding period of a crusade.

Christians engaged in programs to help develop poor nations should realize that "scattered efforts" are useless, according to a committee of the united Church of Christ in the Congo. The Church's Nat'l. Development Committee appealed to agencies giving funds to "abandon the system of helping project by project, which no longer corresponds to the needs of coordinated and planned work." The statement made clear that the ECC does not welcome development aid with strings attached. The committee served notice that the ECC will no longer propose to Western donors projects which might have "donor appeal" but would not serve the over-all needs of the Congolese people.

The Bd. of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) decided at a meeting at Montreat, N.C. to include more young people and missionaries in its decision-making process. Four youths, two of whom will be non-white, and four missionaries on furlough will be invited to all future meetings. They will have the right to vote and speak in committee sessions and to speak, but not vote, in plenary meetings.

America is facing some difficult ethical decisions because it can no longer count on unlimited economic growth, according to Professor Roger L. Shinn who holds the Reinhold Niebuhr chair in social ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He said the traditional U.S. answer to poverty was that everyone was going to be richer because of the nation's continually growing economy. But ecological limits no longer make this possible, he said, citing as an example the inability of companies in the N.Y. and New England to provide necessary electrical power.

The National Assembly of Portugal has approved a draft bill guaranteeing religious freedom to all "state-recognized" religions. For a religious denomination to qualify for recognition by the state its leader must be able to furnish proof that it has at least 500 adherents, resident in the country. The new law specifically forbids religious discrimination in employment or career assignments.

Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the British Methodist Conference, predicts that the "organized church" in Britain will disappear within 40 years if the present trend of the "accelerating decrease" in church membership continues. Expressing this view in The Christian Citizen he went on to say "The believer must go on to ask what God is saying to and requiring of His people through an era of apparent failure." Discussing whether the church's mission of proclamation should be replaced by "dialogue," Dr. Greet warned: "There is nothing automatic about the survival of the church. If a car manufacturer stops making cars, the firm goes out of business. If the Church ceases to be the instrument for making Christians, it disappears."

A recent survey of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) shows that 45 percent of communicant members participating would like their ministers to preach a "children's sermon" on Sunday morning. However, the study indicated that the children's sermon was supported by only about 18 per cent of Southern Presbyterian pastors, directors of Christian education and board and agency staff, and by only 4 per cent of the middle judiciary. The board interpreted the high acceptance of children's sermons by members as an indication that they "desire those things which will help their children become a part of the worshipping community."

The Pavilion Room of the plush Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Tex. is reported to have a new look on Sunday mornings. It is the meeting place for a new Contemporary Sunday School for Swinging Singles (chiefly the 18-to-40 "apartment set"). Ron Hall, organizer of the venture, said "We're not trying to do away with church structures, but maybe we can be a stepping stone between the 'swinging singles' who have a hangup on church and the church itself." The program is non-denominational and ends in time for those who wish to attend 11 a.m. worship services.

Retired Roman Catholic Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen preached before 3,000 worshippers in famed Marble Collegiate Church in New York recently. He was introduced by the taped voice of the church's famed pastor, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who was vacationing in Europe. He preached on the theme "Jesus Christ: Stand-in for Sin."

Congressman Jerome R. Waldie (Calif.) inserted in the Congressional Record a commendation of 71 teenagers from a church in his state for their altruistic efforts in behalf of the "Christian Hacienda Project." The young people, sponsored by the Orinda Community Church and local civic groups, worked at an orphanage in Tiajuana, Mexico. In addition to bringing to the 72 orphans Spanish dialogue stories in film and on tape, the young people also helped erect an additional bank building and laid foundations for a new tools-instruction center for older boys at the home. Hikes with the children to a nearby ocean beach were also part of the week-long project. Waldie said the "idealistic act by young Americans will do more to improve relations with Mexico than any governmental act I can conceive."

(RNS Photo)

BIRDSBORO, Pa. – When the Birdsboro, Pa., ambulance rolls on a call, chances are good that the driver will be a clergyman. Three of the community's ministers have been volunteer ambulance drivers for almost a year. The three "holy rollers" – the Rev. C. David Godshall (left), pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church; the Rev. Allen R. Beistline (reflected in rearview mirror), pastor of Christ United Methodist Church; and the Rev. James A. Killian, pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ – decided to volunteer for ambulance duty when they learned that there weren't enough volunteers in the daytime to man the borough's two ambulances. The ministers, who took first aid courses to qualify as drivers, don't go about their ambulance duties the same way they go about their ministries. "At that point, I'm an ambulance driver only," explains Mr. Godshall. On call during the daytime, Birdsboro's three minister-ambulance drivers average anywhere from four to 10 calls per month individually.

"The Ballad of Broken Bow" —Part II

(Related story in last week's LOUISIANA METHODIST on page five—August 5 issue)

This was the project of the Louisiana Conference Work Camp: to renovate and convert a 55-year-old former courthouse and church (18 by 30 feet) near Broken Bow, Okla. into an education building.

A gospel sing at the church. The entire Choctaw congregation joins in a Choctaw hymn for Work Camp group.

A picnic at Beaver Dam State Park at the end of the work week.

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A birthday party for two little Indian girls.

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We present the finished product. FROM LEFT: Cecil Bland and Alice Flint of the Program Council Office; Nelson Lewis, Tohwali, church treasurer; the Rev. James Baker, pastor; Junie Havard, counselor; B. C. Lewis, chairman, board of trustees, and Mrs. Marilyn Hebert, counselor.

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NEWS and NOTES

ACCORDING TO THE SLIDELL Church bulletin, Mrs. R. L. Clayton, widow of a former pastor of the Slidell Church, died in California recently.

THE LAKE ARTHUR Annual Camp Meeting was held July 9-18 with the Rev. George W. Ross, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette, serving as evangelist.

PARKER MEMORIAL guest speakers in July were the Rev. Richard Elliott, Methodist minister working in the New Orleans Ecumenical Institute, and the Rev. J. C. Pickett, chaplain at the Veterans' Hospital in New Orleans. The Parker minister is the Rev. Albert Hurley.

SOUTH SEAS ISLAND MAGIC came to Wesley Bible Class, Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, as members held a "luau-southern style" on July 31. Lei garlanded members and guests enjoyed a barbecue, swimming, a fishing-game and fellowship. The Rev. Dave Corley is pastor.

YOUNG ADULTS OF EUNICE heard Mrs. Lorene Carlin tell about her stay in the Philippines as she showed slides taken while her husband was stationed there with the Air Corps. A covered dish supper preceded the program on Wednesday, July 28. The Rev. Carey Martin is the Eunice pastor.

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BEVERLY ANNE BOND, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Beverly Bond of Crowley, and Larry Reid Powell were married on July 30 in the First United Methodist Church at Arcadia. The bride's father officiated. The couple will live in New Orleans.

THE REV. S. BURL DAMPIER was guest speaker in the Oakland City United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday, July 25. During the same service, he christened his grand-daughter, Kimberly Dawn Russell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Russell (Mary Adella Dampier). The Rev. LeRoy Smith is pastor of the Oakland City Church, located at 1093 Arlington Avenue, Southwest, Atlanta.

DR. AND MRS. B. A. GALLOWAY visited their daughter, son-in-law and new grandson, Albert Benedict Stem, in Richmond, Va., in July. In Dr. Galloway's absence, the Rayne Memorial Church pulpit had as guest speaker the Rev. Carole Cotton, associate pastor of Aurora Church, New Orleans.

The First United Methodist Church of Corbin, Hammond District, observed their eighth anniversary, Sunday, July 25, with special services and a covered dish dinner. The Rev. Harold Babin is pastor.

THE NATCHITOCHES FIRST Church pulpit was occupied by the Rev. James Jones, Wesley Foundation director at Northwestern College, on two Sunday mornings of July while the pastor, Dr. Jolly B. Harper, and wife were on a tour of Europe. Evening services were directed by laymen and laywomen. Dr. Leo T. Allbritten, dean of the graduate school at Northwestern, was the speaker one evening.

AN ECUMENICAL VACATION church school is in progress in Baton Rouge from August 2-13. Churches participating include First Christian, Sacred Heart Catholic, Church of The Way Presbyterian, and Ingleside United Methodist. Grades 1-3 are meeting at Ingleside, and Grades 4-6 are at Church of The Way Presbyterian. The staff is made up of members from all four churches and the "Y." The Rev. Donice Alverson is the Ingleside pastor.

AUGUST DATES LISTED FOR BROADMOOR, B. R., YOUTH

CAMP ADVENTURE for 5th and 6th graders of Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, was held the weekend of August 6 and 7 at Camp Istrouma. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmit, counselors, were assisted by the Rev. Larry Maxwell, Mrs. Louise Hastings, the Van Deutekoms, Knights, Dowlings, and Miss Teddy Jo Huhon.

C.A.W. (Christian Adventure Week) for junior high students will begin Sunday, August 15, and go through August 18. The main speaker each night will be Evans Byrd. Other speakers will be Dr. Barry Bailey, pastor, the Rev. Maxwell, the Rev. Kenney Norton, Mrs. Catherine Walker and Miss Becky McKeithen. David Joffrion and small combo will furnish music. Mrs. Don Dial is director.

Y.A.W. (Youth Activities Week) for senior highs is being held, August 9-11. Howard Phillips is directing this group.

DR. AND MRS. CARL LUEG and son, David, have returned from a three-week tour of eight countries in Europe and England. In Dr. Lueg's absence, the Monroe First United Methodist pulpit was occupied by the Rev. W. D. Boddie, Monroe district superintendent; the Rev. Jack H. Midyett, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans; and the Rev. James Wilson, campus minister at Northeastern Louisiana University.

YOUTH WEEK is in progress at First Church, Pineville, August 8-13. The Rev. Gilbert Wade, pastor of the Colfax United Methodist Church, is leading the senior high group in a study of the Parables of Jesus. The Rev. Byrl Moreland, pastor of Nolley Memorial Church, Jena, is leading the junior highs in the same study. Counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Earl May, Billy Thaxton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilkerson. The Rev. Richard Walton is pastor.

LAKE SHARON was the destination of 29 young people and 6 adults from Mansfield United Methodist Church last weekend. Traveling by chartered school bus, the group returned Monday evening, August 9. The Rev. George Harkins is their pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Aug. 15—Sunday	Luke 13:11-17
Aug. 16	Luke 14:1-6
Aug. 17	Luke 17:11-19
Aug. 18	John 2:1-11
Aug. 19	John 4:46-54
Aug. 20	John 11:38-44
Aug. 21	John 21:1-14
Aug. 22—Sunday	Acts 12:7-11

LIVING FLAME SINGERS MAKE SUMMER TOUR

Twenty-four members of "The Living Flame," singing youth group of Lakeview United Methodist Church, Minden, made a singing tour to Houston last week. Accompanied by their director, Mrs. Sam Barnett, Randy Nichols, summer youth director, the Rev. Louis Coppage, pastor, along with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adcock and Mrs. John Savage, chaperones and bus driver, the group left on the recently acquired church bus Friday morning, August 6.

The first program was presented in Lake Charles First Church Friday evening. Sunday morning the group sang the anthem at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church in Houston. On the return trip, the singers presented a program in the First United Methodist Church in Pineville.

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LAFAYETTE SUB-DISTRICT UMYF elected officers in July. Chipper Hamm is the new president, Jes Montgomery is vice-president, Melony Dunbar is secretary-treasurer, and Johnny Strozier is district representative.

THE YOUTH of two New Orleans churches have joined for a journey to Lake Charles, Beaumont, Houston and Galveston this week, August 9-13. They are from Lake Vista and St. Luke Churches, whose pastors are the Rev. Ed Thomas and the Rev. Edwin Barksdale, respectively.

The congregation of the Sevier Memorial United Methodist Church in Ferriday held a covered dish supper in honor of the Robert F. Lincolns who are moving to Richardson, Texas. A Family Bible was presented to them. Pictured are Jean, Robin, Rebecca, Bob and Cathy.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR AUGUST 22: Alcohol and Society

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:20-23; Amos 6:1-8; Romans 13:10-14

MEMORY SELECTION: Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God. (I Peter 2:16)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons recognize that the use of beverage alcohol is a threat to a sound society; to answer the claim raised by so many drinkers that it is nobody's business but their own if they choose to drink.

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Each time the church tries to make clear its position concerning abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages it is accused by many of speaking in an area in which it has no business speaking. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that the very foundations of our social structure are being threatened by the use of beverage alcohol, and so we cannot remain silent concerning the facts in the case.

Many of us have heard individuals say, "It is nobody's business but my own if I choose to drink." The fallacy of this statement is demonstrated again and again in our high-speed society in the great number of traffic accidents and deaths that are related to drinking and in the tremendous costs in industry.

The prophet Amos speaks out in our lesson material from the eighth Century B.C. to tell how the pleasure-seeking citizens of Israel in his time constituted a grave threat to the very existence of the nation. We will see that this prophet demonstrated his keen insight in pointing out the social poison that was found in the drunkenness of his day. With life moving at such a fast pace today we would be blind if we failed to face up to the abundance of scientific evidence concerning the deteriorative effects of the use of alcohol in our time.

Dr. Melvin H. Knisely, writing in **Report on Alcohol,** Summer, 1971, said: "The worker, producer, customer-profit payer, taxpayer, becomes a lesser producer or non-producer, non-profit payer, non-taxpayer. With his automobile he often kills himself and other customer-taxpayers. He no longer helps create accumulated capital. He becomes a consumer of profits and taxes. When he cannot pay for the care of his family and his medical and hospital bills, you and I must pay them." Thus, he spoke of the manner in which all of us have a real stake in the drinking habits of others.

World history is filled with tragic examples of national disasters that have resulted from moral decline in which intemperance played a significant part. Yet people have been consistently unwilling to learn from the mistakes of others. Nowhere is this found to be truer than in this matter of society's stake in the liquor habit.

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THE PROPHETS CRIED OUT AGAINST DRUNKENNESS

Both Isaiah and Amos were sharp critics of the national leadership of their day. Amos was especially keen in sensing the roots of decay that threatened the nation, and he did not hesitate to proclaim that one of the major evils of the time was the practice of luxury-marked drinking bouts which revealed how callous the leadership was to the needs of the people and to the will of God.

Both Israel and Judah were constantly threatened by foreign foes, and the prophet could not remain silent as he saw that a greater threat was the moral carelessness and the self-confident pride of the leaders. Those who should have been rallying the people against forces from the outside had let their leadership potential be washed away in a flood of wine. Dr. John C. Irwin says in Adult Bible Studies: "They had lost all sense of moral discrimination. They called bad good, black white, and sour sweet. By erasing these distinctions, they removed all ground for moral judgment and were free to follow their own selfish interests regardless of the nation's need."

In Jerusalem and in Samaria there was no realization of the seriousness of the times. Threats of war hung over the nation while injustice and poverty prevailed. But the leadership was unconcerned. The prophet foresaw the inevitable judgments of God upon such heartless indulgence. He said that the very people who had engaged in revelry and debauchery would be at the head of the column of exiles. You cannot imagine Amos' saying that a man's decision to drink is only his own business. It was everybody's concern, just as the tremendous flood that engulfs us today is a threat to us all. We all pay for every man's drink, and we never get through paying.

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THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF DRINKING

When we stop to look at what society is paying as its liquor bill the figures are truly astronomical when we consider direct and indirect costs. In a recent year American consumers paid more than $12 billion for beer, wine and liquor. Per capita expenditures for the drinking age population is almost $100. American consumers spend more for alcoholic beverages than for any other commodity except gasoline and oil. We can safely assume that much of this expenditure would be available for badly needed goods and services if it were not being spent in this manner.

However, we have not even scratched the surface when we speak of the dollars that are spent for the alcohol itself. All of us, whether we drink or not, are also paying through increased insurance rates boosted by the drinking driver who is involved in more than half of the highway accidents and deaths. We are paying increased taxes, because, as Burgess and Price have pointed out in **Drinking Problems,** "Various state-conducted surveys show that for every dollar of liquor taxes collected, a state must pay out from $1.33 to $5.75 in direct alcohol-caused expenses."

Alcohol takes its toll in the business and industrial life of our land. It takes its toll of people when they are at the peak of productiveness. Dr. Vernon Elmore shares this information with us: "The problem drinker in industry is between 35 and 55 years old, in the middle income bracket and has been with his company between 20 and 25 years. The alcoholic averages 22 to 30 days above normal absenteeism and an accident rate three times higher than other workers." The part of the population that drinks may be paying $12 billion a year for their liquor, but the rest of us are paying many more times that for the indirect costs that arise from their drinking. This is everybody's business.

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THE PROBLEM OF THE DRINKING DRIVER

Nothing has intensified the involvement of all society in the alcohol problem like the slaughter on the American highway that is directly attributable to drinking. There still seems to be no answer as to just how much alcohol must be found in the blood to determine that a driver is drunk, but the seriousness of the situation is clearly indicated by the desperation with which the liquor industry itself appeals to its customers not to use their product and then drive. They know it is bad for their public relations and that the greatest reaction against their product comes as an increasing number of people realize the threat to their own well-being in the drinking driver.

A recent article, "Gasoline, Alcohol and Blood" in the magazine "Highway User," said "The blood-alcohol-gasoline combination produces one of the most explosive mixtures known. It can be lethal long before the point of overt intoxication."

A study made of The Transportation Safety Board says: "Somewhat over half of the drivers killed . . . have measurable alcohol in their blood. Of those with alcohol, about three-fourths have .10 per cent and higher, and over half have .15 per cent and higher. These levels are sufficiently high to raise strong suspicion of alcoholism or problem drinking among driver fatalities."

Yes, slaughter on the highways is everybody's business, and no one can claim that the rest of society has no business concerning himself with the question of whether he drinks or not.

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ALCOHOL AND CRIME

It is difficult to determine the extent to which alcoholic beverages affect the crime rate because of inadequate reporting and the difficulty of determining beyond a reasonable doubt the criminal's condition at the time a crime is committed. Many times several hours may elapse between the arrest and the administration of a test to determine intoxication. Thus, a person who was "under the influence" at the time a crime was committed may be found sober at the time the test is administered.

Report on Alcohol, a publication of the American Businessmen's Research Foundation, says: "Numerous studies have indicated that alcohol involvement occurs in from 20%-75% of all crimes committed. In 1966 the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its publication Uniform Crime Reports (which does not indicate alcohol involvement) reported 5,031,000 arrests in 30 crime categories. Using the most conservative estimate—20%, it is reasonable to conclude that at least 1,000,000 crimes were committed by persons who were 'under the influence' of alcohol."

Then, also we are reminded of the large number of patients in public mental hospitals because of alcohol. These are, of course, a tremendous cost to the taxpayer.

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THE EFFECT OF ALCOHOL ON HEALTH

Our nation is becoming increasingly aware of the threats to its health. The nationwide campaign against smoking is an example of this concern. The banning of cyclamates from soft drinks also speaks of the way in which we can react against something that threatens our physical well-being.

At the moment nothing dominates our thinking like our concern for the use of drugs in our land and throughout the world. We are concerned about the widespread drug abuse in the armed forces and among our young.

It is difficult to understand why liquor has not received the attention that some of these other things have since alcoholism occupies third place among the nation's killers. Dr. Donald Ackland says: "Even though the incidence of drug addiction has increased, it is still true that the chief problem in mind-affecting chemicals is not L.S.D. or marijuana but alcohol. One out of four male admissions to mental hospitals is an alcoholic."

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DULLING THE SOCIAL CONSCIENCE

Amos closed his indictment of drinking by the pleasure-seeking citizens of Israel by pointing out how it helped to make them unaware of the suffering of others around them. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in International Lesson Annual: "Amos put his finger upon the nerve of the matter. Drinking was a selfish pursuit of pleasure, and in the seeking men forgot the suffering of those around them . . . When we stop to consider that in Amos' day the only liquor available was not as highly intoxicating as ours is today, we realize how much more likely we are to have our social conscience dulled."

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

When the World Methodist Conference meets in Denver — as it will soon, there are issues which will certainly be very much alive in the sessions. It may be that the stress on world evangelism which is going to be part of the theme of the Conference will be one of the most interesting, and may well prove to be one of the most fruitful of the sessions.

The British Conference, when it met this year was obviously deeply concerned that Christians should get off the defensive and begin to sound more assured about the Gospel they preach.

The problem of just how to do this, however, is a very real one with a new realisation that the world is a very small place in these days. One of the consequences of rapid communication both by satellite communication and travel is that the different culture of the world cross-fertilise very quickly, and the breadth of man's search for God is realised by more and more people in more and more different ways.

No longer can the Christian be patronising — because a great deal of the former paternalism of the Churches in their missionary task was based on ignorance and misunderstanding of how much the other great religions of the world have to offer.

No longer can the Christian ignore the fact that many people who know and practice the great non-Christian faiths have tremendous spiritual insights to give, and discoveries to make in the search for reality and a true interpretation of life.

And if these factors make Christians humble, at least they will simply be following in the footsteps of their Master, Whose humility was so plain, and Who enjoined that virtue upon his followers.

All this raises the question of how to proclaim the Gospel without arrogance and yet with certainty. Once upon a time, it seemed, the issues were clear-cut and in black and white. Now, many of the former distinctions are blurred — and properly so. Perhaps it was because some of us were making the wrong distinctions? When we sang about the "heathen in his blindness bowing down to wood and stone" we were inclined to forget the idolatry of materialism which dominated the Western world which blithely sent missionaries, who themselves discovered to their own surprise a spirituality about the religions they encountered which enriched them.

Is there a parallel in the Seventies for that situation in the salad days of missionary endeavor nearly a century ago? Have we got to look for the signs of spiritual renewal, not altogether in our own highly structured religious situations, but far beyond them, making all over again the recognition that our Lord is often to be found with those whom we consider to be the most unlikely people? One of the things the disciples found most disturbing about Him was that He often seemed to find the Kingdom just where they themselves were **not** looking. And it may be that at Denver when a world project to preach the Gospel is to be looked at with some seriousness, Methodism — always so proud of the world parish attitude — will need to be ecumenical in the widest possible sense.

We need to see that the battle line is drawn between those who believe— however uncertainly — in a spiritual interpretation of life and those who don't. There is going to be no time to ask who will sit in the right places in the Kingdom — no time to dispute about the niceties of what the godly might get or not get.

The one thing Jesus reminded us about was that whatever we may think about the Kingdom of God, we could be certain of one aspect of it. It is full of surprises. The first could be last. There are some very "good" people who might discover that they have no season-ticket for this particular journey. Some of the judgements we make will look grotesque in the light of His presence. There is a path of humility to be found before we talk about leading the way to God. Perhaps some of these thoughts will inform some of the debaters about what we do to "get across" what we so dearly believe. For it is certain that no one in the world is going to listen if we are content just to shout louder.

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PRESIDENT TUBMAN OF LIBERIA DIES

NEW YORK (UMI) — President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, 75, one of a very few heads of state who are members of the United Methodist Church, died July 23 in London following surgery. He was succeeded by Vice President William R. Tolbert.

Since 1943 when he became president of Africa's oldest independent republic (founded in 1822), Mr. Tubman had been re-elected six times and was inaugurated for his seventh consecutive term in 1971. Praised by President Nixon and UN Secretary General U Thant, President Tubman was considered an architect of African unity as new nations emerged from colonial rule. He was known as a careful administrator and an advocate of peace, international cooperation and the voice of smaller nations in world councils. Among advances in Liberia credited to his administration were woman suffrage, extension of full rights to the indigenous people who comprise the great majority of the population, and encouragement of foreign investment that benefited people and nation.

Son of a Methodist minister and government leader, the late President attended Cape Palmas Seminary and Cuttington College in Liberia. He studied law and was admitted to the bar. Besides law practice, he taught school before entering politics and government service. He served in the Senate before election to the presidency. An indication of his popular support was not only his successive re-elections but also the large majorities he received.

A lifelong Methodist, President Tubman was a local preacher and a member of Mount Scott United Methodist Church in Cape Palmas. He was a delegate to the 1928 General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. A U.S. church leader who knew him well is Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., episcopal leader of United Methodism's New Jersey Area and bishop of Liberia for 10 years, until the election of Bishop S. Trowen Nagbe by the new Liberia Central Conference in 1966. Bishop Taylor had worked with him in various ways.

Condolences were sent to President Tubman's family, to the Liberian government and people, and to Bishop Nagbe and the Liberian church by the United Methodist Council of Bishops, by Bishop Taylor, and the United Methodist World Division.

Goodwill executive predicts expanded opportunities for disadvantaged

NEW YORK (UMI) — Opportunities for Goodwill Industries to serve the disadvantaged in the future will be "tremendous," predicts Robert E. Watkins, Washington, executive director of Goodwill Industries of America and executive secretary for Goodwill Industries in the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

Mr. Watkins made his forecast of continued and expanded service to the handicapped and other disadvantaged persons in a preview of Goodwill's next five years and a review of its last 25. Also at the recent Delegate Assembly (national convention) of Goodwill in Milwaukee, Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, Churchville, Pa., retired treasurer and general executive in the Board of Missions, was elected chairman of Goodwill's national board, and George L. Hergesheimer, Philadelphia, Pa., retired Board of Missions treasurer, was re-elected Goodwill treasurer.

An unusual moment during an awards ceremony came when Dr. Snoke presented the Edgar J. Helms Award (named for the Methodist minister who in 1902 founded Goodwill) to Dr. P. J. Trevethan, retired national executive director. Dr. Snoke had been Dr. Trevethan's chief when both were staff members of the Board of Missions. Though non-sectarian in organization, program and activities, Goodwill continues a relationship of long standing with the National Division and receives support from it.

Goodwill's newsletter reported that Gerald L. Clore, retired International Department consultant, is to represent Goodwill at the World Methodist Conference August 18-26 in Denver, Colo. In Panama, a large crowd attended the opening of a new Goodwill plant, housed in a Methodist Church.

"Quote and Unquote"

Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the British Methodist Conference, writing in The Christian Citizen, quarterly publication of his church's Christian citizenship department, said: "The organized church in Britain will disappear within 40 years if the present trend of the accelerating decrease in church membership continues." He said, "It is possible to recognize that church membership and attendance are not synonymous with a living faith, yet feel a deep sense of concern at the break-up of organized Christian religion."

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The International Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate, said, as it recently set a $400,000 goal as its share in helping Protestant United Bible Societies to translate, publish and distribute versions of a common Bible: "This is nothing more than the Catholics' fair share of the financial burden which other denominations have carried, almost alone, for years."

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The Rev. William Daniels of Detroit, a former United Church of Christ missionary in China, told reporter Hiley Ward of the Detroit Free Press that the announcement of President Nixon's plans to visit China may mean that a co-existent arrangement might develop between the Churches and the Chinese government. He said: "Maybe we have reached the point where the government does not need to see Christianity as controlled by outside forces and that people can be good Christians and good citizens at the same time."

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Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, preacher for the Lutheran Hour, recently told the annual convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League that "the American people are discovering from bitter experience that money, production know-how, military power, or political experience cannot of themselves make or keep a nation great. The best way we can celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our country is to take a new hold of the Good News of Christ with all the joy there is in it."

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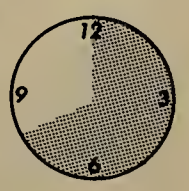

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Needs of black colleges grow more critical

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — For the second consecutive year the United Methodist Church is pushing a crash effort to meet scholarship and loan needs of students at its 12 traditionally black colleges.

A situation identified as critical at the April, 1970 General Conference grew even more severe when it was learned later that summer that federal work-study grants and other educational opportunity grants and loans already promised to many students would not be available.

The top-legislative body of the denomination, recognizing the critical financial needs of the 12 institutions, authorized a two-year, $10 million fund-raising effort to help the schools. Of that goal, $2 million was set for loans and grants to students.

Dr. Clayton Calhoun, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Dennis Fletcher, New York, co-directors of the two-year Negro Colleges Advance, and officials of the Board of Education's Division of Higher Education made a plea for assistance from other church agencies.

Through inter-agency cooperation nearly $750,000 was raised during the 1970-71 school year and it is anticipated that more than $1 million will be raised during the school year which begins this fall.

Dr. Fletcher said that nearly $500,000 administered by the Board of Education provided 597 loans and 604 grants during the 1970-71 school year. In addition, the Crusade Scholarship Committee, an inter-agency group in the denomination, administered $250,000 in grants.

Dr. Fletcher said, "This effort is significant for several reasons. It literally kept hundreds of students from dropping out of college last year when federal funds promised to them earlier were cut. It also relieved the 12 colleges from an impossible financial situation. Already they were paying more than 85 percent of the educational costs for the students, most of whom come from very low income families."

The $2 million goal for student grants and loans was a priority as the two-year, $10 million effort began, acording to Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education. "It meant we had to reach out quickly to the other agencies of the church and we are gratified by their enthusiastic response."

The funds for 1970-71 were raised from several sources:

$250,000: National United Methodist Loan Fund; administered by the Board of Education; raised through Student Day offerings.

$250,000: Crusade Scholarship Grants; administered by the Crusade Scholarship Committee; raised through local church offerings at the annual Worldwide Communion observance the first Sunday in October.

$200,000: special two-year allocation from the Worldwide Communion offering; administered by the Board of Education.

$25,000: other miscellaneous sources.

Traditionally the only church-wide revenue for the 12 historically black schools has come from an annual Race Relations Day offering received in local churches in February.

The two-year Negro Colleges Advance is strictly an interim effort to keep the 12 schools operating efficiently until a better method of support can be developed by the 1972 General Conference, according to Dr. Wicke.

A 16-member commission headed by Dr. W. Astor Kirk, Philadelphia, Pa., has been studying the 12 colleges since 1968. Financed by a $68,500 Ford Foundation grant, the commission has employed a team of black sociologists headed by Dr. Daniel C. Thompson to examine the rationale, location, size, student body, studies, faculty, governance, and finances of each of the schools. Dr. Thompson is a professor of sociology at Dillard University, New Orleans, La.

According to Dr. Wicke, the commission will have a full report available in January for delegates to the April, 1972 General Conference. That report, he said, will recommend church support and methods for achieving the necessary funds for the 12 schools.

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Conferences to emphasize Fund for Reconciliation

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Sixty four of the 78 annual conferences in the United States have adopted resolutions in strong support of the United Methodist Church's $20 million Fund for Reconciliation.

Reports received here by the Rev. Dr. Raoul C. Calkins, executive secretary of the Quadrennial Emphasis program of the denomination, indicate that at least 51 annual conferences have set Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 21, as a time for payment of pledges and the receiving of new money for the Fund for Reconciliation. Six other conferences have selected Lent, 1972, as a time for this fund-raising effort.

Receipts for the fund passed the $10 million mark on July 1. According to the plan adopted by the church's 1968 General Conference, one-half of the amount raised by an annual conference for the Fund for Reconciliation is retained for special projects within that area and the other half is used for the general fund to support Fund for Reconciliation projects. An amount totalling $5,164,669 has been received by the general treasury, and a like amount retained for use in the local regions.

The Western Pennsylvania Conference was the first annual conference to reach the goal the conference had set and to pay it in full. The Boston Area has the distinction of having the highest per capita giving to the fund at the present time — an average of $3.34 per member.

Dr. Calkins indicated that, in preparation for the Thanksgiving Sunday emphasis, a packet of resource materials relating to the Fund for Reconciliation is being prepared for use by each local United Methodist Church. The packets will be ready for mailing to the pastors by Sept. 1.

One example of intensive stewardship cultivation planned in preparation for the Thanksgiving period of giving is in the Iowa Area, where a series of more than 30 sub-district meetings will be held across the state under the auspices of the conference program council.

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Theme for World Order Sunday announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — United Methodists can't solve the world's problems, but they can "face up to the need for world organization and to the problems of making it successful" in a "dangerous and disorderly world."

That's the keynote for the denomination's observance of World Order Sunday on Oct. 17.

Churches are called to seek "sound understanding" of the United Nations' needs and problems in order to "share in helping our country play a more constructive role in world organization." Specific program is left up to the local churches.

Of renewed interest in this year's materials for the observance are the most recent statements of United Methodist agencies concerning China and the U.N. The Board of Christian Social Concerns has urged that the U.S. withdraw its opposition to a UN seat for the People's Republic of China, while the Board of Missions last May urged U.S. approval for such a seat.

The 1968 General Conference urged that the United Nations should have "membership open to all nations which seek to join," and it also called for re-examination of U.S. policies toward mainland China and other Communist nations and for work toward improved relationships with them.

The church's participation in World Order Sunday is under direction of the Board of Christian Social Concerns' Division of World Peace.

Board of Education to sponsor series of events for young adults

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A weekend "filled with the sights, sounds and meaning of the Nashville Sound —Music City, USA" to be held here November 19-21, 1971, will be the first in a series of four young adult events to be sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

Open to all young adults, 19 to 30, married or single, the weekend is being designed by a group of United Methodist young adults in Nashville. The Rev. Lander L. Beal, director of young adult ministries for the Division, said the weekend will include visits with recording stars, interviews with producers and promoters, a performance at the Grand Ole Opry, interviews with United Methodist adult curriculum editors, and worship with a group of Nashville young adults.

The second event will be a Mardi Gras Weekend in New Orleans, La., February 15-17, 1972. According to Mr. Beal the weekend is being planned to help the young adults understand the historical, psychological, and sociological background of mass celebration.

A seminar in Washington, D.C. is being planned for June 15-18, 1972. The seminar will be based at Wesley Theological Seminary and will deal with several current issues as well as a general overview of how the federal government works.

Young adults of the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference are working with Board of Education personnel on plans for an Indian Art and Culture Seminar to be held in Oklahoma City August 17-20, 1972.

Mr. Beal said all four events have as their overall purpose the exchange of ideas, concerns, and perspectives among young adult Christians. "We hope to help each of the participants understand what the Christian faith is saying and how it is being expressed in the events and activities of our time," he explained.

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Christian Experience Conference announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Evangelist Oral Roberts will be the featured speaker at a Conference on Christian Experience to be held at First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, Colo., August 20-22.

Sponsored by the Department of Koinonia Ministries of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, the Conference will have as its theme, "Experiencing the Holy Spirit."

Other speakers at the conference will include Paul S. Rees, editor of **World Vision** magazine, the Rev. David Seamands, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Wilmore, Ky.; Board of Evangelism staff member Roberto Escamilla; and the Rev. Dr. Larry Lacour, pastor of the host church.

Addresses will also be given by several prominent laymen including David E. Nortman, Milwaukee, Wisc., insurance executive; Richard Bradford, music-youth minister at Emanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, Kans.; and Jack Archer, Corpus Christi, Tex., oilman.

Directing the conference will be the Rev. Walter Albritton, director of the Board's Department of Koinonia Ministries. According to Mr. Albritton, the purpose of the conference is to "consider basic questions concerning the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life and ministry." He said participants will consider what it means to be "baptized by the Holy Spirit," how the "fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit" may be understood and experienced, and what it means to live daily under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

COMMENT

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS
"where the action is"

Those of us who were privileged to attend our recent Conference School of Christian Mission or Week-end School have come home filled with new knowledge and . . . we hope . . . inspired. What will we do with all our information and inspiration? Lead or help in these studies in our local church, perhaps . . . then, what . . .?

We studied "New Machines and New Humanity," an intriguing study, that gave us many bits of "food for thought." For one, we realized that man's advancements in human relationships have fallen far short of his great achievements in scientific technology. Then "Africa." We learned that the continent should no longer be thought of, or referred to as "darkest Africa," but as a developing country where people or many young nations are struggling to achieve, and with the help of new machines, etc., there could be mutual sharing . . . for those who are willing. We also studied "Matthew," who tells us that the same Jesus who issues the invitation "**Come** unto Me," also says "**Go**, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . and lo, I am with you always to the close of the age."

What we do with our knowledge, as a result of our study classes will, of course, depend on us as groups and as individuals. If our study classes this year serve their intended purpose, many attitudes will be changed . . . thus preparing the way for solving many of our big problems as "What can we do about pollution? . . . about the population explosion? . . . How can we have peace?" These are big problems, it is true, but only recently have we realized how very great, very grave, very complex they are. That is, how necessary to life, itself, that they be solved.

So, . . . confronting problems now, I think, instead of running from them, is the first step toward solving them. As God has given to us the wisdom to produce the greatest civilization known to man, He will give him, also, the technical "know-how" to solve the resulting problems. He also has placed within him His Spirit of Love for his fellow-beings and a growing concern for the good of all mankind. So, may each of us share our technical knowledge with others . . . but most of all . . . our love, that many wonderful changes will result from our studies this year, especially in the area of our Christian relationships with others.

Mrs. R. E. Carter, Chairman
Program Area Christian Social Relations

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Mrs. W. J. Packer, center, of Slidell accepts the Elizabeth Langford Award for the district organizing the most Wesleyan Service Guilds during the year. Mrs. Minza Rabun, at left, Bastrop, a former conference chairman of Guilds, made the presentation for Miss Langford, who also makes a contribution to missions in honor of the district. Miss Mildred Evans, at right, of New Orleans, is the present conference WSG chairman. Mrs. Packer is district Guild chairman of the Hammond District. The presentation was made during the recent Conference Guild Weekend held at Centenary College. (Photo by Dorothy Dunbar)

DR. CLYDE CLARK, Alexandria District superintendent, will be the guest speaker at the August 18 meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service in Horseshoe Drive Church, Alexandria.

A BREAKFAST MEETING was held by the Women's Society of Slidell on Thursday, August 5. Youth speakers, Gena Lynch and Jeff Hass, told about their experiences while living and working at the Tohwali Indian Mission near Broken Bow, Oklahoma, recently.

DR. BRYANT DAVIDSON was guest speaker for the Women's Society in First Church, Shreveport, at the August 2 meeting. His subject was "A Look at South America Today."

The Chatham United Methodist Church honored the new parsonage family, the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Gilbert, with an old-fashioned pounding, July 14. The congregation was present for family night supper and fellowship.

MISSIONARY SERVICE CITED BY SIERRA LEONE

NEW YORK (UMI) — "She is the most remarkable Christian missionary doctor Sierra Leone has ever known." That is the way a diplomat, who happens to be a United Methodist, described Dr. Mabel I. Silver as he presented her a citation from Sierra Leone's Prime Minister Siaka P. Stevens.

The ceremony honoring Dr. Silver for 30 years' service to the African country was held at the Sierra Leone Embassy in Washington recently. Now retired and living in Baltimore, Md., Dr. Silver was in charge of the United Methodist (formerly Evangelical United Brethren) hospital at Rotifunk. Among her patients there in years past was the Ambassador to the U.S. who presented her the citation, Dr. John Akar, diplomat, former national broadcasting chief in Sierra Leone, former executive of the British Commonwealth's broadcasting systems (BBC and sister systems) and United Methodist layman.

Saying Dr. Silver had provided the people of Sierra Leone "a judicious blend of medicine and prayer," Ambassador Akar presented the Prime Minister's citation which declared she "cared for the bodies of our countrymen and their souls." Former patients and others associated with Dr. Silver were among 250 at the Embassy ceremony. She was presented a painting by a Sierra Leonean artist of the Rotifunk hospital and church.

Dr. Silver was born in Baltimore and spent her early life there. Her education was at Lebanon Valley College (B.S.), Annville, Pa., and the University of Maryland School of Medicine (M.D.), where she was the only woman member of the class of 1929. She received a diploma in tropical medicine and hygiene from the University of London in 1932. She began service as an EUB missionary in 1932 at the interior mission center of Rotifunk and except for two years at Taiama, was at Rotifunk until her 1962 retirement from the mission field. During her Sierra Leone years, she saw the Rotifunk dispensary grow into the Hatfield-Archer Hospital, treated thousands of patients, and trained dozens of young men and women as medical assistants. In 1953 she was named a Member of the British Empire (M.B.E.) on the Queen's Coronation Honor List. Returning to the U.S. she was a staff physician at the Rosewood State Hospital in Baltimore until retirement in 1970.

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MRS. GILBERT BANDELL, conference chairman of missionary education, was the speaker at the August 10 meeting of the Women's Society of Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge.

THE WINNFIELD Women's Society, under the leadership of Mrs. R. E. Dietzel, president, presented the Sunday evening worship service in the Winnfield Church, July 25.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT OLLA

Members and guests of Olla United Methodist Church enjoyed a family night covered dish supper Thursday, July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tubb and Mrs. T. C. Young were guests of the group. Mr. Tubb, district lay leader for the Alexandria District, met with the men to help formulate plans for reorganizing a Methodist Men's Club.

Mrs. Tubb, WSCS District chairman of Missionary Education and Mrs. Young, WSCS president of the Alexandria District, met with the ladies and shared experiences in WSCS activities.

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Olla WSCS members were visited by Mrs. John Tubb, Alexandria District chairman of missionary education, and Mrs. T. C. Young, district WSCS president.

Sixty-five teenagers from the Slidell, Lacombe and Pearl River United Methodist Churches who shared a week of Christian Adventure from July 26-30. Following the theme "The World and the Creator God" the young folk considered how God relates to the world and how they might relate to God and to the world. BELOW: The Rev. Willis Dear, coordinator of the activities and pastor of the Lacombe and Pearl River churches shown with teenagers and a sample of collage work done by the youth. The Rev. J. Philip Woodland is pastor of the Slidell Church.

Elementary Camp no. 2 group of Lake Charles District during July 26-30 period, shown with the Rev. Raymond M. Crofoot (left), director, and pastor of Iowa United Methodist Church.

RIGHT: Fifth and sixth graders at vacation church school held at Winan United Methodist Church with their teacher, Mrs. Ola Magee. BELOW: Some of the adult workers at Winan vacation church school – the Rev. W. Jones, pastor, and William Vernon, principal, at left. The enrollment averaged 95 young persons daily. Each youth received an assignment to visit an older person in the community and later reported on the visit. Miss Daphne Walker, who will teach at Franklinton Day Care Center, was one of several speakers.

Class of 4th graders at cooperative vacation church school held by Trinity, Grace and Wesley United Methodist Churches of Ruston, shown with paper mache relief map of "Lands of the Bible." One hundred and fifty children, ages three through the sixth grade, and more than 60 adults and teenage workers participated. The combined groups took part in a Sharing Project for Dulac Community Center, for which the children brought an offering in addition to paper, crayons, pencils, paste, scissors, and other items to help in the pre-school program conducted daily at the Center in Dulac.

Kindergarten group at cooperative vacation church school in Ruston with "friendly policeman" who visited their group.

Group of young people who attended recent services conducted by "The Invaders" at Robert's United Methodist Church. The Rev. W. A. Hackett is pastor.

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DR. WOODROW HEARN ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN ACCIDENT

We have received word that Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, director of the Louisiana Program Council Office, although involved in an accident near Mobile, Ala. on Saturday, Aug. 14 while pulling a house trailer behind his car, sustained only minor injuries and planned to return to his office Tuesday morning, Aug. 17. The three Hearn children, who were riding with their father at the time of the collision with another car which skidded in a heavy rainstorm, were not seriously injured. And Mrs. Hearn, who followed in another car, escaped the accident.

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Centenary offering two-year degree program in Business Administration

Centenary College is now accepting applications for a new two-year degree program in Business Administration offered for the first time this year through the Department of Business and Economics.

The Associate in Science degree, can be completed by most students in about three years on a part-time basis since it requires only half the courses required for a regular four-year degree. It is designed so that the student may complete the degree while working full time.

The new program will give needed training in business and technical skills and at the same time provides some background in non-business courses to develop the mathematical and communicative skills which are needed in business.

Some courses in the arts and sciences are included in the program and will enable the student to develop a better understanding of himself, his culture, and the society in which he lives.

The new program, basically designed for those presently employed, will be offered entirely in the evening. However, it is open to high school graduates who are interested. Since almost all the courses are regular college credit courses, most of the work completed toward the associate degree will also apply toward the bachelor's degree.

There are two options in the program; a student may specialize in general business by following the Business Administration option, or he can become more skilled in theory and the practice of accounting by choosing the accounting option.

All students who enroll in the new program will be entitled to the privileges of full-time students with passes to athletic events, the theatre and other activities of the campus.

For information or enrollment procedures, interested persons may call the department of business and economics, or Wayne Curtis, admissions office, at Centenary, telephone 861-2431.

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Dr. Reginald Mallett, British surgeon, ordained minister and leader in British Methodism, will be the preacher for the Spiritual Encounter to be held at First United Methodist Church, Jonesville, each evening from Sunday, August 22 through Friday, the 27th, at 7:45 p.m. In addition, Dr. Mallett will appear on Channel KNOE at Monroe during the weekend of Aug. 21, and during the week will address a youth breakfast group, a men's breakfast, a couples' luncheon and civic groups. The Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles, Jonesville minister, extends an invitation to other ministers and congregations in the area to take advantage of this opportunity.

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Louisiana couple representing Duke at World Conference

William and Mary Finnin, a senior couple at Duke Divinity School represented the School at the World Conference on Family Life at Estes Park, Colorado, August 14-18. The conferencc was sponsored by the World Methodist Council and is part of a serics of conferences held prior to the World Methodist Conferencc meeting in Denver, August 17-26.

The Finnin's are natives of Louisiana where Will is a Deacon in the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Mcthodist Church.

Following the Conference on Family Life, the Finnin's are representing the Divinity School at the World Methodist Conference at the University of Denver. In 1966 Finnin, then a student at Centenary College of Louisiana and chairman of the National Council of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, attended the First World Methodist Youth Conference in Bath, England and the World Methodist Conference in London.

Finnin is currently directing the North Carolina Environmental Intern Program, a summer Service-Learning project for 30 upperclassmen and graduate students involved with environmental and conservation projects in 10 North Carolina State Government agencies. Mary Finnin is Circulation Librarian at the Divinity School Library. Finnin is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. William M. Finnin, Sr. of Buras, Louisiana.

Coalition urging federal population stabilization by voluntary means

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Formation of a new citizens group to seek a federal policy of population stabilization by voluntary means was announced here August 10. It links a variety of population, conservation and environmental organizations in the effort to secure new policy and research, without specifying how to implement the policy.

Included in the executive committee for the Coalition for a National Population Policy are two United Methodists — the Rev. Rodney Shaw of Washington, director of the department of population problems, Board of Christian Social Concerns, and the Rev. David Poindexter, New York, director of the department's communications center. Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington is one of the coalition's sponsors.

The co-chairmen of the coalition, former Sen. Joseph D. Tydings and Dr. Milton E. Eisenhower of Johns Hopkins University, said at a press conference that the U.S. must begin immediately to stabilize its population size or face "a drastic deterioration in the quality of national life and the collapse of many of our cherished institutions." Tydings said there is even a "threat to our ability to survive as a democratic nation."

The coalition aims for Congressional action making it official policy to stabilize U.S. population "as quickly as possible by voluntary means," for the full finding of the research provisions of present population legislation and for implementation of federal population education program.

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Changes in UN program studied

NEW YORK (UMI)—A program of almost 20 years' standing, intended to help relate United Methodists to the United Nations and world peace and justice issues, is entering an experimental period. Involved are possible new aspects and exploration of moving the program beyond its present focus at UN headquarters here, to local areas.

Among objectives adopted by the UMOUN Committee in the experimental program are: 1 — Continuing the UN Seminar program — but emphasizing "a critical study of the UN and international institutions and organizations, and critical hopefulness for a useful role for the Christian church within the world community;" 2 — Exploring the possibility of annual conference coalitions of youth, Christian social concerns and Women's Society of Christian Service personnel, who would seek to work with other groups in extending to local areas UN/international affairs emphases such as "Third World awareness and development education."

TOWN TALK's religion editor wins award

Helen Derr, religion editor of the TOWN TALK, daily newspaper in Alexandria, has been cited as this year's winner of the R. S. Reynolds Award for Excellence in religious news coverage in the daily division. The award includes $100 in cash and a trophy. The TOWN TALK will receive a certificate marking the first time a Louisiana newspaper has won the award.

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Retiring stoff members honored at Sager Brown School. FROM LEFT: (standing) John Moss, Mrs. Evelyn Thomos, Mrs. Potsy Moss, Mrs. Evelyn Hook; (seoted) Mrs. Elnora Bernord, Mrs. Piccolo Stevenson, Miss Rosie Ann Cobb.

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Sager Brown School honors retiring staff members

A testimonial program and reception were held at Sager Brown School, Baldwin, on August 1, honoring the retiring superintendent and six other staff members who have given a total of 148 years of service to that institution.

Miss Rosie Ann Cobb has retired as superintendent of the school, completing 31 years of service. Others who were honored with her on their retirement were: Mrs. Elnora F. Bernard, dining hall, 35 years; Mrs. Evelyn Hook, houseparent and office, 17 years; John Moss, utility and grounds, 10 years; Mrs. Patsy Moss, houseparent, 15 years; Mrs. Piccola Stevenson, cafeteria and houseparents, 12 years; and Mrs. Evelyn R. Thomas, teacher, 28 years.

The program was presided over by Mrs. Chaney B. Morse, who has been named the new superintendent. Some of those who brought greetings were: the Rev. Kenneth G. McDowell, superintendent of the Lafayette District; the Rev. A. E. Davis, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Shreveport, who had known all the honorees as a former pastor at Baldwin; and the Rev. Garland Dean, Jr., associate program director of the Louisiana Conference.

The main address was given by Mrs. Inez Chrisentery of Baton Rouge, a member of the Advisory Board and past president of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Louisiana Conference B.

Sager Brown is a boarding school for children of the elementary grades owned and operated by the General Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. It is an approved Conference Advance Special.

Many gifts and tokens of appreciation were presented to the retirees by the Advisory Board of Sager Brown, the P.T.A. of the school, the Women's Society of Christian Service of Trinity United Methodist Church, Baldwin; and the staff of Sager Brown.

Miss Cobb and Mrs. Thomas will return to Lexington, Ky. to make their home.

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I Almost Quit Camping

(The following article was written by Rev. Carey Martin, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Eunice after directing Elementary Camp I in the Lake Charles District June 28-July 2.)

CHURCH CAMPING

I almost quit camping! Why? Time nor space would allow me to say all the things I felt against church camping, but mainly I thought nothing was accomplished. I had agreed to direct Elementary camp for third and fourth graders of the Lake Charles District and I was going to fulfill this commitment, but I must say there was no enthusiasm. This was to be my last.

On Monday, June 28, I arrived at camp with the counselors (most of these came reluctantly also) and we went about assigning the thirty-four campers who had pre-registered. These were a fine and beautiful group of boys and girls getting ready for their first experience at camping. What a responsibility. With very little material and poorly designed (we felt) for "first time" campers we came to one decision. Take what you know about your Bible and teach them about God and Christ as an example. This we did.

As camp progressed we felt a closeness and enthusiasm among these campers that I had never felt before. Then on Thursday evening during a time of "sharing" the Holy Spirit was felt in a tremendous way as these young campers began expressing themselves after the counselors had spoken. I would like to share with you a few of the many responses we received to the question, "What camp means to me!"

"It is the first time for me to go to any camp, and I liked it very much. I learned about God and Christ. I learned the books of the New Testament and the twelve disciples. I learned new songs."

"It taught me more about Jesus and I liked to walk in the woods and learn new songs."

"It was a great experience here at camp; I'm glad I came. I learned the Books of the New Testament.

"I learned new songs and more about Jesus."

"Camp has been a great experience."

"It means a lot to me to be able to hear a sermon twice a day and learn more about Jesus Christ and God."

"I'm glad I came to camp because it is fun. I learned to love God more. I learned to take care of the water and land. I know God will be sad if we destroy the land. I'm going to try to keep land clean. I wish we didn't have to leave."

"God is doing great things. It shows what we are doing wrong and right. You learn about God."

Then to sum it up this nine-year-old had this to say:

"We have come to camp to have fun and also to enjoy ourselves. Another reason is to learn more about God and Jesus. Here is a poem I wrote about how I feel about camp.

"We go to camp to have our fun,
And also just to see
The things that God has made for us,
Outside our giant city.
God has made the things,
And made them just for us
And soon we learn to realize
That over them we hardly make a fuss."

Then before we left camp on Friday a mother of three children and a grandmother of three and a first time counselor said this to me, "I came reluctantly, but I hope you will ask me to work next year." I have changed my mind. Maybe God still has a place for me in camping and too I believe church camping can be one of the most wonderful opportunities to teach boys and girls about Jesus.

I would suggest that we re-evaluate our camping program and make it a great Christian experience and witness of God's love and power through Jesus Christ.

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DOUGLAS L. WAYLAND

Douglas L. Wayland of North Little Rock, an Arkansas educator, died Sunday, August 15 at Chicago where he was visiting his brother, Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, Editorial Director of General Periodicals for the United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Administrative Board at Lakewood United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, a member of the Chancel Choir, and active in the Men's Club of his church.

In 1961 Wayland returned to North Little Rock after several years of residence in the New York area where he had worked in the accounting department of Railway Express. A mathematics and science instructor, he taught for eight years at Fourth Street Junior High School and for two years at Rose City Junior High.

Other survivors are his parents, Dr. Edward T. Wayland, a retired member of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and Mrs. Wayland, of 307 East A Street, North Little Rock, and another brother, Dr. Sloan Wayland of Wyack, N.Y., a professor at the Columbia University Teachers College in New York.

Wayland's father was editor of the ARKANSAS METHODIST from 1941-1957 and of the LOUISIANA METHODIST from 1951 until his retirement in 1957. The elder Dr. Wayland was succeeded in the editorial post by Dr. Ewing T. Wayland who had assisted his father as editorial associate since 1948. He held this position until his election in 1960 to the editorship of Methodism's CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and was more recently elected to his present position.

guest editorial

AFRICA: Thinking It Over

by Isaac H. Bivens
Assistant General Secretary for African Affairs
World Division United Methodist Board of Missions

I have spent six of the last twelve months on the Continent of Africa. During that time I have spoken to hundreds of people about the presence of American and European churches there in the form of missionaries, executives, ecumenists, evangelists and religious tourists. Conversations have been held with individuals, small groups and large groups, with national and expatriate personalities. I have spoken to people outside the church and those who were actively working in it. A few things are becoming apparent though their full implications are indeed too complex for immediate comprehension.

One thing which is apparent is that Africa needs genuine aid today as much as she ever did. Africa will not benefit from aid based on the practiced principle that such aid must be based on self-enlightened interests for the donor. This was a concern expressed by many Africans at a recent development conference in Botswana, a country which recently has gained attention of the United States and Europe since substantial new mineral resources have been found there.

Botswanians are afraid that aid from the rich west, however, will result in an exploitation of their natural resources, while substantially prohibiting the development of their people. Africa has had to accept aid technology and western skills on terms which have kept its people poor, uneducated and undeveloped. This has been the history of our involvement, economically, politically and religiously.

I join the Africans in their anxiety about future dealings with us in the West. Let me raise three of these concerns in the form of questions.

Can the Christian churches in Europe and America develop joint strategy and approaches to difficult problems in common geographic areas when this witness is called for? Our greatest strength must be in the moral basis upon which our mission is expressed whether in actions, words or financial assistance. It makes good sense to have the position that we feel a moral duty strengthened by joint action and statements.

It is obvious to many people who visit Africa that relationships betwen the govrnments and the churches are still evolving. So far these relationships have taken many forms. It is difficult to assess them from the outside. Frequent criticism of existing relationships is given with unwanted and irrelevant western assumptions or models in mind. It will not be any easier for the Africans to resolve their problems than it is for us! There are several factors on the African scene which make it difficult to resolve this problem.

1) New governments are sensitive to all organizations which have or are capable of developing a power base. African political leaders are acutely aware of the fact that the present or potential church power base often has a foreign and western orientation. Christianity in its present form is still very strongly associated in the mind of Africans with western domination and control. They are convinced that they cannot easily wrestle away this control from the hands of those who invest an interest.

2) Christianity in Africa must function on a nonprivileged minority basis alongside other recognized religions. Western Christions, like most westerners, find it difficult to compete when they do not have a power base that has some type of corpus or legal status.

3) Tribalism and racism are factors that governments and churches must be cognizant of as they work together. We must understand that as independent and autonomous churches disengage from our control, and the problems which we have brought and created in various ways, two things will happen: African church members will be more candid and the natural problems inherent to their culture will be permitted to surface. Are we willing to concede validity to their identification of these problems? Or will we, as tradition indicates, insist upon a recognition of our own insights and an articulation of our own role? Africans will increasingly identify their own problems and concerns and will be much more vocal in determining what our relationship to them will be. All forms of colonialism must go.

I am concerned about the unconscious tyranny inflicted upon national churches coincidental with decisions made by the United States or European churches. A recent example of this is the merger of the former U.S. Methodist Church and the former E. U.B. Church in the States. When this merger took place without a great deal of consultation with our affiliate respective bodies overseas, certain traumatic experiences occurred.

For instance, the former E.U.-B. Church in Sierra Leone enjoyed a social-psychological advantaged position which it had earned through the years as it worked in its own tradition and gained an awareness of the minds of the people, of governmental officials and of religious circles. Suddenly it was the United Methodist Churches, a foreign body or foreign entity in its own land. At the same time, new policies which emerged through the merger of the churches in the United States had tremendous consequences and implications for the Sierra Leonian Church. I am simply calling for a greater involvement in a real partnership when we on the American and European scene decide to alter structures and procedures which have tremendous implications and ramifications for our affiliate churches overseas.

On the matter of consultations, I wonder if we could give serious consideration to the possibility of three-party ones. For instance, the donor church agrees there are certain issues to be discussed and certain funds to be available. This declaration being made, the funds are set "on the shelf." I wonder how the dynamics of consultations would change if the use of those funds, goals and priorities were set before three parties for debate — the donor church, the recipient church and an ecumenical presence respected by both. They might enter a collective bargaining type of dialogue. It might be very challenging for the donor churches if they submitted to what in labor and industry is called compulsory arbitration. One effect of a three-party consultation would be the diffusing of the power potential of the donor churches.

It is as difficult for a powerful church like the United Methodist Church to enter into true partnership with some of the very small churches, as it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. The power relationship, as it stands, is too often determinative.

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the Editor's Corner

"The World Is My Parish"

As we write these words we are making final preparations to leave for Colorado and two of the meetings which will make Denver and its surrounding area the capital of world Methodism for the next two weeks.

It has been this writer's privilege to be a part of two previous World Methodist Conferences — the one in London in 1966 and the one at Lake Junaluska in 1956. Each was an inspiring experience and gave us reasons to have a broadened concept of what John Wesley meant when he said, "The world is my parish."

We are especially grateful that we were again invited to be a part of the World Methodist Family Life Conference. The first such meeting was held five years ago just prior to the World Methodist Conference. At that time a small group came together for three days in Birmingham for a study conference dealing with family life issues around the world. This was followed by a one-day conference in Kingsway Hall, London. This writer was the press officer for that meeting and also had the privilege of editing the book which contained the addresses at both meetings under the title "Families Everywhere."

The World Methodist Family Life Movement has grown a great deal during the last five years, and when we come together at Estes Park on Saturday we will be facing issues of family life in a dimension which indicates that maturity. We have read advance copies of most of the addresses and look forward to the discussions which these messages are sure to spark.

There are a number of other ancillary meetings—Methodist women of the world, Methodist theologians and a World Methodist Conference on Worship. It's a shame they are all meeting at the same time, because each has its own challenging program to offer.

As you read these words, we will have moved down to Denver and will be completely involved in the rich program of the World Methodist Conference. We hope our typewriter will be adequate to tell you all about it.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Mrs. Mary Ellen Irwin missed seeing a portion of her husband's moonwalk because she was teaching classes at a Seventh-day Adventist church at Nassau Bay, Tex. The wife of Apollo 15 Astronaut Jim Irwin said that she prepared for the moon mission "with a lot of faith in God and many prayers." Commenting on the fact that she would miss part of the television transmission from the moon because of her Saturday-morning teaching assignment, the astronaut's wife stated, "Jim is committed to his mission, and I am committed to mine."

The 680th anniversary of the independence of Switzerland was observed in Washington, D.C. by representatives of the Swiss Embassy and other members of the Swiss community with a commemorative service at Grace Reformed Church. The anniversary marked the Aug. 1, 1291 alliance of three forest cantons (subdivisions) in Switzerland as a defense league in the face of growing encroachments by European dynasties. The Rev. Robert W. Olewile, pastor of Grace church, presented "A Sermon According to Zwingli," in tribute to Ulrich Zwingli, a vicar in the 1500s who led the Protestant Reformation in Switzerland.

Brig. Gen. Gerhardt W. Hyatt, new Army Chief of Chaplains, told the annual convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League that the wide-ranging changes taking place in society are "so rapid that adjusting to them is traumatic." He noted that the "gaps" between people which result from these changes are not all due to age. There are gaps between cultural groups as well, he said, with those who value "respect, patriotism, courtesy, order and civic responsibility" often finding themselves "set in an opposite camp from those who want a new culture — free from restraint, unordered and undisciplined, obscene as the morals of the jungle where everyone does as he chooses." Chaplain Hyatt said "The Church of Jesus Christ, far from being irrelevant, has an opportunity to make the critical difference in the affairs of the human race as it struggles to come up with a faith and enduring values for the predictably fantastic century that faces us."

Clergymen who elected not to participate in the Social Security program would be able to change their minds under a bill introduced in the House of Representatives. Under the Self-Employment Contributions Act of 1954, presently governing this matter, a minister, would not be eligible for participation in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program once he chose to stay out. The bill has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, whose chairman is Rep. Wilbur D. Mills of Arkansas.

The small Christian minority in Iran is planning active participation in the 2,500th anniversary of the founding of Persia, forerunner to the modern nation. An Interchurch Centenary Committee will sponsor lectures, films, and commemorative services during the celebration in October. Although Iran is predominantly Muslim, Iranian Christians feel a particular kinship with the ancient Persian Empire because its founder, Cyrus the Great, is several times cited in the Old Testament for his tolerant religious views. It was he who allowed many Jews to return to their Palestinian homeland from captivity in Babylon, according to the Biblical reference in Isaiah 45.

Dr. J. Wesley Hole, a layman who is secretary of the United Methodist General Conference, is said to have received a letter expressing Pope Paul's "profound Christian joy" over a United Methodist "Resolution of Intent" to drop all comments derogatory to Roman Catholicism in its Articles of Faith. The letter from Jean Cardinal Villot, Vatican Secretary of State, said the Pope shared John Wesley's admonition to "do all the good you can in all the ways you can as long as you can." An action by the 1970 session of the General Conference stipulated that all anti-Catholic references would be omitted in a revision of the Articles of Faith. The revision, not yet complete, is being done by a special theological study commission headed by Dr. Albert C. Outler of Dallas.

The president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, citing Treasury Department data, said that the national consumption of alcoholic beverages increased by 742 million gallons from 1966 to 1970. She said these statistics indicate "our nation's homes are becoming the 'bars' where our young people are taught that alcohol is a way of life and the spiritual integrity of the home is broken down with the help of booze."

An offer of a "dashboard prayer" as a reminder to drive safely quickly depleted supplies of the bronze sticker made available by the Queens Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League. Hundreds of requests for stickers were received. The message embossed on gummed paper for attaching to a car's dashboard reads "Lord God, grant me Thy protection and keep me mindful of my responsibilities as I drive this car. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

The Nat'l. Sunday School Assn., with headquarters in Wheaton, Ill. will begin publishing a new periodical, "Concept," in Sept. Donald L. Hughes, director of communications for NSSA, will serve as editor. The publication will reach some 100,000 Sunday school workers 10 times yearly, and is designed to offer "information, inspiration and encouragement" with "focus on the teacher of today and his needs."

The U.S. Army Chaplains School at Fort Hamilton (Brooklyn), N.Y., will offer, beginning in the Fall, two master's degrees through Long Island University — for the first time in any of the Army's 25 service schools. To be eligible for the master's program, chaplains must have completed work totaling six graduate credits, and after they finish the Chaplains School-university program they have five years to write their master's thesis.

An interdenominational conference designed to spur U.S. Church identification with the hopes and needs of Puerto Ricans and Hispanic Americans will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico in late September. The gathering has been called by the Section on Hispanic-American Ministries of the National Council of Churches. The U.S. has some 12 million Spanish-speaking people. Dr. Alfonso Rodriguez, head of the sponsoring agency, noted that plans are under way for an interdenominational foundation through which churches can work to "promote the spiritual, physical, social, economic and educational well-being" of Hispanic Americans and Puerto Ricans.

The Senate has authorized the printing of prayers offered by Chaplain Edward L. R. Elson, at opening daily sessions of the legislative body during the 91st Congress, which closed in December of 1970. Elson, who is also pastor of Nat'l. Presbyterian church in Washington, D.C., began his duties as Senate chaplain Jan. 9, 1969. In a related matter, the House of Representatives has a bill pending which would authorize the re-printing of prayers offered by the Rev. Edward G. Latch during the 89th, 90th and 91st Congresses in the House.

The Assemblies of God plan to hold a Council on Spiritual Life in Minneapolis, Aug. 14-16 next year, under the theme "Be Filled With the Spirit". Bible studies, seminars and forums are scheduled with emphasis on Christian maturity and being filled with the Holy Spirit. General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, The Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, said the 1972 Council will be the second non-business gathering in the 58-year history of the church.

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FANCHENG, China – Chester A. Ronning, a former Lutheran missionary to China, is greeted by young Chinese at the railway station in Fancheng, a town deep in China's interior where he was born. Mr. Ronning, 76, spent a week in Fancheng, during a recent visit to China, and found the church buildings there still standing and a small group of Christians, mainly old people, that meet in the guest room of the church. Mr. Ronning was born in China where his parents were missionaries and was later principal of a school in Fancheng. Afterwards he served in the Canadian diplomatic mission to China, at which time he developed a friendship with Premier Chou En-lai which led to the recent invitation to visit the Communist country. (RNS Photo)

Youth group and counselors from First Church, Minden posed for picture in front of Thlopthlocco Indian Church, near Wetumka, Oklahoma during recent summer project there.

Checking reroofing plans for the tabernacle of the Thlopthlocco Indian United Methodist Church are the adult counselors from First Church, Minden. FROM LEFT: Don McDowell, youth minister, his wife Carolyn, Mrs. Mary Ellen Upton, and Frank Jones.

Minden youth give

Indian Mission church new look

Twenty youth and four counselors from First United Methodist Church in Minden recently traveled 350 miles in their church's bus to reroof the tabernacle of the Thlopthlocco Indian Church north of Wetumka, Oklahoma. Don McDowell, youth minister, his wife, Carolyn, Mrs. Mary Ellen Upton and Frank Jones were adult counselors who gave oversight to this year's project. (Last year the youth group went to an Indian reservation in South Dakota and painted a school building.)

The Oklahoma trip was financed by the youth themselves through a variety of projects which netted about $800, and by personal contributions of $20 each.

Arriving on a Saturday, the group began the reroofing project on Monday—first taking off the old roof — and by the following Saturday new lumber and shingles had replaced the old. While the boys did the roofwork, the girls cleaned the area, painted the bell tower, and took care of other necessary chores.

In preparation for the arrival of the Minden group members of the Indian congregation, under the leadership of their pastor, the Rev. George Miller, installed a water pump to replace the old well rope that had been in use previously. Throughout the project church members worked alongside the group, providing bountiful noon meals for the workers.

McDowell said the project will not end with the completion of the roofing job. The Rev. Lee Chupco, a district superintendent in the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference, has "started the wheels rolling" through the United Methodist Church's Board of Missions for a continuing relationship between the two churches. The Rev. B. Paul Durbin is pastor of the Minden church.

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Minden young men apply new lumber for roof of Thlopthlocco church. Shingles were added in a later stage of project.

Cool refreshing water in the hot Oklahoma sun was a treat for these Louisiana girls. Washing their hands after a morning of hard work are Phyllis Hendry, Ellen Wren and Kim McKinney.

—Photos by Holdenville (Okla.) DAILY NEWS

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. ED THOMAS, pastor of Lake Vista United Methodist Church, New Orleans, will be the speaker on Chapel of the Air, WWL-TV, at 7:15 a.m., Sunday, August 22. The same day at 7:30 a.m., the Rev. J. P. McKeithen, pastor of Carrollton United Methodist Church, will speak on the "Foundation for Life" program on WWL Radio.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST speakers will be in Lakeview United Methodist Church at Minden on Sunday, August 22. They are Alex and Pennie Thompson from Purdue University, Indiana. The Rev. Louis Coppage is the Lakeview minister.

A NEW GROUP has been formed in North Highlands United Methodist Church of Shreveport. Girls of 11 and 12th grades meet on Sunday afternoons at 5 o'clock to discuss problems confronting today's youth, using the Bible as a reference. Mrs. Norbert Johnson is acting as discussion leader. The Rev. Lonnie Sibley is their pastor.

MRS. MARCUS BURKS presented a slide lecture on the Polynesian people and culture from the South Pacific, at the August meeting of the XYZ Club in First Church, Baton Rouge.

THE OPEN DOOR SINGERS from Oklahoma City gave a concert in the sanctuary of Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Alexandria, on Thursday, August 12. The Rev. Warren Blakeman was host pastor.

J. D. PHILLIPS, who has been organist-choir director at Parker Memorial Church in New Orleans for the past four years, has accepted a position on the faculty of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Texas. August 15 was Phillips Appreciation Day with a reception held following the evening service. The Rev. Albert Hurley is pastor at Parker.

FATHER GARY AULT, assistant pastor of St. Maria Goretti Church in New Orleans and a member of the singing and instrumental group of recording artists, "The Dameans," presented a special program in Carrollton United Methodist Church during the Wesley Fellowship dinner, August 6. Father Ault's theme was "Witnessing to the Lord in Song."

P.K. KORNER

JOHN MARION CROFT, IV, was born on August 1 in Monroe to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Croft, III. He is the first grandchild of the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. McKeithen of Carrollton Church, New Orleans.

LAY WITNESS MISSION AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH, LAKE CHARLES

John Tubb of Alexandria will be the coordinator for the Lay Witness Mission to be held in University United Methodist Church at Lake Charles August 27, 28 and 29. Mr. Tubb met with University Church committees in June to make preliminary plans. The Rev. William P. Fraser is the pastor.

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AT BATON ROUGE, senior high youth of First Church made a trip to Atlanta and Pensacola, August 9-18, following a week of working in an Inner City project in New Orleans. The junior high youth have returned from a work project at St. James Episcopal Church in Biloxi, Mississippi, where they cleared debris from Hurricane Camille. The Rev. Ron Ramke is minister of Christian Education in First Church. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is senior minister.

FAMFEST '71, held in Munholland Memorial Church, Metairie, Wednesday, August 4, featured a JAMFEST under the direction of George Christensen, assisted by Robert Mittelstaedt, Pat Coward, James Beazer-Williams, and Bill Koonce. Following this, the UMYF presented a play "The Ides of March," directed by Missy Soniat, assisted by Lorraine Bannon. Interest groups in crafts were taught by Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Betty MacGregory and Mrs. Faye Milling. Cooking class for men was by Rep. Leon Soniat. The travel group was led by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Nolde; "Terrariums" by Mrs. John Koelemay; Judo and Karate demonstrations were by teams led by "Marty" Martin. The Rev. Robert Jamieson is the Munholland pastor.

A PICNIC AT LAKE CHARLES District Camp replaced the regular program meeting for the Women's Society of First Church, Lake Charles, August 5.

DR. ROBERT KEMMERLY, Minden physician and lay speaker from First Church, brought the message in the Lakeview Church pulpit on Sunday morning, August 8. Ken Wayne Tripp was the speaker on Sunday evening. The Rev. Louis Coppage, pastor, accompanied the Living Flame Singers to Houston.

CHESTER LEWIS, a representative of Gideons, International, was the speaker in St. Paul United Methodist Church of New Orleans on Sunday morning, August 1, in the absence of the Rev. Charles S. Walker.

LYNN CARAWAY was summer youth worker in First Church, Ponchatoula. The recreation program included children. Trips to the Gulf Coast and to New Orleans were highlights of the summer. The Rev. Tom Lancaster is their pastor.

FORUM AT RAYNE MEMORIAL ON RELIGION AND SOCIETY

A new program designed to bridge the gap between the church and the secular world will begin in September at Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans. The "Forum on Religion and Society" will be under the guidance of the Rev. W. Russell Pregeant, associate pastor who will now be designated Minister of Community Life and Action. The program will embrace three areas – monthly experimental worship services, short and long term courses dealing with the Christian faith and the modern world, and social action projects. The program will be directed by a steering committee, appointed by the Council on Ministries, and made up of several Rayne members and several persons from outside the congregation.

The Rayne Council on Ministries has designated the following Rayne members as the initial committee: Mrs. Mims Gage, Mrs. Howard Peachey, Mrs. James Taylor and Mrs. Michael Zimmerman. Dr. Benedict A. Galloway is senior minister.

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CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE Week of junior highs of Ingleside Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robert, August 1-7. Study was "Introduction to the New Testament" and the quest topic was "Our Environment, Lost or Saved?" The group made a trip to Percy Quinn Park on Saturday. The Rev. D. W. Alverson is pastor.

SLIDELL UNITED METHODISTS were hosts to the Youth Choir from First United Methodist Church of Beaumont, Texas, on Friday, August 13. After presenting a concert in the Slidell sanctuary, the choir members spent the night in homes. The Rev. J. Phillip Woodland is pastor at Slidell.

NORTH BATON ROUGE Church had as guest speaker in July the Rev. Ron Ramke, director of youth activities at First Church, Baton Rouge. Kline B. Courtney, layman, presided. The Rev. Robert C. Carter is pastor.

THE FELLOWSHIP United Methodist Church of Hineston held a revival the week of August 8. The Rev. James C. Skinner, pastor of the First Church, Winnfield, was the evangelist. The Rev. John Stegall is pastor of Fellowship Church on the Glenmora Charge.

AN ARTS AND CRAFTS class for retired persons was scheduled to begin in First United Methodist Church of Pineville, August 19. The group will be taught by Mrs. James Pelley.

THE UMYF OF WELSH First Church will have charge of the morning worship service on August 22. Guest speaker will be Fred Cannon of Lake Charles. The Rev. Bob L. Lawton is the Welsh minister.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Aug. 22—Sunday	Acts 12:7-11
Aug. 23	Acts 7:55-56
Aug. 24	Acts 9:17-18
Aug. 25	Acts 19:13-16
Aug. 26	Acts 20:9-12
Aug. 27	Acts 28:3-5
Aug. 28	I Cor. 15:4-8
Aug. 29—Sunday	II Cor. 12:1-12

THE ZACHARY YOUTH Fellowship had Activities Week, August 15-20. One night's program was at Camp Istrouma. The programs included guest speakers, folk music, talent skits, discussions, picnics, and a luau. The Rev. Robert Galatas is their pastor.

THE ASBURY COLLEGE Evangelistic team was in Asbury U.M. Church at Lafayette the weekend of August 14 and 15 for a series of services. Members of the team are Harold Custer, Terry Lowe, Ed Cain and Ron Ball. The Rev. George Ross was host pastor.

A SUMMER TRIP to Lake Sharon Methodist Camp, near Denton, Texas, was made on August 7, 8 and 9 by junior highs of First Church, West Monroe. Money for the trip was earned by selling dinners at church. The Rev. Robert Peyton is their pastor.

FUN WEEK was sponsored by United Methodist Youth of the Ringgold Church, August 2-9. A few of the activities included skating, swimming, taffy pull, popcorn party, pizza party, ending with an overnight camp-out at the camp of one of the church members. The Rev. Terry Willis is the Ringgold pastor.

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MERRICK W. DUNN

Merrick W. Dunn, an active member of the Slaughter United Methodist Church, died Aug. 5 at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. A native of Slaughter and veteran of World War II, Dunn had retired from the presidency of the Clinton Bank and Trust Co. on his 65th birthday, Dec. 25, 1970. He had been associated with the bank for 37 years, and was active in community affairs.

Dunn was a member of the Administrative Board and treasurer of the Slaughter church. He had taught the Adult Bible Class for 25 years and had served as church organist since early manhood.

A memorial service was conducted from the Slaughter Church with the Rev. J. C. Zerangue, Sr., pastor, and the Rev. William Eubanks, pastor of Mary Winans Wall Church of Clinton, officiating. Burial was in Redwood Cemetery.

Survivors include five sisters: Mrs. Bernice Young and Misses Esther, Keary and Katie Mae Dunn, all of Slaughter, and Mrs. P. H. (Hazel) Dupuy of Clinton, and one brother, John Dunn of Marion.

MRS. HENRY WHALEN DORSEY

Mrs. Henry Whalen Dorsey, wife of the associate pastor of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, died on Friday, July 23, at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital following a brief illness.

She was the former Renee Rockne. She was a native of New York City but had made her home in New Orleans since her marriage to Mr. Dorsey in 1935.

She was known for her prominent work in the humane treatment of animals and encouraged Mr. Dorsey, who is president of the Louisiana SPCA in his work with animals as well as with his work in the church.

The funeral service was held in Hannah Chapel of Rayne Memorial Church on Monday, July 26, with Dr. Benedict A. Galloway, Mr. Dorsey and Dr. Russell Pregeant officiating.

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Miss Allene Ford, executive secretary of Deaconess Service for the United Methodist Board of Missions' National Division, has been named to the Central Committee of the North American Deaconess Conference for 1971-74.

MRS. ANNA C. DEAN TO SPEAK AT WYNN MEMORIAL

Mrs. Anna C. Dean, the wife of a Methodist minister in India, will be the guest speaker for the 7 p.m. service at Wynn Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 22nd. An earlier presentation will be made at the same church on Friday evening, August 20 at 7 p.m., and a reception in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union will follow.

Mrs. Dean has been in the United States to attend the World Convention of the W.C.T.U., under the sponsorship of the Louisiana organization. In addition she has attended the World Federation of United Methodist Women, which met in Denver, Colo. August 12-16.

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Miss Ruth Gilbert of New York and Red Bank, N. J., has been named secretary for community action on the staff of the United Methodist Board of Missions Women's Division. Miss Gilbert formerly was on the staff of the Episcopal Church's Executive Council in New York.

Recent report from Holts in Philippines

19 Constellation, Bel Air,
Makati, Rizal, Philippines
June 19, 1971

Dear Friends:

Annual Conference is over and we find ourselves in the beginnings of another year of service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The past year was not without its frustrations and disappointments, but the blessings that come from faith in our Lord has far outweighed all the frustrations. We had a very bad season last winter when we had to face the fact of death in our family with the loss of both mother and father within the space of only two weeks — but we discovered that the everlasting arms were forever around us to prevent us from stumbling and to lead us out of the darkness into the light. God is a wonderful Father and he gives us the strength we need at the very time we need it most. Praise his blessed name.

Annual Conference was an exciting conference what with the election of our delegates to General Conference and to the Central Conference — the overseas equivalent to the jurisdictional conferences. Our General Conference delegates will be the Reverend Moises Rodriquez, the district superintendent of the Bulacan District, and Mrs. Abigail Llenado — a former deaconess. Perhaps it might be possible to have one or both of these persons speak within the Louisiana before the General Conference. I would hope it would be. Our Central Conference delegation is a very young delegation, reflecting the growing youthfulness of our church leadership. I received a very great honor when I was chosen as one of these delegates to become the only missionary member of the conference. This will be in November of next year and we will elect our Bishops at that time and will also take an important vote on autonomy for the Methodists Church here in the Philippines.

The conference also saw confrontations between the youth and the "establishment" as the youth presented a manifesto challenging the church to leave the fence and join the movement for renewal in society and church. It also saw the largest number of new recruits for the ministry — a very important happening because it shows that although the youth are very militant in their espousal of renewal and nationalism they still have faith in the church to the point that they answer the call of God to become ministers of his church. We will have seventeen young men from our conference studying in the seminary this year. We ordained 34 deacons, and accepted large classes in on probationary and full membership. The church here is growing and is beginning to recognize her roll as a catalyst for change in the name of the Christ. A part of this new mood is a growing feeling that the missionary movement as it has existed in the past is coming to a close. New relationships between the church here and the church in the states are becoming necessary. The Church here must increasingly bear the burden of ministering to its own people. No one knows what tomorrow holds — we do feel that it will be a time of greater freedom and maturity on the part of the church here with the missionary moving further and further into the background. We think this is a good thing and a sign of hope in the church here.

I was reappointed as Conference Missionary for another year, which means that I will be continuing my work among the cultural minorities seeking to work with other churchmen and church women in this important task of helping these forgotten people as they try to become important parts of Philippine society. I will also continue as director of Aurora Wesleyan High School on the east coast of Luzon as this school continues to provide a high school education for these people who could not otherwise study.

I might mention that there is an approved advanced special covering our work among the cultural minorities. If there are any of you who would like to give to this project just send the money in my name designated for the work among the cultural minorities.

Let me thank each of you for the letters we continue to receive expressing your interest and support of our work. We do need your prayers as we seek to do the work of Him who sent us.

In His Name,
Ray Holt

Mrs. Evelyn Wagnon, left, president of the Women's Society of Jennings First United Methodist, presenting special memberships to Mrs. Lillie Montagne, Mrs. Ella Lee Faulk, Mrs. Cleo Bower and president of the UMYF, Jan Dommert.

International Foundation Leaders For Ewha Woman's University Honored

By Connie Myer

Four leaders related to the International Foundation for Ewha Womans University Inc. were honored recently at a dinner at the first annual meeting in New York of the Foundation. Ewha, founded in Seoul, Korea, by United Methodist missionaries, is an autonomous university related to the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, and to other churches.

Those honored were Miss Peggy Billings of New York, assistant general secretary for Christian Social Relations in the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, and former United Methodist missionary to Korea; Miss Margaret Forsyth of New York, long-time member of the Ewha University corporation; Mrs. Estelle Hillman of Durham, N. C., a member of the former Ewha Cooperating Board who is now active in the Foundation; Mrs. Henrietta Gibson (Mrs. W. Earl) Ledden of Washington, D. C., a president of the former Cooperating Board and former treasurer of the Women's Division.

Dr. Okgill Kim, president of the over 8,000-student university (said to be the world's largest school predominantly for women), also was recognized by the Foundation and addressed the annual meeting.

In an address at the Foundation's first anniversary dinner, Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, president of the Women's Division, cited the role of American Methodist women in the 19th Century who began Ewha University as well as other overseas institutions. "The schools and hospitals they founded raised the status of women in their countries and even improved the nations," she said. "A good example of this is the late Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha, who was known and respected as a world citizen."

In her annual report, Mrs. F. Roderick Dail, Foundation executive director, listed the library, a new science building, improved graduate schools and upgrading of the present medical college as Ewha fund-raising priorities. Mrs. Betty Seabury Hibben of Glenview, Ill., president of the Foundation's board of directors, presided.

TAUW is unique African film

Tauw is a unique film that has been produced by an African, Ousmane Sembene, for an American church audience. It has been recommended for use by study groups by the Rev. William J. Washington of the Division of the Local Church, United Methodist Board of Education. He urges its use especially by schools of Christian missions and as a part of the course on Africa approved by the Women's Society of Christian Service for study in local churches this year.

"The experience of seeing this film is radically different from films on Africa by American producers," says the Rev. David W. Briddell of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

The film is about Tauw, a twenty-year-old unemployed African. It deals with hope and frustration, the generation gap, individual struggling against an impersonal system and the life style of youth in a developing nation —all from the perspective of an African.

The 16mm color film, lasting 26½ minutes, with English subtitles, may be rented from Cokesbury regional service centers and also from many conference film libraries for twelve dollars. It is available for sale from Audiovisual Resources, Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1333, New York, New York 10027.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR AUGUST 29: Alcohol and the Christian Community

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Romans 14:13-23; 1 Corinthians 10:23 through 11:1; Galatians 6:1-5

MEMORY SELECTION: Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. (Galatians 6:1)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To explore the attitude which the church should take toward the alcohol traffic and toward the drinking individual, especially the alcoholic, in our day.

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Those who remember the meetings of the United Methodist General Conference in Dallas in 1968 will recall the turmoil and the confused reports that came as a result of legislation which was passed to make certain statements less legalistic as they applied to the minister and his attitudes and habits concerning tobacco and alcohol. Many persons said that our church was softening its stand against alcohol, while others said the action would encourage preachers to drink. Neither of those charges is true, but the fact that they were started indicates a part of the dilemma the Christian community faces concerning this problem.

Our Bible material is from Romans 14 — where Paul speaks to his fellow churchmen about the influence of their habits on weaker individuals. The apostle raises the question, "What are we as Christians to do when something other Christians consider essential does not seem essential to us?" The background against which he wrote concerned the Jewish practices relating to dietary matters. Most of the commentators feel he was not discussing "kosher" foods, but the widespread practice of buying and eating meats which had been killed as part of pagan religious rites. Paul apparently did not feel that the eating of such meat was sinful and believed Christians should be free to eat it.

However, the main question in Paul's mind was the influence exerted by his exercise of what he regarded as his freedom to eat such meat. As Dr. Floyd V. Filson puts it: "Even though Paul agrees that the food is not tainted and may be eaten by Christians, he thinks that the food is unclean to the Christian who has scruples about eating it. So he agrees with the weak Christian, as Paul calls him, that the person with such scruples should not go against his conviction." He also affirms that there is a real problem for the Christian that feels no hesitancy to eat the meat. Paul tells him that he has an obligation not to offend the conscience of the other members of the Christian community.

In many respects the moral issue with which Paul is struggling here is very much like the one the Christian community faces today as it seeks at the same time to affirm its stand against the whole alcohol business and witness in a redemptive manner to all men, some of whom do not have pronounced moral scruples against alcohol. Our fathers found it easier to affirm their undying opposition to everything and everybody related to the liquor traffic. We have a more complicated challenge as we seek to make our Christian witness in this area today.

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THE UNITED METHODIST STAND CONCERNING ALCOHOL

We will be exploring several of the approaches to this witness in our time as the lesson progresses, but in order that we may do so without misunderstanding, let us reaffirm what the official stand of The United Methodist Church is.

The 1968 General Conference did change the wording of its statement concerning alcohol and did change the legal prohibition of drinking by clergymen and laymen to an emphasis on free, responsible choice. However, that body did reaffirm the position of our denomination favoring total abstinence. Let no one confuse us enough to forget this.

The statement adopted said:

"The United Methodist Church asserts its fundamental concern with the problems of alcohol and affirms its conviction that the choice to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages is sound and is a wise witness to God's liberating and redeeming love for mankind.

"The church recognizes the freedom of the Christian man to make responsible decisions in the light of the primacy of Christian love in human relationships and calls upon him to consider seriously and prayerfully the witness of abstinence as a part of his equipment for Christian mission in the world. Abstinence is thus considered an instrument of love and always subject to requirements of love. Persons who practice abstinence should avoid attitudes of self-righteousness which break fellowship with those who do not abstain."

That last statement sounds very much like it might have been written by Paul, and is especially significant as we seek to deal with this problem in a meaningful way.

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THE CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

In the first century drunkenness did raise its ugly head occasionally to threaten the fellowship of the Christian community. However, we see in today's lesson that a major problem was what to eat. But we will be missing the whole point if we do not see that Paul's message was deeper than that.

A major emphasis in this lesson is Christian community and some of the negative forces which erode the fellowship. Dr. John C. Irwin says in Adult Bible Studies: "For Paul the church is never a collection of undisciplined individuals. It is the Body of Christ, and all the members are interrelated. Therefore, it is unthinkable that, merely to gratify himself, even though his conscience is clear, a Christian would cause a brother to stumble."

Dr. Irwin points out that Paul says a number of things that should be helpful to the Christian community as it faces up to its challenge in our day: 1. Individual freedom must be subordinated to the good of the whole church; 2. the Christian will make all moral decisions in light of responsible love for his neighbor; 3. the Christian will always remember that his actions are the only revelation of God's love some people will ever know; and 4. each Christian congregation must be a redeeming community, where the weak are strengthened and the fallen restored.

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THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ALCOHOLISM

Having stated without any apology that the position of The United Methodist Church is to encourage total abstinence, we move into another responsibility of today's Christian community—the attitude it will take toward alcoholism as a sin, while others understand it to be a disease. Regardless of your opinion on that question, the existence of the alcohol problem imposes a responsibility on Christians, both individually and collectively. The follower of Christ is his brother's keeper, and the meaning of Christian community speaks to us of this part of our church vows.

According to the American Medical Association and the World Health Organization, alcoholism is an illness, and the alcoholic is a sick person. Because neither the basic cause nor the underlying nature of alcoholism is fully understood as yet, definitions vary. In general we can say that: "An alcoholic is a person whose drinking interferes with a major department of his life on a continuing basis." A recent report of the Los Angeles County Health Department, defines the alcoholic in more technical language, saying, "Alcoholism is a chronic, disabling, progressive disease of unknown cause which impairs the ability of the individual to function in a normal and acceptable manner in his environment."

The Christian community has learned that it cannot turn its back on this vast area of illness in our time. Some of the most effective witnessing we know about is in dealing with this illness, and miracles of recovery and rehabilitation are taking place every day in your church and mine. For every one of these we thank God and pray that our own congregation will afford us a place to make such a witness.

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THE PLACE OF SPIRITUAL MOTIVATION

The Christian community will never make the witness it should concerning alcohol until it discovers what it is that develops the slavery to the drinking habit. This means that sooner or later we are going to have to think in terms of spiritual motivation.

As Paul pointed out to the Romans, it is the concern for all human beings that should drive us to the decisions that form our characters. Thus, the religious community's concern here, as with other social concerns, is our love for human beings. We cannot look at the statistics concerning the human destruction caused by alcohol and not resolve to do something about it.

Many people turn to drink because of intolerable problems in their lives. We need to search for the causes of alcohol abuse and do what we can to remove them.

Then, we also have a challenge to guide those who have been caught by alcoholism in the direction of a positive spiritual experience. You will remember that Alcoholics Anonymous list twelve steps to recovery. The final one of these says: "Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs." A spiritual experience is involved in the road to recovery for the alcoholic.

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THE INFLUENCE OF EXAMPLE

We would be amiss in discussing the responsibility of the Christian community in regard to alcohol if we did not spend some time on the matter of personal example. There is no greater influence for good or evil. The commercial world knows this as it exploits the names of famous people in advertising. All of us can recall the advertising pull of "the man of distinction."

Dr. Donald Ackland points out in Broadman Comments: "In dealing with the problems of alcohol the Christian community has relied heavily upon dissemination of information such as through these Sunday School lessons. In all likelihood, however, the personal practice and conviction of the teacher will have a greater impact than the facts disclosed."

Most people begin drinking at the invitation of a friend or associate. Drinking does begin so often as a social matter. It would naturally follow that the personal influence of the non-drinking Christian can weigh heavily in helping other persons to avoid this dangerous habit. The fellowship of the Christian community can supply a social need which makes drinking less important.

The stance of the Christian community toward alcohol and those who use it has frequently been judgmental. We have felt justified in this position because of the problems which are created or aggravated by the use of alcohol. We must move beyond this stance and seek to be more redemptive in our witness. We must be more concerned with extending a compassionate hand to the fallen, remembering all the while that we are sinners saved by grace and really have no occasion to look down our noses at anyone.

Anglican Synod sets meeting to vote on Methodist reunion

LONDON (RNS) — The General Synod of the Church of England will hold a special one-day session on May 3, 1972, to take a final vote on the deadlocked issue of union with the Methodist Church, according to a surprise announcement here.

Spokesmen for the Church said Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury and Archbishop Donald Coggan of York were convening the session in their capacity as Joint Presidents of the policy-making General Synod.

The announcement itself said the meeting would be held "to give further consideration to the proposal to enter into full communion with the Churches of North India and Pakistan and to the 1968 Scheme of Unity with the Methodist Church."

But authoritative Church sources amplified this by saying the session would, in fact, take a final vote on the merger.

The Asian Churches mentioned in the official communique are newly created union Churches which include Anglicans.

By the time of the May, 1972, General Synod special session, the Church will know the opinions of 43 diocesan synods on union with the Methodists, who left the Anglican fold in the late 18th Century.

The Scheme, or plan of union, was remitted to the diocesan synods for consideration by the General Synod earlier this year during a meeting at York.

Synod delegates at York voted by a majority of 65 per cent to give "provisional approval" to the Scheme, which has twice been accepted by the Methodist Conference — in 1969 and 1970. Endorsement needs a 75 per cent overall majority of the members of the Anglican General Synod, in addition to two-thirds in each of the Synod's three houses: bishops, clergy and laity.

Prior to the announcement of the May, 1972, special Synod meeting, it was thought that a final vote might come in February at the Synod's regular session.

Dioceses are given until March 15 next year to convey their views on the union Scheme.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, [a]an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, [b]with all the saints which are in all Ă-chāĭ-ă:

2 [d]Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 [f]Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

5 For as [i]the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our [i]trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the [l]sentence of death in ourselves, that we should [c]not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

10 [c]Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us;*

11 Ye also [g]helping together by prayer for us, that [h]for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and [k]godly

[a] 1 Cor. 1. 1; Eph. 1. 1; Col. 1. 1; 1 Tim. 1. 1; 2 Tim. 1. 1
[b] Phil. 1. 1; Col. 1. 2
[c] Jer. 17. 5, 7
[d] Rom. 1. 7; 1 Cor. 1. 3; Gal. 1. 3; Phil. 1. 2; Col. 1. 2; 1 Thes. 1. 1; 2 Thes. 1. 2; 2 Pet. 2. 9
[f] Eph. 1. 3; 1 Pet. 1. 3
[g] Rom. 15. 30; Phil. 1. 19; Philem. 22
[h] ch. 4. 15
[i] Acts 9. 4; ch. 4. 10; ch. 2. 17
[l] Or, *answer*

2 CORINTHIANS

1 Dear Friends,

This letter is from me, Paul, appointed by God to be Jesus Christ's messenger; and from our dear brother Timothy. We are writing to all of you Christians there in Corinth and throughout Greece.[c] 2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ mightily bless each one of you, and give you peace.

3 What a wonderful God we have—he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. 4 And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us. 5 You can be sure that the more we undergo sufferings for Christ, the more he will shower us with his comfort and encouragement. 6 We are in deep trouble for bringing you God's comfort and salvation. But in our trouble God had comforted us—and this, too, to help you: to show you from our personal experience how God will tenderly comfort you when you undergo these same sufferings. He will give you the strength to endure.

7 I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. 9 We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. 10 And he did help us, and saved us from a terrible death; yes, and we expect him to do it again and again. 11 But you must help us too, by praying for us. For much thanks and praise will go to God from you who see his wonderful answers to your prayers for our safety!

12 We are so glad that we can say with utter honesty that in all our dealings we have been pure and sincere, quietly depending upon the Lord for his help, and not on our own skills. And that is even more true, if possible, about the way we have acted toward you. 13 14 My letters have been straightforward and sincere; nothing is written between the lines! And even though you don't know me very well (I hope someday you will), I want you to try to accept me and be proud of me, as you already are to some extent; just as I shall be of you on that day when our Lord Jesus comes back

[a] Jewish religious leaders who strictly followed the letter of the law but often violated its intent.
[b] Jewish political leaders
[c] Or, "throughout Achaia."

This page from an editian of Kenneth N. Taylor's The Living Bible shaws parallel versions of Paul's Secand Epistle ta the Corinthians. At tap is the King James Version. Belaw is Mr. Taylor's paraphrase af the Epistle. A ane-valume edition af The Living Bible has been completed and an official publication date of Sept. 1 has been set by Tyndale Hause Publishers, Wheaton, Ill. In his paraphrase af the Bible, Mr. Taylor has followed the King James text clasely but has simplified sentence structures and used words more readily understandable ta modern persons, especially the yaung, than the Elizabethan English of 1611, date af the King James Version. (RNS Photo)

Doctor of Ministry degree program growing in U.S. seminaries

ST. PAUL, Minn. (RNS) — Many theological seminaries across the nation are discussing whether they should grant the new Doctor of Ministry Degree, according to a staff member of the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS).

Dr. Marvin J. Taylor, Dayton, Ohio, associate director of the AATS, said only about a dozen of the 191 seminaries in the association have thus far introduced or announced Doctor of Ministry programs.

The AATS has created standards for offering the degree, which is normally given four years after the bachelor of arts degree, Dr. Taylor said in an interview at Bethel Seminary, Arden Hills, where the AATS conducted a week-long regional workshop.

The School of Theology at Claremont, Calif., has seven or eight years of experience with the degree and is convinced it made a wise choice, Dr. Taylor said. Another "pioneer" was Chicago Theological Seminary, he added.

He said the AATS guidelines suggest the degrees to be awarded at a certain level of competence rather than solely on the basis of the number of hours put in or credits earned.

Dr. Taylor said seminaries are meeting by denomination to discuss whether they should award the new degree. The six Southern Baptist seminaries have agreed to move as a unit, if they move at all, he said.

Many seminaries have changed the name of their bachelor of divinity or theology degrees to master's degrees, Dr. Taylor reported.

Union Seminary New York, is one of the most recent to decide to do this, he said. Other seminaries, particularly those affiliated with Ivy League colleges, have been reluctant to make the change, he added.

Dr. Taylor was asked whether there is a surplus of candidates for the ministry enrolled in seminaries.

Some denominations say they have too many and others not enough, he said.

New curriculum resources designed for use with mildly retarded

Exploring Life Series, produced for the interdenominational Cooperative Publication Association, is a two-part series of curriculum resources for use with persons who are educable (mildly retarded) or who have other learning difficulties. They are designed to be used in classes for retarded persons in a wide range of settings, such as institutions for the retarded, special education church school classes, regular church school classes with one or two special pupils, a sheltered environment with persons beyond school age who have been discharged from institutions, sheltered workshops, and inner city or isolated rural groups where high-interest, low-reading level resources are needed.

Writers of Part I include Mrs. Florence A. Lund, chairman of the Cooperative Publication Association Committee on Mental Retardation and staff member of the United Methodist Board of Education; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wanty, parents of a retarded teen-ager; Mr. George W. Dutton, formerly chaplain at Denton State School Denton, Texas; Mrs. Doris Arnold, a teacher at Wassaic State School, Wassaic, New York.

Ages 7-12. Course Title, Part I: **Discovery** (Westminster Press). The teacher and pupil materials contain four units of study. Teacher's Guide: 128 pages, $3.75; Pupil's Books; four 32-page booklets, banded in a set, $2.95.

Ages 13-16. Course Title, Part I: **Growing** (Abingdon Press). The teacher and pupil materials contain four units of study. Teacher's Guide: 128 pages, $3.75; Pupil's Books: four 48-page booklets, banded in a set, $3.45.

Multi-media Kit (Fortress Press) contains records, filmstrips, games, and other learning resources for use in class. $10. (Available soon.)

Ages 17 and over. Course Title, Part I: **God Speaks to Man** (Seabury Press). The teacher and pupil materials contain three units of study. Teacher's Guide: 128 pages, $3.75; Pupil's Books: two 96-page books, banded in a set, $3.95.

Multi-media Kit (Fortress Press) contains records, filmstrips, and other learning resources for use in class. $9. (Available soon.)

Order all of the above resources by age level and title from Cokesbury in your area.

An **Introductory Kit** (Abingdon Press) contains all of the above items. $36.50. (Available soon.)

Black and white congregations in Texas town to merge

LEVELLAND, Texas — A Black United Methodist Church and a white United Methodist Church will merge into one congregation here with special ceremonies Sunday, August 29.

The first merger for the Northwest Texas annual conference of the United Methodist Church will involve the 260 member Wesley United Methodist Church and the 54 member St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

The Northwest Texas annual conference merged with the former West Texas annual conference (Black) over a year ago.

Dr. Ellis Langston, pastor of the Wesley Church for the past two years, reports that the two congregations passed a resolution by an "overwhelming vote" that detailed five reasons for the merger:

—An appreciation for the efforts in the past that made the present possible.

—A belief that division by race is a contradiction of the Gospel of Christ.

—A conviction that true unity is not to be found in absorption, but in the birth of what is new.

—A belief that "the Spirit of God has brought us to the brotherhood of God."

—A confidence that the "future belongs only to those who in faith decide to act in love."

Dr. Langston, a white minister, was appointed pastor of the Black St. Luke's Church last May. He said the two churches had participated in church activities as a mixed group.

"Response that we have received convinced us that we can work together and what we have to offer is so much more than we can do separately," said Dr. Langston.

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Music Publishers Warn Churches Against Duplicating Music Scores

GREEN LAKE, Wis. (RNS) — Churches break the Ten Commandments as well as the civil laws when they buy one copy of an anthem and then reproduce enough copies for choir members, representatives of two publishing companies said here.

Donald Hinshaw of Carl Fischer Co., N.Y., and Donald I. Marsh of Proclamation Productions, Port Jervis, N.Y., spoke to a church Musicians Conference at the American Baptist Assembly.

Churches are stealing from composers when they duplicate musical scores, Mr. Marsh charged. "Composers and writers can't make a living because of 'Xerox' . . . If the public wants new and innovative church music, then the church and church people must support musicians by purchasing copies."

Mr. Hinshaw served notice that his company is ready to prosecute for infringement of laws protecting musical property.

"Music is like real estate—you own it and it can be stolen from you like an automobile," he said. "It would take only one or two healthy lawsuits against a church or school to get the word around . . . We are ready to do that. The law says that the fine is $250 per infringement. That means that 40 duplicated copies would be 40 times $250 fine."

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The Rev. Philip Dietterich (left), former president of the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians, greets new officers elected at the organization's biennial convocation in Houston, Tex. August 4-10. They are (from left) W. Howard Coble, minister of music at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, High Point, N. C., president; Mrs. Mary Lib Lowery, Tampa, Fla., secretary; and Kenneth Tebow, Shawnee Mission, Kans., president-elect. The Rev. Robert E. Scoggin, Rochester, Minn., vice president, is now pictured.

Twenty-three black superintendents now; were 15 in 1968

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — As the number of separate black annual conferences continued to drop this summer, the total of black ministers serving as superintendents of predominantly white districts of the United Methodist Church climbed.

Such appointments now total 23, in 22 annual conferences. Four conferences are new to the list, three of them in the deep South. In addition, a Chinese-American was named as a superintendent, perhaps for the first time.

Only five all-black annual conferences remain in the United States — South Carolina, Central Alabama, Mississippi, Upper Mississippi and Southwest (Oklahoma and Arkansas) — out of 17 that comprised the Central Jurisdiction in 1964, when conference desegregation began.

This year, the white and black Louisiana Conferences became one, as did the Georgia (black) and North Georgia (white) Conferences. Three merger plans were voted down by white units.

In addition, black pastors were appointed to mostly white churches for the first time in Eastern Pennsylvania and Holston Conferences, as well as a white pastor to a black church in the former area. The Rev. Anthony J. Shipley, named program director for Detroit Conference, was believed to be the first black person selected to head a conference program council staff.

New appointment of blacks as superintendents of non-segregated districts came this year in Florida (John B. F. Williams), Missouri West (J. J. Johnson), Louisiana (Robert Harrington) and North Georgia (A. C. Dickerson).

One was appointed in West Virginia, which had previously had a black superintendent but not for the past year. California-Nevada Conference, with one black superintendent, named also a Chinese-American.

Only Baltimore Conference now has two blacks as superintendents. Its sister conference in the Washington Area, Peninsula, has had two, but this year one of them retired and the number of districts was reduced.

Blacks are continuing as superintendents in Holston, New York, Northern Illinois, Eastern Pennsylvania, Western North Carolina, West Ohio, Tennessee, Nebraska, Detroit, North Texas, Southwest Texas, Texas, Southern New Jersey and Southern California-Arizona.

The total of 23 compares with 19 a year ago and 15 in 1968.

"Contribution toward world peace" aim of mutual fund directors

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — A mutual fund aimed at making a "contribution toward world peace" has been created here.

The prospectus for Pax World Fund, Inc., an investment company offering one million shares, was made effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as of Aug. 10. Dr. Luther E. Tyson, president, and Dr. J. Elliott Corbett, vice president, are on the staff of the United Methodist Church's Board of Christian Social Concerns, Tyson as director of economic life and Corbett as director of church-government relations.

The diversified, no-loan fund was created to provide investors with security, regular income and possible long-term growth. One feature is that the fund offers investors the opportunity to have their funds managed according to both economic and social criteria. Some of the industries the fund will invest in are housing, drugs, health care, food, clothing, leisure time, pollution control and education.

The officers said investments will not be made in firms represented by the one hundred largest Department of Defense contractors, and the fund "will seek investments in companies that are not to any degree engaged in manufacturing defense or weapon-related products."

Under other criteria, the fund will give preference to companies with fair employment practices and will not invest in liquor, tobacco or gambling industries. Up to ten per cent of the fund's resources may be placed in international development.

A number of denominations, the officers noted, including United Methodist, United Presbyterian and United Church of Christ, recently have established social criteria policies for church investments.

The United Methodist General Conference in 1970 amended the **Discipline** to make it a policy that each church agency, board and institution "shall periodically evaluate their portfolios of investments to encourage the investment of trust funds in . . . funds which make a positive contribution toward the realization of the goals outlined in the Social Creed."

Tyson and Corbett say Pax World Fund, Inc., was designed to provide such a channel for institutional investors as well as for individual investors.

The fund, operating out of Portsmouth, N.H., will sell shares originally at $10 each, with a minimum initial investment of 100 shares required.

Other directors will include Anthony S. Brown, vice president, Portsmouth, N.H., businessman; C. Lloyd Bailey, New York, chairman of the Friends General Conference and executive director of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF; Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, Somerset, N.J., American Baptist, professor at Rutgers University and former assistant Peace Corps director; Henry M. Nevin, investment analyst, United Church of Christ layman and president of Interfaith Housing Corp. of Cambridge, Mass.; Hyman H. Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee; Miss Thelma Stevens, Leonia, N.J., retired assistant general secretary of Methodist Woman's Division.

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THE KEY GROUP (right)
Operating and Coordinating the Summer Program

Mr. John Allen ond his helper, Mrs. Mike Merritt–recreotion, swimming, life soving, camping; Mr. Terrel DeVille–ossistont superintendent; Mrs. DeVille and her assistont (not shown) Mrs. Gouedy–craft coordinotion. Volunteer Helpers: Mrs. Kendall–ceromics, Mrs. Goddis–embroidery, Mrs. Cowon–popier-moche, Mr. Lindlelod–sculpture, Mrs. Franklin–reoding enrichment, Miss Show–piono.

BENEFITS
A SENSE OF PERSONAL WORTH ACHIEVEMENT – SATISFACTION

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CRAFT DISPLAY

At the close of the summer croft progrom, o disploy is set up ond the public is invited. Products are judged ond ribbons oworded. We have been told this summer's display was the best ever. Much fovoroble comment about the work ond its mony values wos heard. RIGHT–Top winners. LEFT–Visitors looking over the many items displayed.

READING ENRICHMENT
AN ANNUAL PROGRAM

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WORK IS GOOD

Good work means self respect, o sense of ochievement, leorning to toke direction.

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MRS. E. F. HARRELL
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B. W. JOHNS
by Mrs. S. E. Johnson, Sr.
DAVID S. LEACH
by Zettie Leach Coussons
LAMAR JOHNSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence White
MRS. IRA SINGLETARY
by Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Steere
by Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Watt
by Trinity S.S. Class
by the J. M. Henry Circle of Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston
MRS. OCTAVIA ANDREWS
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LAMAR JOHNSON
by Mrs. Myrtle White
DR. GRADY M. LOE
by Mrs. Myrtle E. White
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by Mr. & Mrs. Collins S. Thomas
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J. K. BIGGS
by Mrs. Bryan B. Deane
MARY LYNN MAGOON
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brown & Mrs. Ray G. Adcock
JACK OLMSTED
by his Wife and Children
MRS. LOUISE PERDUE
by Maggie Haws
MRS. ELLA STRATTON SISLER
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CHARLES B. SHERROUSE
by Ruth and Paul Hammond
MRS. ROBERT J. O'NEAL
by Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Taylor
MRS. SARA JANE LINDSEY
by Adult Bible Class, University United Methodist Church, Lake Charles
MRS. MARGARET H. FITTS
by Judge & Mrs. Chris Barnette
EMMA LOU O'NEAL
by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Chadick
MRS. C. S. SAINT
by Mr. & Mrs. Edgar L. Broussard
MISS EDNA EICHELBERGER
by Mr. & Mrs. Edgar L. Broussard

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This group from Louisiana made up the Reformation Tour of Europe and England led recently by Dr. Carl F. Lueg, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Monroe. They are pictured in Florence, Italy with the Florence Cathedral seen in the background.

Pupils and teachers at recent vacation church school held at Kentwood United Methodist Church. The Rev. Vernon Fairley is pastor.

Sharing session at close of vacation church school held at St. James United Methodist Church, Marrero. The Rev. Ted Smith is pastor.

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News in Brief

The Christian family was discussed from different generational, geographical and topical perspectives at the second World Methodist Family Life Conference August 14-18 in Estes Park, Colo. Planned by the World Methodist Family Life Committee it was one of several events clustered around the World Methodist Conference August 18-26 in Denver.

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by Mr. & Mrs. J. Brent Seale
by Mrs. Febe Jones Cox
by Mr. & Mrs. John Roby, Jr. & Mrs. J. W. Roby
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Roy Parker
by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Galloway

C. B. RAILEY
by Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Ballard, Jr.

T. J. WILLIAMS
by Adult S. S. Class, Algiers United Methodist Church, New Orleans

GUTHRIE P. MARTIN
by Dr. & Mrs. J. E. Ball

JOHN REILY
by Mrs. Roy Windsor, Sr.

JAMES C. McNAMARA
by Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd A. Newton

CURRY L. COUVILLION
by Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd A. Newton

C. E. MILLER
by Anna Lee Anders

MILLER BEENE LAWLESS
by Ann Lee Anders

ROD ANDERSON
by Mrs. Frank G. Love

MRS. LOCKETT SINGLETARY
by Mr. & Mrs. Elgin Norris

MRS. J. W. MONCRIEF
by The families of Mr. & Mrs. L. B. Bagley, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Bagley, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bagley, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Bagley, and Mr. & Mrs. Howard Denison

A. S. FARR
by Mrs. Kathleen P. Hayden

MRS. SOPHIE JOHNSTON
by Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Hatcher
by Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Hatcher

ROY HODGES
by Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Horton & Dr. & Mrs. P. J. Ewald

WILLIAM ANSEL THOMPSON
by Johnny Burke and Mrs. Leona Padden

News in Brief

Cuban Methodists assembled in General Conference have decided that cigarettes and liquor, which can be purchased on ration books in Cuba and then traded for other needed items, should not be purchased by Methodists for barter, since they are not to be used by them.

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Dr. Thomas A. Langford, a professor in the department of religion at United Methodist-related Duke University since 1956 and chairman the past six years, has been named dean of the Duke Divinity School. He succeeds Dean Robert E. Cushman who has resigned.

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Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

R. W. Barbour wrote this golden thought . . . "The Lord's goodness surrounds us at every moment. I walk through it almost with difficulty, as through thick grass and flowers."

I'LL TELL YOU WHY

Why do the stars stay in perfect place?
Why does the moon show a friendly face?
Why is there good in the whole human race?
I'll tell you why – it's God!
Why is there light when the darkness shows?
Why is there right when the wrong oppose?
Why is there love when the hatred grows?
I'll tell you why – it's God!
Who helps me smile when the clouds are gray?
Who gives me hope, when all hope fades away?
Who brings me back when my feet go astray?
I'll tell you who – He's God!

–by Henry C. Blount, Jr.

GOD'S WORK

The green grass shimmered
On the warm, firm ground;
The majestic trees
Were all around;
The song of a bird
Was a cheerful sound –
As I saw God at work!

The mother smiled
As she looked in the face
Of her sleeping baby –
Regardless of race –
And warm, sweet love
Engulfed the place.
As I saw God at work!

The beggar stopped
At the rich man's door;
He asked for a hand out,
But he got much more.
He got love and sympathy
From a bountiful store.
As I saw God at work!

Our Lord has directed
That we love one another:
Rich man, poor man,
Small child and mother.
We are all one big family –
Just brother to brother.
Love is God at work!

–by Dora V. Ridgway

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AT LEFT: Louisianans attending the World Methodist Conference in Denver included: (from left) Dr. Sam Nader, Shreveport; Dr. Keith Mason, Shreveport, Dr. Barry Bailey, Baton Rouge; and Dr. L. L. Haynes, Jr., Baton Rouge.

RIGHT: William M. Finnin, Jr., New Orleans student at Duke University, with Dr. Alex L. Boraine, president of the Methodist Church of South Africa, at the Methodist Conference.

BELOW RIGHT: Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Baton Rouge, president of the WSCS of former Conference A, and Mrs. Glenn A. Laskey, Ruston, a member of the World Methodist Council at the meeting of the World Methodist Conference in Denver.

World Methodists focus attention on "Third World," lay people, youth

by Arthur West

DENVER, Colo. (UMI) — By an overwhelming vote, the World Methodist Council here Wednesday, Aug. 18, radically revised its constitution to give wider recognition to the "third world" and to lay men, lay women and youth.

According to the council's rules, a three-fourths vote is required to amend the constitution. The vote for the revised document was 315 to 10.

The amendments to the council's constitution have the effect of increasing the membership of its executive committee from about 50 members to 103, and guaranteeing at least one seat to each of the 55 member bodies in the council regardless of the size of the unit.

The action taken Wednesday greatly modified a proposal brought forward by the Executive Committee, which proposed that each church with 30,000 or more members have at least one representative but stipulated that, in the aggregate, those churches with less than 30,000 members (about half of the 55 member units) should be entitled to four representatives.

The revised document provides for a council membership of 83, plus officers totalling 20 persons.

In an effort to eliminate the long-standing British-American domination of the council leadership, the new set-

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Tom Matheny, right, president of the Fellowship of Conference Lay Leaders of the United Methodist Church, had as his guests at a luncheon of that organization in Denver (from left): Dr. W. T. Handy, Jr., Mrs. C. B. McGowan and Dr. Keith Mason.

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One Thousand Club's first Call for new Hughes Church

The first of the annual three calls of the 1000 Club of the Louisiana Conference, will go out September 1 for the Hughes United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. A former Conference B church, Hughes has earned for itself and its congregation an enviable name in real community involvement.

Hughes United Methodist Church has long been the only Methodist Church in a deprived section of Baton Rouge with a population of 15,000 or more. The Church has a total membership of some 132, and a building

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A new church is planned (at site of present Hughes Day Care Center playground shown on page two) to replace old structure shown here. The improvement plan calls for moving the present playground facilities to this location.

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September is Retired Ministers Homes Month for Conference

At the 1971 Louisiana Annual Conference the month of September was calendared as RETIRED MINISTERS HOMES month. Local churches throughout the conference are requested to set aside a specific date during September for the observance of RETIRED MINISTERS HOMES Sunday. It is hoped that every charge will bring to the attention of its members the aim and accomplishments of this Board, which is a vital part of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries in the Louisiana Conference.

The BROCHURE setting forth facts concerning this phase of your Conference program is being sent to every minister for distribution to your congregation. An informed membership is a giving membership. We have a right to be proud of the accomplishments of the RETIRED MINISTERS HOMES BOARD since its inception in 1953. Each year the request for homes increases. To meet these requests your Board has a goal to build two homes each year, requiring a total of $40,000 in gifts.

Throughout the Louisiana Conference there are many individuals who have shown their interest in having a part in this noble endeavor by contributing of their means. One only has to visit with the occupants of these homes to know the joy they share by having a home provided for them during their retirement years.

A Certificate of Donation will be issued for all contributions of $25 or more. Gifts of less than $25 will be acknowledged by a receipt.

(Elizabeth Langford
Publicity Chairman
Retired Ministers Homes Board)

The Hughes Community Center at present.

This will be the site of the new church to be built at Hughes Community Center. Playground facilities shown here will be moved where old church (shown on page one) now stands.

NEW TREASURER ON LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

R. Fred Fanta, Jr. assumed the responsibility of Treasurer for the Lake Charles District as of August 1st, according to the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, District Superintendent.

This position came open with the untimely death of Mr. C. E. Kingery, who for so long held this job and served the district in a most effective manner.

Fanta is a very active member of the Westlake United Methodist Church. He has held many offices in this church including chairmanship of the Finance Committee, counselor for the UMYF and presently he serves as chairman of the Administrative Board. Fanta is a graduate of Northwestern State University and is employed as treasurer of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lake Charles.

All church treasurers of the Lake Charles District are asked to send their financial obligations to Mr. Fanta at P.O. Box 402 Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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Conference Town and Country Commission at Camp Brewer meeting. STANDING: (l. to r.) the Rev. L. W. Taylor, Guy Johnston, the Rev. Henry Gate, the Rev. H. B. Crammer, the Rev. Paul W. Carter, the Rev. Ted Howes, the Rev. Garland Dean, Cedric Barnes; SEATED: the Revs. Elmer Malone, Raymond Crofoot, J. W. Wilson, Dr. Rex Squyres, W. C. August.

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THOUSAND CLUB CALL

that would be classified as inadequate by any standards. For many years this has been the picture of the Hughes Church.

In recent years, particularly in the last two years under the leadership of The Rev. William Miller, Hughes has begun a ministry to the community with new and varied emphases. With encouraging help and guidance from several of the larger churches in the city, Hughes has become a Community Center as well as a Church, and Miller now finds himself the pastor of the Church, director of the Center, secretary, janitor, day care car driver, counsellor, printer, playmate to children and youth, and a fresh new symbol of hope for countless persons heretofore hopeless.

"Miracle" is too mild a word to apply to the fact that today Hughes is the source of care for up to 60 children of working mothers, 150 children and youth on the only playground available to them, 40 persons in adult education courses taught by volunteers, 60 persons enrolled in food and nutrition courses offered by the LSU Home Extension Bureau, job placement for more than 75 school dropouts and hard core unemployed persons, a referral and follow-up point for the East Baton Rouge Parish Mental Health Clinic, legal aid, social work agencies and public health authorities, and emergency food and clothing distribution in cooperation with First Methodist and Broadmoor Methodist Churches.

Property acquired across the street from the Church now provides the playground area, and two renovated houses for the day care activities and other services. It is anticipated that the day care program will be self-sustaining in the fall of this year, and will underwrite the small remaining indebtedness on the land and houses. The new Church will be built on what is now the playground area, contiguous to the two houses; the lot on which the present church stands will then be used for a playground and parking area, and a greatly improved total ministry can be the result.

The proposed church building will cost approximately $50,000. The church now has in hand $11,500 in cash, and is concluding a $3,000 fund drive. Construction can begin with receipt of the 1000 Club money and by next summer a new and functional building can be available with sanctuary, class-rooms for Church School and the adult education, food nutrition and other week-day classes, and offices for the Pastor-Director and for interviews in weekly visits by representatives of legal aid, public health, mental health, welfare, employment, and counselling representatives of schools and other agencies.

Miller observes that Churches and schools have served as focal points in the lives of black people, and with the new and improved facilities that will be made possible through this call the church can reach and enrich the lives of many people who would remain otherwise untouched in an area of desperate need.

Town and Country Commission meets, plans for year's work

The Town and Country Commission of the Louisiana Annual Conference met at Camp Brewer Friday night, Aug. 13 and Saturday morning, Aug. 14 to plan the 1971-72 church year's program.

Commission officers include: the Rev. W. C. August, chairman; Guy Johnston, vice chairman; the Rev. H. B. Crammer, recording secretary; Eloi Primeaux, treasurer, and Dr. Rex Squyres, Conference executive secretary.

The Commission discussed needs and three committees were formed as work groups. Three main thrusts were planned for the fall and winter. They are:

(1) The sending of a questionnaire to Town and Country churches to ascertain local needs—especially materials, education curriculum, hymnals, pianos, leadership training, etc. At a later time churches will be surveyed to locate surplus items in these catagories. The Rev. Raymond Crofoot served as chairman of this committee.

(2) A map of the Conference church locations and District lines will again be produced by this Commission. Dr. Rex Squyres and the District secretaries will work on this project.

(3) Pilot projects will be undertaken in two districts: (a) The Lafayette District is to establish a clearing house for church school materials, hymnals, pianos, audio/visual equipment and other objects. Guy Johnston and the Rev. Henry Gage have been assigned to work on this project. (b) The Alexandria District, under the leadership of the Rev. Elmer Malone, District secretary, will pilot a project of training lay people to lead or assist in leading worship services.

Those present for the meeting were: Ministerial members—Elmer Malone, Olla; Paul W. Carter, Jackson; W. C. August, Port Allen; Rex Squyres, Moss Bluff; H. B. Crammer, Zwolle; Lay members—Guy Johnson, Rayne, and Cedric Barnes, Grace Church, Ruston; District secretaries—Henry Gage, Houma, Lafayette District; Raymond Crofoot, Iowa, Lake Charles District; Luther W. Taylor, Many, Natchitoches District; Ted T. Howes, Mangum, Monroe District, and J. W. Wilson, Shreveport, Shreveport District.

guest editorial

THE RIGHT TIME HAS COME

– Key '73

by Joe Hale

(Mr. Hale is a native Arkansan who is the staff member of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism with major responsibility for Key '73)

Let us introduce you to Key '73, a new concept in evangelism which holds promise for a year of optimum impact for Christ in North America.

"The right time has come" for a forceful, clear-sounding, emphasis throughout North America calling men to the full meaning of Christianity. Christian churches together can mount a new initiative in evangelism. They can make an impact now upon the life of the Continent.

The standard is Jesus Christ. With flexibility and openness to each other, differences in doctrine existing between denominations shall be recognized and respected. It is recognized that there are varieties of evangelistic expression, therefore, each church will finally decide the precise form of its own participation in Key '73.

Key '73 is a coalition of Christian denominations and religious groups (presently about 75 organizations are participating and more than 100 are expected) cooperating on a series of evangelism activities focused on the year 1973. A more detailed description of the Key '73 movement and of the United Methodist involvement in it can be found in the March issue of Street 'N Steeple, in the June issue of Interpreter magazine, or in brochures that can be requested from the General Board of Evangelism.

At a recent meeting of the Key '73 Central Committee seven major "events" were adopted to be done on a simultaneous continent-wide basis. These events are to be a highly visible, over-arching canopy around which all participating denominations and groups can plan a variety of supportive programs. Local units within The United Methodist Church are encouraged to begin considering ways in which they can best participate at local levels.

Event One is to be a series of cooperative mass media launch events calling the nation and the church to repentance, commitment and prayer during the first two weeks of 1973.

Plans call for Event Two to be a continent-wide Bible distribution followed by a variety of intense biblical studies in churches, homes and neighborhood groups in February 1973.

Event Three will take place during the Lenten Season 1973, and will feature massive interdenominational lay witnessing that will make the gospel real through action, teaching and demonstration. The period will include training of laymen for significant witness followed by intense confrontation of the insearing issues of our time: social justice, racism, poverty, hunger, war and materialism.

Event Four is being designed to focus on youth during the summer months of 1973. Planned are rock festivals, new songs, hymn singings and popular musical productions at parks, beaches, shopping centers, etc.

Innovative evangelism programs are to be the hallmarks of Event Five in September, October and November 1973. Such things as art festivals, state fair ministries, campus programs, creative mass proclamation and fresh literature approaches are under consideration.

Event Six is to be a unified dramatization of our Christian oneness and our concern for the needs of the world such as a universal call to voluntary austerity as a fresh and more truly Christian celebration of Advent and Christmas.

Event Seven is to be the ongoing production, coordination and distribution of a wide variety of evangelistic resources beginning as soon as possible and continuing throughout 1973.

United Methodists will be participating on each of the seven guideline committees that will be developing more detailed plans for these events. In addition, we will continue to provide leadership on the Key '73 Central Committee, Executive Committee and Mass Media Task Force.

The United Methodist Key '73 study book will be available soon. Entitled, Bridges to the World, it will feature articles on several aspects of modern evangelism by a number of familiar church leaders. It should be used by Key '73 planning and study groups in local churches and communities.

The spiritual need is extremely critical.

"The right time has come!"

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the Editor's Corner

WORLD METHODISTS

Mixed with the questions concerning the reason for having meetings like the World Methodist Conference which are being asked by persons on every hand here at the meeting of that body at the University of Denver, is an elation which comes from meeting persons called Methodists from every corner of the globe.

This is a beautiful campus on the south side of the "mile high" city, and its natural beauty is being enhanced by Methodists of every color from all over the world. This is a fellowship which is quite invigorating.

We are staying in the dormitories on the campus of the university and having our meals in the dining halls there. Some of us are spoiled by air-conditioning and find it a little difficult to function without it, but the scenery from our dorm room makes it easy to put up with.

Writing these words on Saturday afternoon, there is an opportunity to think back on almost half of the program now, and you might be interested in our observations.

The opening session on Wednesday evening was most colorful, in spite of a small attendance held down by a cloudburst just before starting time. The flags of the nations and the processional of the leaders and members of the Council set the tone and made us ready to think in world terms.

One has to keep reminding himself that he is an American Methodist as he hears from the other bodies that call themselves Methodist. For too long we have called ourselves The Methodist Church and The United Methodist Church, forgetting that there are more than 50 bodies around the world that also march in Wesley's train.

Although there has been a bit of strong criticism of some of our American church practices, speakers from other countries have also been laying bare their own souls concerning the shortcomings in their own lands.

Together we march ahead to become better Methodists and better Christians.

More of Denver in later installments.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Two federal grants have been awarded to the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., for its Center for Alcohol studies and programs of research into alcohol and drugs abuse. The school recently awarded the nation's first graduate degree in alcohol studies to Commander Gordon E. Paulson, a Navy chaplain. The Rev. Herman J. Kregel, founder and director of the Center, said "As long as we tolerate destructive drinking practices, and think that drunks and drunkenness are something to laugh at instead of evidence of sickness, the abuse and misuse of alcoholic beverages will continue to cost our nation more than 85,000 needless and premature deaths annually."

The 100 millionth Scripture distributed by the Gideons International was given to President Nixon in a ceremony at the White House on Aug. 5. Accepting the special Bible bound with a gold leather cover and suitably inscribed, the Chief Executive said: "There is one of your Bibles on Air Force One and I have often remarked that it is the best book aboard. I know of the fine work that the Gideons International is doing and am aware that you are effective in so many places in the world."

A survey of young people 13 and 17 years old conducted by the Education Commission of the U. S., headquartered in Denver, revealed that more than 75 per cent of the teenagers are unaware of any religious discrimination in the nation but most know of such discrimination in other parts of the world. The study, one of a series, is designed to measure attitudes and educational achievements of young Americans. Also in the poll were young adults (ages 26 to 35) with more than 39 per cent indicating known examples of religious prejudice.

Mrs. Clara Walker, a black United Methodist musician and teacher of music in the Detroit public schools told United Methodist Musicians holding their biennial meeting in Houston, that church racism is subtly manifested by the virtual exclusion of ethnic music of Mexican-Americans, Indians and blacks in hymnals and church programs. Mrs. Walker made her comments while conducting a seminar on the Church music needs of these ethnic groups. This is said to be the first time in the history of the group for the matter to come under discussion.

A "Cantata of Peace," which features statements of imprisoned Catholic priest Father Daniel Berrigan, alongside quotations from Saint Francis of Assisi and the Old Testament, had its world premiere at the meeting of the International Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians in Houston. Daniel Moe, 44, a member of the Lutheran Church in America and director of choral music at the University of Iowa, was commissioned to write the cantata. The composer incorporated "Berrigan's words 'because we want peace with half a heart and half a life and will, war of course continues.'" These words "cast a shadow over the Assisi prayer, which people have used for centuries: 'Make me an instrument of Thy peace,' because Berrigan puts it in the context that when we pray that, we better be ready to pay the price," Moe said. Arranged for choral delivery with trumpet and piano accompaniment, the cantata's dissonant, explosive and stringent tones have been described as reminiscent of the early 20th century Hungarian composer Bela Bartok or the German Paul Hindemith.

A Nigerian Baptist leader has proposed a world-wide exchange of missionaries as a form of "cross fertilization" which would offer new growth potential for Christianity. The West has much to gain from the vitality of the newer Christians in the "Third World" of Asia and Africa, stated Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and vice president of the Baptist World Alliance. He said Western missionaries, on the other hand, are needed abroad because their skills and resources cannot be replaced in Africa and Asia. Dr. Ayorinde said most Western missionaries are now coming to help establish national churches in foreign lands, actively seeking local men and women to take charge so that the permanent missionary presence is not needed.

The World Council of Churches (WCC) has offered to attempt a reconciliation between Protestant and Roman Catholic factions in Northern Ireland according to a reliable news source. The offer was sent to member Churches in Northern Ireland — Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian — by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the WCC. Blake said he was communicating "indirectly" with William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh, Northern Ireland.

Britain's first school for Japanese children will open in London next Spring under Anglican leadership, according to an announcement by the Church of England. Located south of London, the school will enroll 60 pupils with the Rev. John Spencer, a former missionary to Japan as warden. The teaching staff for the school will be recruited from Japan. Funds have been raised there, and the Japanese government will contribute to staff salaries.

Writing in a West German Sunday newspaper, a well-known conservative clergyman, the Rev. Alexander Evertz, asserted that "leftist radical theologians" try to make the "salt of the earth" more attractive by "dyeing it with the red color of revolution and trying to convert the Samaritan into a guerrilla fighter." There are a few theologians, he contended, who no longer differentiate between cross and sword, and who proclaim in the name of Christ, the "just revolution."

Although profound changes in man's surroundings and in society have occurred down through the centuries, man himself has remained the same, and faith and worship continue to be fundamental to his nature, a Senate Prayer Breakfast group was told recently. Sen. William B. Saxbe (Ohio) declared that "the wonder is not that so many things have changed in the history of recorded time, but that so many attitudes, motivations and reactions have remained the same." "The parables, lessons and examples of the Bible are the distilled essence of history, the strength and weakness of man being demonstrated as much in the lives of Abraham and Isaac as in the lives of men and women today," the senator said.

"The church is the stable organization to which people can cling in these days of restlessness," declared Hershel M. Hill, newly appointed executive secretary for Quakers in N. Carolina and Southern Virginia, during the Yearly Meeting of Friends. However, Hill noted that "in this age of shrinking time and distance when we see men shuttled back and forth to the moon, we can no longer go about the work of the church with horse-and-buggy methods and materials."

The Sixth International Mariological Congress — said to be one of the largest Roman Catholic-sponsored events ever held in a Communist country — opened in Zagreb, Yugoslavia Aug. 6. Over 130 Catholic and non-Catholic theologians and Catholic bishops from 23 countries, including the U. S. were greeted by the vice-mayor of Zagreb. Mariology is the branch of Catholic theology that treats of the Virgin Mary, particularly in her relation to the Incarnation and Redemption.

A majority of Texas Methodists who responded to a recent poll conducted by the TEXAS METHODIST, published in Dallas, are unsympathetic to homosexuals, believe their behavior to be unnatural and unacceptable, and reject the possibility that they could serve effectively as Christian ministers. The Southwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is reported to have voted 144-117 at its June meeting in San Antonio to suspend an admitted homosexual from the ministry.

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DENVER – Dr. Charles C. Parlin (center), president of the World Methodist Council, is flanked by Dr. Lee F. Tuttle (left), Council general secretary, and Bishop Yap Kim-Hao of Singapore prior to delivering the keynote speech as the two-day Council session opened in Denver, preceding the nine-day World Methodist Conference at the University of Denver.

Centenary offers new continuing adult education program

Centenary College President John H. Allen has opened up all college courses to the public on a non-credit basis at a reduced rate of tuition, effective with the fall term opening in September.

Dr. Allen said the new program of continuing adult education was adopted so that all persons in the community might avail themselves of the educational opportunities at Centenary.

Under the provisions of the new plan, any person, regardless of educational background, may register during a special period, to audit any class at the college. There are no entrance requirements, no tests, no papers, and no compulsory class attendance; no credit is offered for this audit participation.

Special convenient registration periods have been arranged in the foyer of the Library Tuesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 1. Total tuition for a full semester course is $75.00, payable at registration.

Registrants in the program will receive a special I.D. card which assures such additional privileges as use of the library and admission to college assemblies, Lyceum programs, lecture series, and musical recitals.

In announcing the new program at Centenary, Dr. Allen said he hopes that every citizen of this community will feel welcome at Centenary and will take this opportunity to share in the educational program of the College.

For further information, contact the Registrars Office, Centenary College.

Centenary prof to conduct courses at USAF bases in Germany

Dr. John L. Berton, chairman of the department of business and economics at Centenary College, has been granted a four-month leave of absence to conduct a series of business courses for the United States Air Force at two air bases in Germany.

Dr. Berton will return to Shreveport in time to resume his duties at Centenary for the second semester starting in January.

He was asked to teach the courses in Germany by the University of Arkansas. His present plans are to teach two courses, "economic growth and development" and "advanced marketing problems and policies," at Hahn Air Force Base from August 30-October 22 and at Ramstein Air Force Base from November 1-December 24.

The University of Arkansas extended its graduate offerings to include the M. S. program at selected European bases just this year and asked Dr. Berton to participate in the program. He received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Arkansas and taught there for four years before joining the Centenary faculty in 1967.

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W. E. Hall, Jr., City Judge of DeRidder and a leader in First United Methodist Church, was presented the 1971 Layman of the Year award by the DeRidder Kiwanis Club, for outstanding participation in the religious and civic life of the community. In addition to his performance of numerous civic responsibilities, Hall has served his church as chairman of the Administrative Board, Pastoral Relations Committee, Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Ushers' Committee, and President of Methodist Men, and has taught an adult church school class for the past 18 years.

NEW SOCIAL SECURITY PROPOSAL TREATS MINISTERS AS EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — Ministers would be able to make voluntary agreements with their churches to treat them as employees for Social Security purposes under a bill pending before a Senate committee here.

The 1954 Social Security Act classifies clergymen as "self-employed." Congress decided that to treat them as employees "might involve a situation where the federal government was imposing a mandatory tax upon churches in possible violation of the First Amendment," said the sponsor of the bill.

Senator Claiborne deB. Pell (R.I.) added that "this treatment of ministers as self-employed persons has imposed a number of hardships" on them. He said they were required to pay a higher Social Security tax even though, in many cases, clergymen are employees "just as choirmasters or janitors."

Clergymen are not currently required to be under Social Security. They may elect the eventual benefits but are excluded from entering once they decide to stay out. A bill before the House of Representatives would allow clergymen to change their minds.

The Pell bill would make it possible for a ministor to pay only the employee's part of the tax, with his congregation (or school or hospital if he is a teacher or chaplain) paying the employer's part.

If passed by Congress, the measure would be optional. It is awaiting the attention of the Senate Committee on Finance.

ABOVE: More than 400 persons attended the National Renewal Conference held in Monroe, August 6-7. The conference was under the leadership of the Rev. Ben Johnson of the Institute of Church Renewal office in Atlanta and Milford Chewning, also of that office. The Rev. Lea Joyner, minister of Southside Church in Monroe, was general chairman, with Joe Solomon was co-chairman. BELOW: Small group discussions were a part of the Renewal conference.

Randy Nichols, who has served as summer youth director at Lakeview Church, Minden, was honored with a "going-away party" Sunday, August 15, after delivering the evening sermon. He is shown here with a cake decorated in his honor. The Living Flame, Lakeview's folk singing group, presented special music, and a gift check was presented the honoree who returns to Northeast Louisiana University for the fall semester. The Rev. Louis M. Coppage is minister at Lakeview.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Aug. 29—Sun.	II Cor. 12:1-12
Aug. 30	Acts 16:25-26
Aug. 31	Acts 22:17-21
Sept. 1	Eccles. 7:1-10
Sept. 2	Isaiah 40:29-31
Sept. 3	Rom. 12:9-12
Sept. 4	Isaiah 30:8-17
Sept. 5—Sun.	I Thessa. 5:14-23

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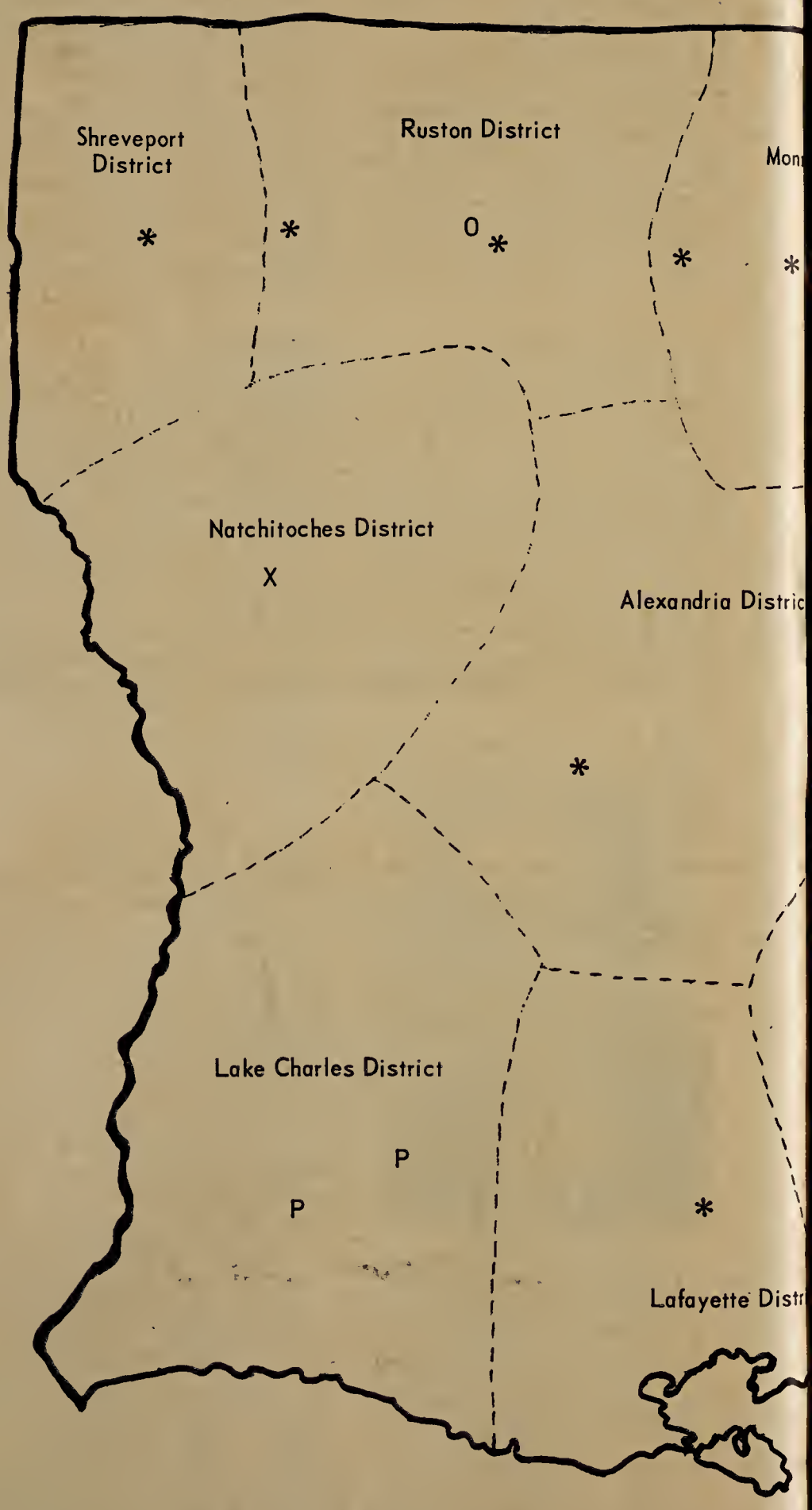

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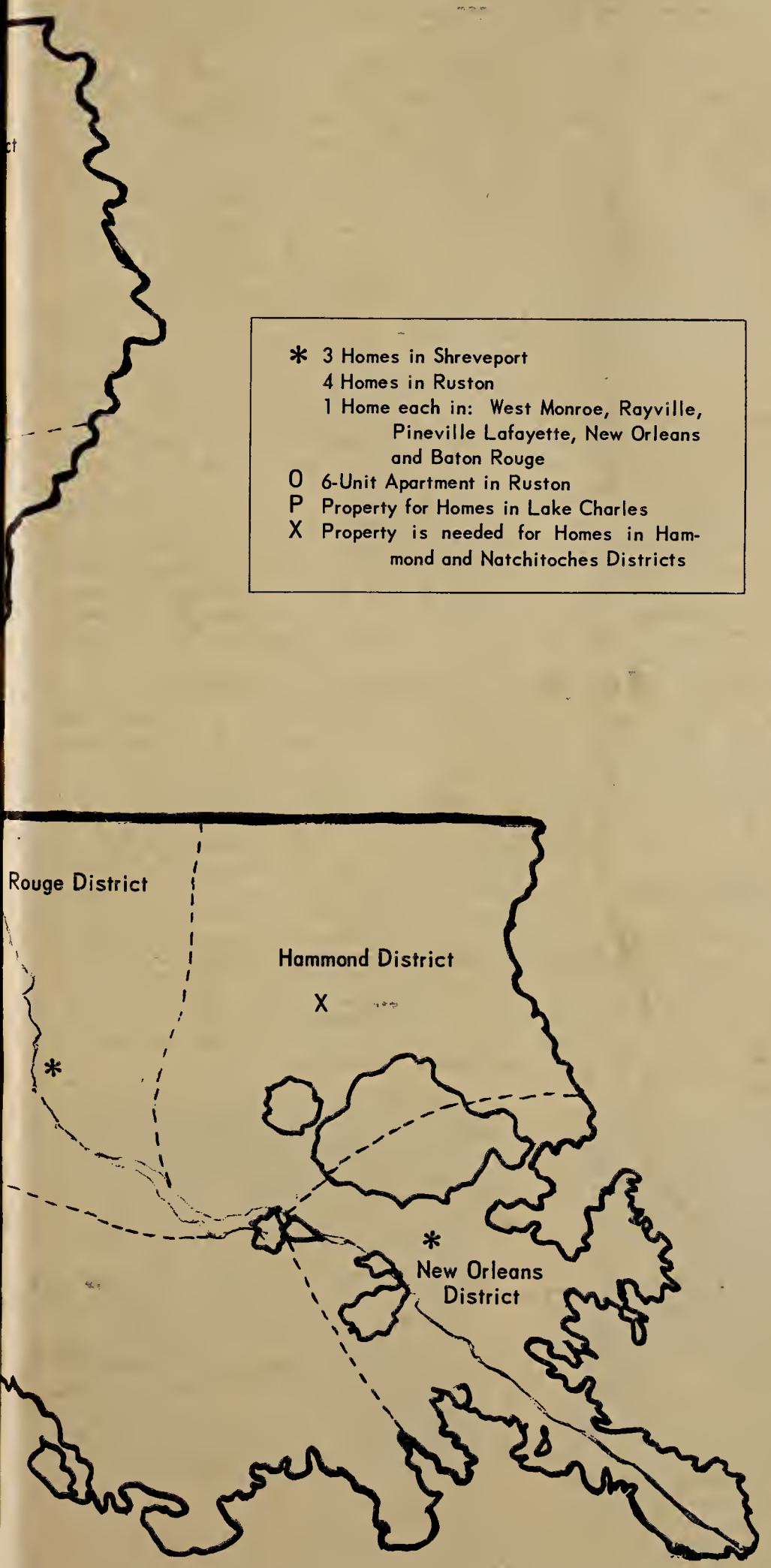

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 5: Thinking About God

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 42; 53; 139; Acts 14:15-17; 17:22-31

MEMORY SELECTION: God looks down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any that are wise, that seek after God. (Psalms 53:2)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To challenge the members of the class to turn their attention to God for an entire quarter; to raise some of the initial questions about God which we will endeavor to answer during the next three months.

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For the next three months we will be thinking together about God. There has been a great deal of superficial discussion in recent years concerning this great theme of the Bible, and some people have decided that it does not really matter what they think about God. One cannot assume that thirteen lessons will provide an exhaustive store of knowledge about this great theme. However, if you will stick with us, we feel that you will come to the end of this unit with a better understanding of the ways in which man's life and conduct are conditioned by what he believes about God.

This lesson is being written during the week of the flight of Apollo 15 with its initial impact still fresh in the writer's memory. We have been excited by the messages from the surface of the moon with their implications that important discoveries about the nature of the universe will be coming to us from the moon samples now on their way back to the earth. It is our feeling that we are about to launch on an adventure that is just as exciting and revealing as we devote a quarter to exploring the doctrine of God.

I remember that my seminary professor of systematic theology, Dr. Franklin N. Parker, impressed upon his classes the futility of trying to prove the existence of God. And yet we dealt in those classes with the traditional arguments for His existence. Dr. Parker impressed me to such a degree that I have never prepared a series of sermons on those arguments, but it was important to my training to hear them discussed and debated.

The Biblical writers do not seek to prove that there is a God. The Bible is based upon this as a self-evident truth, the basis on which everything else rests. However, we must approach this series of lessons with the assumption that many of our people have not given serious thought to the nature of God. Our second lesson will have the title "God Transcends Our Understanding," but we can assume that this pilgrimage will carry us along the road that leads to that understanding.

Dr. Horace R. Weaver, editor of the International Lesson Annual, says of the steps just ahead of us on that journey: "The purpose of this group of thirteen lessons is to provide for a serious study of the biblical teachings about God. The emphasis is upon the character of God and his work, the meaning and experience of God's revelation of himself, his modes of action, and the way he has spoken and still speaks to man's search and man's need. Though God is always speaking and acting, his being and ultimate purpose are clothed in mystery beyond man's finite capacities."

So together we move into a consideration of the great and glorious thoughts about God, letting the ideas of the biblical writers aid in our own development in the light of current thought forms and situations.

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THE PSALMIST'S IMAGE OF MAN'S YEARNING FOR GOD

Psalm 42 expresses the writer's longing for God, his utter dependence upon God, and his hope for complete fellowship with God. The figure of speech is that of a dry and thirsty deer thinking only one thought—how wonderful it would be to have a cold drink of water from a mountain stream. Apparently the writer is an Israelite in exile, far removed from the Temple in Jerusalem, who finds it difficult to think in terms of God's being as near to him in this foreign land as he had been back home.

This psalmist was homesick for God. He was exiled, living among ungodly people, suffering great distress when those around him dealt so casually with the God he held in such high esteem. We read of his distress in Psalm 42:3: "My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me continually, 'Where is your God?' " Although these words were spoken in a taunting manner by hostile neighbors, the question comes to all of us in our day as we look during these lessons to have some logical answer for those who ask us where our God is.

The exile's neighbors added to his misery by charging that his God was unable or unwilling to help him. Dr. Donald Ackland says: "The silences of God are often a problem to his own people and causes of misunderstanding for unbelievers. Does our concept of God admit the possibility of adversity as part of his plan for our lives? We may grow impatient under trial and cry for deliverance, but we must learn to trust God's wisdom not only in the nature of adversity but also in its duration."

We live in an age in which many people seem to find it extremely difficult to find answers they are seeking concerning the events of history and the injustices suffered by so many people. Those who stand apart from religious tradition taunt the members of the community of faith asking "Where is your God?" As Christians we may not have all the answers, but we need to have some of them. We are challenged to communicate a deep inner feeling that we do know that God is and that he is our guide and strength.

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A FOOL'S CONCLUSION ABOUT GOD

In a passage from Psalm 53 we read, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' " This is one of the most quoted verses of the Bible, as people conclude that the unexplained dilemmas of life provide evidence that God never was. It is also the position of millions of people that simply do not take God into account in the everyday affairs of life — those who live as though God did not exist.

Some men think that by eliminating God from their thinking they are freed from moral restraints. They say, "If there is no God to whom a man is accountable, then why worry about the kind of life you live." When many people say that "God is not here," they are not dealing with the non-existence of God in a theoretical sense, but they are simply concluding that he is removed from the affairs of men as they presently see them. Someone has said there is little to choose between the forthright atheist who denies the existence of God and the person who behaves as though there were no moral government in the universe.

It is very easy for us to point an accusing finger at others as those who do not think about God as they should. Many of us who maintain a rather active and vital relationship to the church may also be living as though God did not exist. Dr. Charles Laymon points out in International Lesson Annual that it is possible for a person to attend church services regularly and make his yearly pledge but still in his heart live as though God did not exist. Unless we are possessed of a burning zeal to see God's will done throughout the earth, we may be one of those whom the psalmist was describing in Psalm 53.

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YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM GOD

A very brief passage speaks to us from Psalm 139:7 where we read, "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" Here the answer is implied in the question — there is no getting away from God.

Dr. Laymon says Psalm 139 might be called the psalm for the space age. He says: "While some have expressed the view that the attempts to 'live' in outer space are presumptuous before God, the fact is that God's glory has everywhere been deeply felt because of those space ventures." Francis Thompson, the British poet, wrote of this aspect of the nature of God in his "Hound of Heaven." In that masterpiece he affirmed that there was no distance great enough to remove man from God's presence. The exciting message of that poem is that God takes the initiative in seeking man out. The story of man's search for God carries with it the affirmation that God has also been seeking man.

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OUR QUEST FOR GOD

Our biblical background material today includes a brief passage from the 17th chapter of Acts which describes Paul's sermon in Athens. We read: "So Paul, standing in the middle of the Areopagus, said, 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you."

Paul was pointing out to the Athenians that they were concerned to be in right relationship with all divine beings. He uses their expression of interest as a point of contact for a sermon in which he tells them about a god they did not know. We can find in this passage the suggestion that if we can stimulate our concern to think about God in the first lesson of this series, we will be ready to move on to the development of a sound doctrine of God.

Augustine expressed the yearning of the human heart in these words, "Thou hast made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in thee."

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DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

A question that many of us are asking as we read this material is, "Does it really make any difference whether I have a doctrine of God or not?" Many believe that explorations of this kind are the exclusive prerogatives of professional theologians. However, we need to realize that it does make a difference what we believe about God. Many factors contribute to the development of our attitudes — social and economic associates, and many others. However, the greatest single factor in the shaping of man's character is the manner and degree of his response to the call of God.

When we come to see God as the creator and sustainer of the universe, we will live differently. It may seem difficult for us to follow through on these lessons and think theologically. Dr. Lawrence C. Hay tells us in Adult Bible Studies, "Thinking theologically simply means to take God into account in our lives — to reckon seriously with the fact that God is presently involved in his world."

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WE MUST ACT ON WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

As we move along in this series, learning more and more about God, let us remember that our knowledge about God will not mean anything unless we respond to what we learn. We have known some people in our lifetime who had a great deal of knowledge about God, but it did not seem to make any difference in the way they lived.

The Bible is filled with stories of confrontations between man and God, and the consequences of those confrontations. Some of these are tragic and some are triumphant. Our own encounters with God may seem less dramatic than some of those in scripture, but they are still intensely personal, and it is within our power to determine their outcome.

Second World Methodist Family Life Conference in resumé

(As reported by the Editor —from temporary headquarters in Colorado)

ESTES PARK, Colo.—Following a series of addresses and feedback periods based on their content, at the second World Methodist Family Life Conference held here August 14-18, the more than 250 persons from some 35 countries and 30 in the U.S. came away without answering the question, "Which way the Methodist family life movement?"

Participants from Arkansas were Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rice and Dr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Knox, Little Rock. Mrs. Rice was chairman of one of the discussion groups, and Dr. Knox was one of the discussion leaders.

One of those participating in the conference was William A. Finnin, Jr., New Orleans, presently a student at Duke Divinity School.

The addresses at the conference touched on many factors in today's turbulent world, but clustered around four broad aspects affecting the family:

1) For its intrinsic values of the Christian community and for its witness in the world, the Christian family must be preserved and strengthened; 2) the church must meet creatively some emerging patterns of sexual morality and foster wholesome sex education in the home, from a Christian perspective; 3) openness in communication is probably the key factor in improving relations between the generations; and 4) the church offers youth "something available nowhere else."

The meeting was sponsored by the World Methodist Family Life Committee, a unit of the World Methodist Council. The theme of the conference was "The Christian Family and the Arriving Generation." The Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young, Park Ridge, Ill., was the chairman for the conference and was re-nominated to head the World Family Life Committee for the next five years.

The session left many unresolved problems, in the view of many observers, and evoked various reactions —from expressions of appreciation for the conference, its program and leadership, to questions and suggestions for change, in the various aspects of the conference and six regional conferences held in 1969-70.

Officers and members of the new World Methodist Committee on Family Life, in addition to Dr. Young, are: vice-chairman—the Rev. Leonard Brown, Dudley, Eng.; secretary—Mrs. Nora Shipstone, Lucknow, India; treasurer — Dr. James Doty, Baldwin, Kan.; Dr. Nella Tan, Singapore; Prof. Benigno Zentano Lopez, Mexico City; Bishop John Wesley Shungu, Luluabourg, Congo; Bishop Eric A. Mitchell, Hyderabad, India; Bishop Franz Schaefer, Zurich, Switzerland; and the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, New York.

Following their initial meeting on Aug. 17, the new committee said they were tentatively considering a world conference, probably in 1976 at a place to be determined, as well as additional regional conferences, and training experiences in family life on sub-regional levels such as national or annual conference, probably within the next two or three years.

Dr. Young and other leaders of the family life movement said they believed the Estes Park conference was "generally even better than the Birmingham (England) conference in 1966, and that any succeeding conference will seek still better results."

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, who headed the World Family Life Committee for nine years and served as program chairman for the Estes Park meeting was unable to attend the conference because of personal and family illness. In addition to daily prayers for Bishop and Mrs. Werner, the conference adopted a statement of appreciation and commendation for his leadership and "his untiring efforts and energy applied with evangelistic zeal . . . to the strength and beauty of the Christian family."

In the keynote address of the conference, Dr. Nalla Tan, senior lecturer in the Department of Social Medicine and public Health of the University of Singapore, said, "This is the Age of Hyproerisy," when people and nations say one thing and do another, when family life appears threatened, when man institutionalizes ideals such as freedom and justice—then honors them in the breach by allowing abuses such as war and racism to continue." She affirmed, "With a little honest heart-searching, or is it soul-searching, I feel in my bones that the family system can be firmly re-established."

Most of the speakers, including some who were critical of the family and spoke of "the crisis in marriage" said that when all is said and done, and despite occasional indications to the contrary, it is in the home that the child absorbs values he (or she) will follow throughout life.

Dr. C. D. Eck, Zurich, Switzerland, head of the Management Training Department of the Institute of Applied Psychology, affirmed that the Christian family is the bedrock of the Christian community.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Charlotte, N.C., chairman of the General Family Life Committee of the United Methodist Church, said there are many positive aspects of the contemporary marriage situation, but asserted "popular acceptance of the institutions of marriage and conventional sexual guidelines is at an all-time low."

The bishop offered his prescription which included accepting the "good things implicit" in the sexual revolution, the church knowing and defending the Christian position on marriage, and the church being unafraid to "take a stand counter to the trends of contemporary culture."

Two speakers counseled frankness and openness in sex education and discussion in the home. Mrs. Nora Shipstone of India, writer and editor on family life matters, and Ivor George Baber of New Zealand, a social service center director and marriage counselor, lamented that "despite a genuine desire to function well, many parents feel inadequate to discuss with their children matters concerned with sex."

In daily Bible studies, Bishop Roy C. Nichols, bishop of the United Methodist Church's Pittsburgh Area, said an enduring marriage requires among other things, continued affection, duty, work and patience. Both the romantic and realistic aspects of marriage are referred to throughout the Bible, he said, adding that the factor of realism also comes through in the "for better, for worse" part of the wedding ceremony. The bishop observed that for a good marriage and for nurturing of children, spiritual replenishment is needed. "One of the saddest things that can be said of a couple is that the last time they were seen in church was on their wedding day," he added.

Keynote speaker for the World Methodist Family Life Conference was Dr. Nala Tan of Singapore.

Four speakers dealt with relationships between adults and youth and the so-called "generation gap." Two speakers urged adult-youth dialogue, and involvement in critical issues in society such as ecology and peace as ways to bridge this gap. They were the Rev. Leslie C. Clements of the World Council of Churches' Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, and the Rev. Allen F. Kirton, a minister in the Methodist Church of the Caribbean.

Dr. James Doty, president of Baker University, and Billy Kuartei, youth speaker from Micronesia, called for adults to be responsive to youth, and for youth to be inculcated with a sense of responsibility that must accompany freedom.

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from World Methodist Conference in Denver

by Alfred A. Knox

DENVER, COLO. — Although attendance was limited by a late afternoon downpour, more than 3,000 persons were present for the opening session of the World Methodist Conference in the Arena on the campus of the University of Denver, on Wednesday evening, August 18.

Heading the processional with which the service opened were the flags of all of the 87 nations in which the 50 Methodist denominations composing the World Methodist Council are located. Also participating in the processional were most of the 500 members of the Council.

The delegates were welcomed by Bishop Marvin A. Stewart and Dr. Maurice Mitchell, chancellor of the University of Denver and special mu-

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Participants in the World Methodist Family Life Conference were (from left) Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rice and Dr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Knox, all of Little Rock.

Alfred A. Knox is shown as he led one of the discussion groups at the Family Life Conference.

Charles C. Parlin, president of the World Methodist Council, is shown as he delivered his presidential address at the opening session of the World Methodist Conference in Denver, Thursday, August 18.

The flags of all the nations related to the World Methodist Council headed the opening processional with which the World Methodist Conference opened.

A part of the crowd of about 4,000 at the opening session of the World Methodist Conference in the Arena at the University of Denver on August 18.

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up provides for a presidium of not more than eight presidents, no two of whom shall be from the same member church, and guarantees that in a list of other offices (including the chairman of the executive committee, two vice-chairmen, treasurer and associate treasurers) no two shall be from the same church.

The presidium is to include at least one lay man, one lay woman and one youth. The president of the World Federation of Methodist Women is automatically a member of the executive committee.

A resolution sponsored by the World Federation of Methodist Women and brought forward by Dr. Patrocinio Ocampo of Manila provides that "insofar as possible" the council's nominating committee shall nominate 20 per cent lay men, 20 per cent lay women and 10 per cent youth to the executive committee. The four elected officers of the World Federation of Methodist Women are to be counted in the percentage figure for women. An earlier attempt was made to make the percentage figures mandatory.

A spokesman for the conference pointed out that of the 55 member churches, about half, or 27, have fewer than 30,000 members.

Bishop Charles F. Golden of the United Methodist Church's San Francisco Area, one of six black bishops serving predominantly white areas in the U.S., declared that the time is far too late to do simply "patchwork" in revising the World Methodist Council and argued for the provision which granted representation on the executive committee to each member church regardless of size.

Another speaker likened the new arrangement to the United Nations, where each member nation regardless of population or geographical area, has one vote.

Another provision that was designed to prevent Anglo-American dominance of the group was the provision that no two member churches shall together command a majority of the seats on the executive committee.

Miss Pauline Webb of London led a move to retain the present plan of having only one president, arguing that it is primarily honorary and ornamental to have a presidium. Her argument was that real power in the new set-up will be vested in the chairman of the executive committee rather than the eight-member presidium, who will take turns presiding over the council or the World Methodist Conference.

The Webb proposal to retain the present plan of one president lost by a vote of 195 to 135, but Miss Webb's other amendment which called for guarantees that certain officers be limited to only one from each member church passed by a vote of 174 to 156.

By its action, the council accepted a youth-sponsored resolution that at least four youth members be added to the executive committee, independent of denominational quotas.

One of the chief spokesmen for youth in today's deliberations was the Rev. Eric Robin Mitchell of India.

A nominating committee is already at work preparing a slate of officers to be elected later in the week and inducted at the final session of the World Methodist Conference on August 26.

Dr. Charles C. Parlin of New York, presided at today's council meeting.

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EDITOR'S REPORT

sic was furnished by the Lake Junaluska Singers under the direction of Glenn Draper.

Dr. Charles C. Parlin of New York, President of the World Methodist Council, in his presidential address, sketched the many innovative religious trends that are abroad in the world and called on the world Methodist body to recall that Methodism itself came into being through programs that were innovative in their own time.

Mr. Parlin called attention to the many types of religious activity that are categorized under the designation "Jesus Revolution," and asked the question: "Can it be that our major Protestant churches have sought relevance for the youth of today through social, economic and political involvement and have to some extent been bypassed by the 'Jesus Revolution' which has caught hold of today's youth."

The Council President referred to the major thrust of evangelism which the body is planning for the next five years, saying, "With much of the modern 'Jesus Revolution,' I cannot go along, but I can be proud to be a member of a church which is broad enough in its outreach and love to embrace new and even exotic forms if they seriously attempt to be a true means of communicating the Gospel."

The keynote address of the conference was delivered by Dr. Russell Hindmarsh, professor in the University of Newcastle and past vice president of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. In discussing the crises confronting the Church in our time, the British scientist said, of all the crises that confront us, it is the crisis of belief which is fundamental. He said, "If God is to work directly in the world at all, it is through those who commit themselves through Jesus to him . . . I am convinced there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ Our Lord."

Although being faced by numerous challenges confronting the church including racism, poverty, new trends in education, peace and justice, local church and mission, evangelism, the role of theology, the ministry and ecumenical affairs in the addresses on the conference platform, the delegates were being brought closest together by their participation in the workshop sessions of the conference and in the various dormitory dining halls on the university campus.

On the first full day of the meeting the delegates were challenged by scholarly presentations on racism and on poverty. The former subject was presented by the Hon. John J. Akar of Sierra Leone who recently resigned as his country's ambassador to the United States in protest against tyranny in his own country, brought the conference to a confrontation with the many forms of racism that are still to be found throughout the world. He expressed the opinion that the very survival of the Church as we know it is to be premised upon its own discovery of ways to be more effective by coming to terms with itself in that area.

Joseph Samuel Annan of Ghana, senior executive officer of the World Food Program, presented an exhaustive analysis of the poverty scene throughout the world. He said, "The involvement of the Church in the struggle against poverty is clear. The catalytic effect of the development projects sponsored by the Church often lead the way to follow-up large-scale and widespread development activities, bringing economic relief to a much larger group of people.

In two evening presentations on Thursday and Friday the delegates were confronted with major issues now confronting Christians everywhere with two multi-media presentations.

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"Wake the Town and Tell the People"

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I can now recall, how some seventeen years ago, we sang in high school, "America The Beautiful,"

"Oh beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain, for purple
mountain majesties above thy fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

The words of this song really came alive as I had the opportunity to look upon the purple mountain majesties of Colorado and the amber waves of grain in the state of Kansas.

But today, I believe America is facing an emergency, a crisis that threatens the very future of our nation. It is the problem of Juvenile Delinquency. The tide of youthful lawlessness has risen to an alarming level. One and one-half million teenagers were arrested last year in the United States on various charges from disorderly conduct to murder. But you must understand that the Juvenile Delinquency in these times is only a reflection of the Adult Delinquency that prevails in our land. It is my conviction, that we as Parents, as Christians, as Citizens and as law enforcement officers, must act to stem this tide of delinquency.

Our young people today, are being pressured from all directions by the concept of the so-called "New Morality." As I understand it, the "New Morality" advocates say, "You can do anything you wish, as long as you don't hurt anyone else." What these people seem not to understand is that they can not live in a vacuum, and their immoral conduct will influence others. What amazes me is their total lack of shame for their immorality and illegal use of drugs.

The Prophet Jeremiah preached to a generation of people much like these, and he asked the question, "Were they ashamed when they committed abomination?" In chapter 6, verse 15 we find the answer, "Nay, they were not ashamed, neither could they blush." We are living in a time rapidly approaching total permissiveness, as the nation of Denmark has become today. The old saying, "something rotten in Denmark" has come true—it's their morals. Roman and Greek history is an example that no great nation was ever conquered from without—until it destroyed itself from within.

DRUGS, SEX AND REVOLUTION are the pitfalls of youth today. The Rock Music singers expound all three! Before anyone will knowingly use dangerous drugs, there must be a psychological acceptance of them. Did ten million young people have a vision about illegal drug use? No, but the popular NATIONAL WEEKLY MAGAZINES carried stories of the "NEW ROCK GENERATION," and the Rock music singers sang and proclaimed the drug language of the so-called ROCK GENERATION. A song writer four months ago made this statement, "The Rock Songs and those who sing them are the possible causes of spreading illegal drug use." He also said, Popular music has been bombarded by a flow of records about illicit drug usage." He said, "Drug usage is a very real part of the Rock and Roll world and maintained that the drug theme in their music is the real religion of **some** young people today."

Some of the songs are "Happiness Is A Warm Gun," "White Rabbit," "The Pusher Man," "Mr. Farmer," "Rolling Machine," "Proud Mary (Marijuana)," "Lucy In the Sky With Diamonds' and many more, the lyrics having connotations of drug use.

There were 549 narcotics charges filed in East Baton Rouge Parish alone in 1970. The law enforcement officers are doing good work under the circumstances, we have to obey every rule and consider every technicality in apprehending dope pushers and users, but they have no rules or ethics and few morals to slow them down. Young people today are hearing about drugs through music and become conditioned to believe that "drugs are not as bad as they say," or "everyone is using them" or "I can try it and stop when I wish" and on and on and this is what I hear from young people I talk with as their excuses for using drugs.

It is easy to be shocked by the number of children said to use drugs, or by the crimes they commit while under the influence, but somewhere along the line—some adult diverted those drugs to the underground or black market and made them available to the young people. The same is true when we would condemn teenagers when they get drunk and do property damage or worse, some adult was involved in the buying, selling or making it possible for them to secure it easily.

If we are concerned about the direction of our youth today, let's remember that they are not entirely to blame. The stakes in this battle are extremely high — simply stated they are the minds, emotions, bodies and souls of our children. They are being led astray, the temptations are great, but they are still our responsibility. It seems to me that over the past twenty years we have come to value less and less the honored traditions of moral discipline and love of country. George Washington said, "Morality is a necessary spring of a Government of free people." I urge the Christian people to rise up in righteous indignation and become involved in the problems of the day.

As a parent you ask, "What can I do to protect my children?" As a parent you have a dual responsibility to protect your children from harm — also to protect the community from them if they are prone to delinquent or criminal acts. I would suggest first that you teach them moral values. Crime has been blamed on poverty, environment, heredity or other social factors, but I believe crime is committed by people who lack basic moral values. Be informed of the dangers prevalent today and talk with your children, warn them of the serious dangers involved in illicit drug use. Impress upon them to accept their responsibilities to themselves, to their parents and to their community. As a juvenile officer, I see the results of these responsibilities neglected as I visit the homes and talk with the parents of delinquent boys and girls.

The call today is for a massive education program to inform youth of the dangers involved in illegal drug use. The churches, the schools and the police should all be a part of this educational program. The call today is for vigorous prosecution by the state and parish officials. Support your police and those who are involved in fighting the crime and drug problems—such as the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

What is the answer? When we become good citizens, by word and example, our children will become good citizens also. When we prove our love for them by protecting them from evil, by facing our own responsibilities, even when they think they are right, they will be grateful. It will do no good to say, "When he was young, he was stubborn, rebellious and defiant," when the look on his face says, "You are my father, you were responsible for me, you should have known better, why didn't you love me enough to show me the way.

I pray that ten years from today, we adults and this generation of young people will be able to sing the last stanza of "America The Beautiful" —

"Oh beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Un-dimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed
His grace on thee,
And crown they good with Brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!"

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editorial

Too much preoccupation with the one lost sheep could mean too little care for the ninety and nine.

Children and teenagers now using drugs do urgently need help, but there appears to be great danger of neglecting or abandoning the multitude of fine, intelligent, thoroughly decent young people who have had the good sense and moral judgment to steer clear of drugs.

The real test for legislators, state and local officials, pastors and parents will come when prevention gets in the way of profits. You will begin to hear "we can"t afford to take any action that will reduce drinking beer, wine or whiskey." More drinking means more taxes. Likewise for gambling, or obscene literature, or Sunday commercialization.

If so many of our leaders follow that line of so-called reasoning in considering alcohol, gambling, etc., then it should not surprise anyone to find some immature teens and some "ivory-tower eggheads" using the same argument to urge legalizing marijuana, removing age limits and other disciplines against drinking, gambling, and pornography.

Cold facts can never equal the teaching value of a warm personal example. Therefore, when public officials from the Governor on down, when Judges, Teachers, Lawyers, Doctors, Health and Social work leaders, and even some churchmen have their cocktail parties, and "hospitality room" at almost every convention or meeting, are they not EDUCATING our youth TO USE drugs and similar crutches.

DO TEENS HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK ANY ADULT . . . Will you give up beer, if I'll give up marijuana?

. . . Will you refrain from gambling at horse, dog or jai alai tracks, or bingo parlors, if I"ll refrain from beer-binges, riots, kooky dress, undisciplined permissiveness?

. . . Will you stop legalizing and promoting such destructive products as liquor, if I'll be a proud and willing supporter of America's free enterprise democracy?

—ALERT

The Riceland Sub-district group in Aug. 6 executive meeting at Raanoke. The Rev. Hamer V. Bailes, Roanoke pastor, and the Rev. R. M. Harris, pastar af Trinity Church, Welsh, were elected ministerial caunselors.

Some of the junior high young falk from Lafayette District wha attended recent camp at Camp Brewer. The Rev. John Johns, pastar of the Pattersan - Bayau Vista Charge, and the Rev. Harald Price, pastar at Davidsan Memarial in Lafayette were directars.

The Elementary III-IV graup at First Church, Lake Charles, display handiwork created by their class during their study of "Bible Lands and Times." Children, adults and youth assistants in the school numbered 195. Will Dublin, Jr. directs the Christian Education program of the church; Dr. George Pearce, Jr. is pastar.

Swimming scene at Camp Brewer.

Juniar High Camp graup Number Twa during August 9-13 encampment at the Lake Charles District Camp. Directors were the Rev. Rabert E. Tawnsend, Wesley Foundation director at McNeese State University and the Rev. Richard R. Meek, pastar at Westlake.

The Junior High Youth af Mangum Memorial Church in Shrevepart made a camping trip to Robbers' Cave State Park near McAlester, Oklahama fram July 24-30. Shown here is a group of them resting near the entrance to the Cave traditionally used by such outlaws as the Younger Brathers, the James Brothers and other natoriaus outlaws. Second fram left is Russell Weaver (summer yauth director); Pastar Roy Mouser and Mrs. Mouser are shown in center.

The recent return af William Caskey of the Hadge Church fram overseas military service in Thailand prampted a Fellawship supper honaring servicemen of that church. He is shown being served by Shirley Sherman. The Rev. George H. Sherman, Jr. is pastar.

Alexandria District Junior High group, numbering 49 at Camp Brewer. The Rev. John M. Lee, pastar at Marksville-Oak Grove-Simmesport churches, directed the camp. Counselors are shown on back row. FROM LEFT: Bruce Wilson, Kerry Spruill, Delores Deloach, Lauise White, Alaine Spruill, Karla McNeal, the Rev. Byrl Moreland, Debbie Hayes, Kathy Fadler, Errol Lynn Aymond, Jerry Lee, Director Lee, and those wha comprised the kitchen crew. (The Rev. Spiller Miltan, nat shown, was anather member of the counseling staff).

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Eight new presidents installed by World Methodist Council

By Alfred A. Knox

DENVER, Colo. — The Twelfth session of the World Methodist Conference came to a close on Wednesday evening, Aug. 25 with the induction of the eight new presidents who were chosen under the new constitution adopted at the Denver meeting. They will replace the single president which the Council has had traditionally.

These eight are:

—Philip N. Capper of Winchester, Eng., a law student and the youth representative on the presidential panel.

—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, the United Methodist Church.

—The Rev. John A. Havea, president of the Methodist Church of the Tonga Islands.

—Ragnar Horn, a layman and attorney from Olso, Norway.

—The Rev. Thomas W. Koomson, president of the Methodist Church in Ghana.

—Dr. Patrocinio S. Ocampo of Manila, The Philippines, an educator and immediate past president of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

—Bishop Alejandro Ruiz of Mexico City, head of the Methodist Church of Mexico.

—Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw of Wilmington, N.C., the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

The eight succeed Dr. Charles C. Parlin, an American layman who will be recorded as the last single president of the world organization, which includes churches with more than 40 million members.

Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., of Princeton, N.J., a bishop of the United Methodist Church, was elected chairman of the Council's executive committee. He will preside over the annual meetings of the committee, which directs the organization between the full sessions every five years.

Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the British Methodist Conference, and Bishop Yap Kim Hao of Singapore were named vice-chairmen of the executive committee.

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, N.C. is general secretary of the Council. The Geneva office of the organization will be headed, beginning in 1972, by the Rev. Hugh B. Sherlock, president of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean, who will succeed Bishop Frederich Wunderlich of Germany.

By special action, the Rev. Eric Baker, retired secretary of the British Methodist Conference, was designated an honorary prsident.

Also as provided by the new constitution, the executive committee was enlarged to 107 members including the officers. At least one member comes from each participating denomination and a greater percentage is from the Third World. Britain and the United States get smaller proportions of the seats.

On the new committee, the U.S. will have 28 per cent of the members and Britain 10 per cent.

Following is a digest of the addresses delivered during the World Methodist Conference which met in Denver, Aug. 18-25:

DIGEST OF ADDRESSES:

Dr. Kenneth G. Greet

One of the most articulate of the speakers at the conference was Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, recently installed as the secretary of the British Methodist Conference. Speaking on "Moral Authority," Dr. Greet said, "The nature and meaning of authority is one of the most hotly debated issues of our time. Although the Christian leans heavily on three sources of authority: the Bible, the traditional teaching of the Church, and individual con-

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A Letter from Our Bishop

August 19, 1971

TO THE MINISTERS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren:

Pastors' School convenes at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 1971, in the R. E. Smith auditorium of Centenary College. It ends at noon on Thursday, October 7.

Leadership for the school this year is to be furnished by the Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas, and will be headed by Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, Director of the Division of Religion and Psychiatry, with four of his colleagues from the division assisting in the direction of the school.

In 1970, the Bishop and the District Superintendents of both Louisiana Annual Conferences A and B attended and participated in a week's workshop at Mt. Sequoyah under the direction of the Menninger Foundation. Dr. Mitchell was the person assigned to the Louisiana group. It was the consensus of those of us from Louisiana that the workshop was one of the best experiences we had ever had in the field of leadership understanding and training. We benefited so much by the program that we recommended to those responsible for our Pastors' School that if it were possible to have this team work with us one year, the benefits to be derived by our ministers would be almost beyond evaluation. The school has been set up to give to the ministers of the Louisiana Annual Conference a real opportunity to come to grips with the meaning and purpose of their mission and to obtain valuable assistance in the performance of the same.

Your Bishop and District Superintendents urge you to make arrangements to attend the school. You will profit greatly from this experience and when it is over we will have a much better conference. I cannot recommend this whole matter too strongly.

You will make reservations through the Program Council office in Shreveport. This program is strictly for the ministers, and this year no wives will be in attendance at Pastors' School.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey G. Walton

Partial view of new Trinity Church, Ruston, complex.

Trinity, Ruston Consecration, Sept. 12

A number of services have been planned around the opening of the new building complex for the Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston. The consecration service will be held on Sept. 12 at 10:45 a.m. with Bishop Aubrey G. Walton bringing the message. At 7 p.m. Dr. Douglas L. McGuire will speak. A reception will follow.

A unique service called "A Day of Preparation" has been planned for Sept. 9. The congregation will meet in the old church building for a communion service at 7 p.m. and the ritual of moving the Worship Center to the new building. Designated people will move special objects. Each worshipper will take a hymn book in the final recessional. An organist will play "Lead On O King Eternal" as a recessional at the old church, and another will be playing the same hymn as a processional in the new church. After the placing of the objects taken to the new building, there will be a short devotional by the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, pastor. Immediately following this service, the congregation will go to their various church school classrooms to prepare them for Sunday.

All of the former pastors who are living and the son of a former pastor will be back for special services. The following special services are being planned: September 19, 7 p.m. the Rev. R. R. Branton, speaker; September 26, 7 p.m. the Rev. John Rasmussen, Jr., speaker; October 3, 7 p.m., Dr. Jolly B. Harper, speaker; October 10, 8:45 and 10:45 a.m., Dr. Virgil D. Morris, speaker. Dr. H. L. Johns

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Louisianans at World Methodist Conference

Miss Ethel Alstan, New Orleans, Dr. Ben R. Oliphint, Batan Rouge, and Mrs. C. B. McGowon, Batan Rouge.

LEFT: Tom Matheny, Louisiana Canference Lay Leader, and Dr. David Self, executive secretary af the General Baard af the Laity.

BELOW: Dr. ond Mrs. W. E. Trice, Dallas, Tex., Dr. Sam Nader, Shrevepart; Mrs. George Pierce, Lake Charles, and Mrs. John Kilpatrick, Shreveport.

A view of the new educational unit of First United Methodist Hammond shawing the section which cantoins the church offices (including the Hommond District Superintendent's office), the church parlor, elementary divisian af church school, ond rest rooms. The Rev. Henry C. Blaunt, Jr., is pastar.

Viewing the Hammond District Superintendent's affice in the new educational building af First Church Hammand are left ta right: Rev. Henry Blount, Jr., pastor, Mrs. Vaughn G. Oliver, and Rev. J. J. Coraway, district superintendent. The office was furnished in loving memory of Mr. Vaughn G. Oliver by Mrs. Oliver ond her family.

Leisure Workshop to be held at Lake Ozark

The Mid-West Ecumenical Seminar /Workshop on Ministry With Persons in Leisure will be held Sept. 27-30 at Lake Ozark, Mo. with headquarters at Holiday Inn.

The enterprise developed from the requests of executives of several denominations. No effort has been made to secure official sponsorship, but some of those included in the planning include The Oklahoma Council of Churches, The South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, The Department of Specialized Ministries of The Missouri Council of Churches, and The Office of Creative Ministries.

The goal of the meeting is to broaden the Church's Involvement in its ministry with persons in leisure by understanding the needs, exploring the potential and developing the skills.

The morning sessions of the enterprise will feature major presentations using the varied media of lecture, dialogue, movies, panels and drama on the following themes: "The Sociological Impact of Leisure Upon a Community," "The Psychological Impact of Leisure Upon the Individual," "The Impact of Leisure Upon the Ecology and a Suggested Role for the Church," "Two Generations Look Toward a Theology of Leisure," "Developing Guidelines for a Christian Ministry in National and State Parks and Other Government Owned Areas," "Our Needs for Ministry," and "A Community's Reaction to a Summer Ministry."

In the afternoons workshops will be conducted in the following areas: "The Coffee House Ministry," "A Christian Ministry at the Race Track, Drag Strip, Air Terminal, and Rock Festival," "A Ministry on Recreational Lakes," "The Potentials for the Use of Leisure Time in Volunteer Activities," "The Chaplain-On-Call Ministry in Motels and Hotels," "A Beach Ministry," "Worship Services in Public and Private Campgrounds," "A Christian Ministry With the Retired," "A Ministry With College and High School students During Vacation Time and Semester Breaks," "Developing, Financing, Staffing, and Programming Ministries With Persons in Leisure," and "The Use of Drama in Ministries With Persons in Leisure."

There will be no scheduled activities in the evenings, with participants being offered a wide variety of activities, with the hope that they will select those most meaningful to them.

Registration Blanks and blanks for making housing reservations may be secured by writing Midwest Leisure Seminar, Box 733, Columbia, Mo. 65201.

ZACHARIAH MCCAMMON

Zachariah McCammon, 86, father of the Rev. C. Robert McCammon, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Franklin, La., and the Rev. James McCammon, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Harrison, Ark., died on Aug. 28 in Pine Bluff, Ark.

The funeral service was held Aug. 30 in Pine Bluff.

A native of Zanesville, O., he was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Miller McCammon; another son, Frederick V. McCammon of Louisiana; two daughters, Mrs. Fletcher Townsend of Pine Bluff, Ark. and Mrs. Gail L. McCammon of Jacksonville, Ark.; a sister, Mrs. Wash Dodson of Ohio; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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TRINITY, RUSTON

will participate in the services on September 12 and October 3.

On October 2 and 3 there will be a Family Festival of Faith with numerous activities on Saturday afternoon, and the Crusader's Choir from Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette bringing the evening service. Former associate ministers, directors of Christian education, youth directors and other staff members of Trinity will be recognized at a fellowship dinner. On Sunday, October 3, the three cornerstones from the old building will be moved to the new building.

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Louisiana women attend National Seminar in Nebr.

The two merging Louisiana Conferences of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild were representd at a National Seminar in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 23-31, by Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick of Shreveport, Mrs. R. E. Carter of Cotton Valley, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel and Mrs. Inez Christenterry of Baton Rouge.

The meeting was held at the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Nebraska. Participants included representatives of Conferences and Jurisdiction Women's Societies and Guilds, members and staff of the Women's Division, other units of the Board of Missions and other denominational representatives and guests from this country and abroad.

Major program elements included setting goals and priorities for the new quadrennium and options for structures which will involve women completely in the mission of the Church.

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GRADUATES OF CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL TO ORGANIZE

A group of graduates of the Conference Course of Study at Perkins School of Theology are taking steps to organize an Alumni Association of that school.

The Rev. Robert W. Peterson of Route 2, Box 256, Rayne, La., pastor of the Indian Bayou-Kaplan Charge in the Louisiana Conference, has contacted this paper and asked that persons who might be interested in joining such an organization get in touch with him, or with either of two others who are serving on the organizing committee.

The others who are working on this project are the Rev. S. W. Seals, chairman, Drawer 70, Quinlan, Tex. and the Rev. Terry Willis, Box 296, Ringgold, La.

Editorial

"THE WORLD IS OUR PARISH"

Attendance at a World Methodist Conference is an experience that broadens one's mind as well as his horizons. Although we heard many people raising questions concerning the reasons for the existence of the World Methodist Council and for the world gathering every five years, this writer has decided, after attending three of these meetings, that there are a number of arguments in favor of continuing and strengthening this organization which now includes 55 member bodies.

First and foremost, Methodists of the world discover by this means that they are "one people." Looking down the list of member denominations one sees a wide range of groups around the world that trace their beginnings to the Wesleyan tradition. It seems to us that the arguments against emphasizing our denominational characteristics in an ecumenical age are not nearly so strong as the feeling of identity which enables us to enter into interdenominational dialogue more effectively. There are still some who label all efforts to maintain denominational integrity as "triumphalism," but we feel this is not justified. It is more a matter of emphasizing "who we are," and not a matter of "how big we are."

Secondly, the experience of a World Methodist Conference is one in which we are enabled to gain a new concept of the Wesleyan tradition of "the catholicity of the Spirit." As one participates in Communion Services following the ritual of a number of different Methodist bodies and joins in other worship and business sessions under the leadership of Methodist leaders from the four corners of the earth, one gains a better understanding of the basics of Methodist teachings as they have been conditioned by backgrounds and cultures of all of us who follow our founder.

A third sanction for such an organization is the informal fellowship which it affords. Sometimes there are difficulties of communication when the formal addresses are being delivered, but these seem insignificant when delegates are visiting with each other in the lobby of the meeting place, on the campus, or in the dormitory dining rooms. Few of us would have ever had an opportunity to make friends with Methodists from Tonga, or Ghana, or Hong Kong if we had not been privileged to be a part of a World Methodist Conference. How does one really determine whether such an expenditure is justifiable? It can never be reduced to a matter of cold mathematics, but must always be cast in the heart-warming light of multiplied person-to-person contacts.

It seems to us as a member of the United Methodist Church from the United States that there is an additional value in such a meeting. Tempted as we are to be overly-proud of our denomination and its leadership, it is helpful to share in a meeting in which so many positive contributions are made by leaders from other Methodist bodies, many of them from the so-called "third World." It makes us aware that no part of the world or the Church has a "corner" on insight or leadership.

The large contribution made to the meeting by representatives of autonomous Methodist churches which were once part of the missionary enterprise of our own denomination made us all aware of the effective foundations that were established through the years by our own workers. This is the goal of the world mission of any Church. Few of us will ever be able to travel to those lands where such great progress is being made, but large numbers of us have the opportunity to meet and know these people at the World Methodist Conference and the other meetings related to it.

Still another positive contribution is seen in the testimony of the observers from outside the Methodist family who attended the meeting. In a major platform appearance which attracted the largest attendance of any of the sessions, John Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, testified to the initiative of the World Conference in making possible significant dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church. Seated on the platform with Cardinal Willebrands for the Ecumenical Night at the conference were representatives from other major faiths and church councils which spoke to the world of the outstretched hand of Methodism. In an age like this such dramatic testimony does much for the image of Methodism.

Many things are being accomplished through the conciliar programs at the world and national levels, but it is our studied opinion that the motivation for and the empowerment of these comes from a strong sense of confessional identity.

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the Editor's Corner

DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN

One of the most frequent comments of Americans relating to their first trip to Denver concerns surprise that when they arrive in the "mile high city" they are still not in the mountains. The mountains do provide a monumental backdrop for the beautiful city which, although it does have an altitude of 5,280 feet, is reasonably flat.

It was just our luck to be in Denver during some of the warmest weather the city has ever known. Although it was reasonable mild for those of us from the deep South, it was uncomfortably warm for many of the overseas delegates, especially those from Great Britain.

Three of our most interesting side-trips took us over a part of Trail Ridge Road in the Rocky Mountain National Park, to Central City, and to Colorado Springs.

Because of a late start and rainy weather we were not able to cover the entire length of Trail Ridge Road, but did get to its highest point from which we could look down on the Continental Divide 1,000 feet below.

The Sunday afternoon drive to Central City was one of the high points of the trip. Once a thriving mining town characterized as "the richest square mile on earth" because of the great amount of gold takn nearby, this is still a great attraction. Featured are "the face of the barroom floor" and the Opera House where Shirley Booth and Gig Young were appearing in "Harvey."

We planned our return trip through Colorado Springs so we could pause for some of its outstanding sights. We visited the Air Force Academy and spent some time in its outstanding chapel. Many of you have seen pictures of the unique building with its separate chapels for Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish men. It is far more beautiful than the pictures can communicate.

Then we paused in the Garden of the Gods for a time, and started our descent from the heights. It's always tough to come down from a "mountain top experience," isn't it?

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

More than 350 Moravian youths from the U.S. and Canada met in Waukesha, Wis. recently for a convocation on the theme "Sing to the Lord a New Song." The Rev. Donovan Palmquist, a Lutheran Church in America pastor from Milwaukee said, "To know life in the midst of death, this is what the resurrection is all about. . . this is what it means to be a church." The former campus pastor urged youth to sing the "new song" for their Creator in the midst of a "death-oriented" society.

Protestants and Roman Catholics in Amsterdam are reported to have opened a "solidarity fund" for the victims of the recent outbreak of rioting in Northern Ireland. Collections of funds and clothing will be made among the faithful of various Christian Churches. Sponsors of the drive said they have already been in contact with church authorities in Belfast, who will oversee distribution.

Dr. Donald Black, a United Presbyterian mission executive, commented during an annual Interdenominational Conference of Furloughed Missionaries meeting in Edwards, Miss., that American missionaries may have to leave some countries for the sake of the identities of Third World people and go back later as "equal workers" when identities are established. According to a Religious News Service report Dr. Black was attempting to mediate a disagreement which arose over the place and role of missionaries in developing nations.

A conference of theologians and scientists is scheduled to meet in Chicago to consider the theme "Christian Perspective on the Search for Reality in Modern Life." Sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Oct. 1-2 the event is under the chairmanship of Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, the noted evangelical theologian.

"The involvement of public figures in the effort to win people to Christ is a legitimate approach," said Dr. T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the two-million member Baptist General Convention of Texas, "but we need to be on guard at several points." He noted that "the tendency to exclusively use show business or sports personalities could leave the impression on youth that these are the only occupations worthy of their consideration. It would be well to use scientists, housewives, farmers and business executives." Patterson said that popular personalities ought not to be used to draw people to services and convert them to Christianity — "Only the Holy Spirit can do that."

South Africa church leaders have protested a government official's charge that "overseas forces" and a "small but active" group of churchmen are trying to bring about bloody revolution in South Africa. Among those reacting to the assertions by the South African Minister of the Interior, Theo Gerdener, was Dr. Alex Boraine, president of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. Dr. Boraine said that as long as the government placed people under house arrest and did not define the charges against them, the church would have to protest. "I do not seek violence, and I am quite sure my Church does not either; but the government's actions against the people within the church make protest almost inevitable," said the former president of the South African Council of Churches.

Religious teachers of the deaf participated for the first time in a six-weeks graduate session on orientation to deafness at the Gallaudet College Graduate School in Washington, D.C. The program was made available to any clergyman with a bachelor of arts degree, according to the Rev. Daniel Pokorny, Gallaudet Lutheran chaplain, who coordinated the pilot project, in cooperation with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The session included courses on an introduction to audiology, the education and psychology of the hearing impaired, sign language, and seminars on religious communication with the deaf.

A majority of a cross section of the Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers surveyed in a VIEWpoll feel U.S. courts are "not harsh enough" on criminals. The question was "In general, do you think the courts in your area deal too harshly, or not harshly enough with criminals?" Ninety-one per cent of the 300 pastors and 300 teachers responded with more than 80 per cent in each group answering "not harsh enough."

Official gatherings of both the Federation of Evangelical Churches and the free Churches of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) are reported by an authoritative source to have taken a positive stand this summer of saying "yes" to the GDR as their acknowledged state. Despite its losses, the Evangelical Church is said still to be the largest mass organization in the GDR, and the only religious body in any satellite country that can still influence national policy. It was the first experience any Communist regime had with a majority Protestant population. Youth activity in the Church is reported to have taken an upward turn, and Christian family life to have deepened.

Conservative members of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) have announced plans to form a new denomination "loyal to the Scripture and to the Reformed faith." The Rev. Donald B. Patterson, chairman of the independent evangelical group, said the new venture is being undertaken by four groups — Presbyterian Churchmen United, the board of directors of the Prebyterian Journal (an unofficial weekly), the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship and Concerned Presbyterians.

A prominent United Church of Christ minister says he believes the Pentecostal movement may help U.S. churches fight rationalism which he contends is killing Protestantism in Europe. Dr. Harold King, minister of the suburban Wayzata Community church in Minneapolis, expressed this view after a seven-week tour of Europe. He believes that emphasis on the Holy Spirit, or "divine creative force" can bring "spontaneity and freshness" into what has been overly "scholarly or intellectual," Dr. King said both coasts of the U.S. suffer from "religious malnutrition" and people need more singing shouting, touching, and uninhibited expression of gladness and joy.

Night clubs which stay open past midnight in violation of Sunday closing laws dating from 1895 drew strong criticism in Capetown, Africa from the Moderator of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (Dutch Reformed Church). Dr. J. D. Vorster said that "our Church's views on matters of this sort are well known. We believe that the laws for the Sabbath, like any other laws, must be rigidly enforced." "The clubs must be made to close, because the Sabbath must be observed," said Dr. Vorster, a brother of the South African Prime minister.

More than 50,000 Jehovah's Witnesses, from more than 20 countries and 400 congregations in southern England, packed the Twickenham rugby stadium in London for the Witnesses' biggest convention on record in Britain. Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons are often described as Britain's most rapidly growing religious groups.

Leading bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia have called on "all Christians in the free world" to espouse the cause of their co-religionists who are being "persecuted by the Soviet government." The churchmen charged that "Soviet Communist rulers were sending witnesses to their faith, and other citizens who insist on their right to think differently from Communist Party instructions, to so-called psychiatric sanatoria." The bishops said, Christians were treated with "preparations" that turned them into "feeblcminded persons capable neither of resistance, nor of defcnse of their faith."

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DALLAS – Dr. W. A. Criswell (left), postor of the First Boptist Church, Dollas, and former president of the Southern Boptist Convention, greets Romon Cotholic Bishop Thomas Tschoepe (center) of Dallos ond Father Michoel Sheehon ot his home in Dallas. The Roman Catholic prelate was among the first to visit Dr. Criswell ofter the latter's return from o tour of the Holy Land and an audience with Pope Paul VI in the Votican. It wos the first official meeting of the two church leoders. Father Sheehan, newly appointed assistant general secretary of the United Stotes Cotholic Conference, arronged the meeting. He wos in Rome when the Criswell porty met with the Pope.

Is God Real?

by Ellen Brown

(Editor's Note: This talk was delivered as part of a worship service presented recently at Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, under the direction of Russell Weaver, youth director. Using music from "Tell It Like It Is" and The Methodist Hymnal, the congregation was led in singing accompanied by flutists Susan Gilbert and Lisa Sigrest, percussionist Ronnie Lowrey, pianist Carolyn Wagner and organist Russell Weaver. Other talks were given by Cindy Burress and Jimmy Harper. The service concluded with the "Passing of the Peace." AAK)

Is God real? Have you ever really felt his presence, or do you just believe what you've been taught? This is a very hard question to answer and needs much thinking.

If you do not believe in God, or are not sure of his reality, it's very hard to come out and say this. But often this attitude is the only one to turn to. Why? Because the Bible has been forced on you, drilled into you until it is unacceptable. Then it is the time when you will start wondering about God.

I think there comes a time, at least once in everyone's life, when he questions God. I know that I've felt this way before, not because I was sick of hearing the Bible, but because I felt God had let me down—disappointed me. This left me wondering if there is a God who cares about me. I felt if there was a God I sure didn't believe in him. Because if he was God, how could he do that to me?

I was still thinking about this when I went with the Mangum Junior Highs to Oklahoma. Two weeks ago we had our Sunday morning "church" service. We met out in an open field. There was a rough cross that had been made of two tree limbs. We had a very casual but meaningful service. To me it makes so much more sense to have services outside, where we can observe what someone has created so skillfully. This thought came to my mind that morning as I was looking all around me. The more I thought about it, the more I realized what I had wanted to believe in the first place—that God is real, a true being. I knew God had been here on earth and is here now.

It doesn't happen. The truth often takes a while to find. It is there, but is sort of hidden; and until you really look, you don't actually realize it. That's how I find it to be with God. When I looked, he was there.

If you are wondering about God, or you ever have, I do not think it is unusual—just natural. But try sitting alone for a while and just thinking about God and your questions. Then it usually makes sense. It almost seems hard to believe anything else.

One of the songs the choir has sung tonight helps me to say what I want to say. As you can guess the song is "I Believe God Is Real." Read the words again from the song sheet. They'll make you think, if you want to. And when you consider it, you can probably make your decision about it—God. I already have—I believe God IS Real.

"If I were to tell you what someone told me,
Well, I might miss a detail or two,
For when you describe something you didn't see,
Then you're never quite sure that it's true.

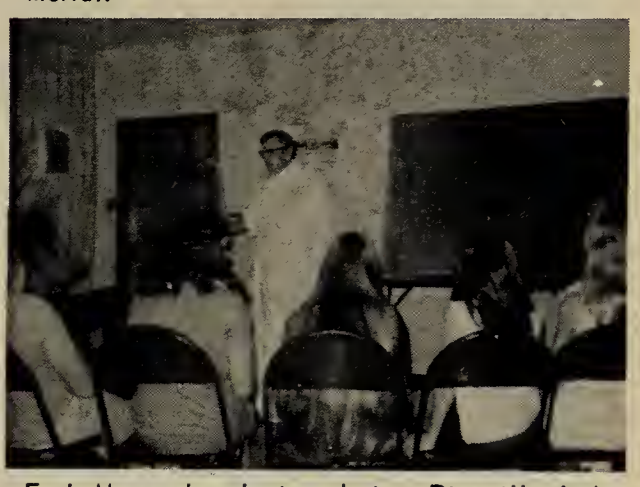
But what we have seen with the eyes of our soul
And with fingers of faith we can feel, we can feel.
Well, you just have to listen, and know that it's true.
There's no doubt we believe God is real."

(from "Tell It Like It Is")

The Rev. Richard Sechrist (left), of the Central Texas Conference Program Council in Fort Worth, was the key resource leader for the Aug. 20-23 Earl B. Emmerich Memorial Youth Laboratory School held at Pineville's First United Methodist Church. Shown with him is the Rev. Richard Walton, pastor.

Leaders in Training who participated in the Lab School at Pineville. BACK ROW: (Left to right) Wayne Fallin, Garland Lawrence, Wayne Wilkerson; CENTER ROW: Billy Thaxton, Mrs. Phillip Brooks, Mrs. Fred Moore, Earl May; FRONT: Mrs. Earl May and Mrs. Ashton Dunbar. The school was supported in part by funds from the Earl B. Emmerich Memorial.

Youth helping prepare room for Lab session.



Earl May role playing during Pineville Lab School.

FROM LEFT: Dr. and Mrs. Reginald Mallett of Wiltshire, England and the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Clark, Alexandria District superintendent and wife, at reception which followed Mallett's presentation at Jonesville's First United Methodist Church. The British surgeon-minister is filling speaking engagements at Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, North Carolina and Dyersburg, Tenn. The Rev. Jimmie Pyles is pastor of the Jonesville Church.

Participants in the 70th anniversary celebration of the dedication of the Lutcher United Methodist Church in Hammond District. Sidney J. Bowman (fourth from left), a member since 1903, was honored on the occasion by more than a hundred laymen and former pastors. Others in picture (left to right) are the Rev. J. C. Pickett, the Rev. E. E. Sylvest, the Rev. W. V. Sirman, present pastor, (Bowman), the Rev. George Duerson, and the Rev. D. M. Risinger, who preached the anniversary sermon.

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Invitations extended by presidents of former Conferences A & B

Greetings to the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service:

I have experienced so much joy in serving you these five years that words cannot say it all.

Your splendid cooperation, your loving support, your willingness to participate in all our endeavors, has brought happiness in abundance during my tenure of office. Thanks a million for everything.

We are now standing at the door of merger ready to step in. I am anxiously and enthusiastically looking forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge on September 23-24, 1971. We will meet in Wesley United Methodist Church, September 23rd. That evening we shall enjoy a fellowship dinner at the Capitol Motor Hotel.

You just can't afford to miss!

Lovingly,

Ethel Alston, President,
Louisiana Conference B

To each member of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild:

You are cordially invited to attend
the Annual Meeting of
The Louisiana Conference Women's Society
of Christian Service
September 23, 24, 1971
First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge

How we hope that many of you will accept this invitation. This is your meeting where your voice will be heard. It is here that decisions of importance will be made.

But more than these, it will be a time of Christian fellowship, a passing of one era and the beginning of another, the phasing out of two conference societies, the birth of another.

Henry Ford said:
"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING.
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS.
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS."

So let's come together to make plans, to rejoice in thanksgiving, to quicken our minds, to worship, to make a beginning.

May I expect you?

Elizabeth
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan,
President, Louisiana Conference A

WSCS program

PROGRAM
Women's Society of Christion Service
Louisiono Conference A
Thursday, September 23, 1971

1:00 p.m.- Orgon Prelude - Mrs. Wolter Brock
Theme Hymn
Scripture ond Proyer - Mrs. George Chostoin
Convening of Meeting - Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Welcome ond Introductions - Mrs. Chris Holl
Business
Messoge - Mrs. Edward Brondhorst
COFFEE BREAK
Fovorite Hymn Time
Report of Wesleyon Service Guild -
Miss Mildred Evons
Introduction of Project Directors -
Members of each Board
President's Message
Recognition of Retiring Officers -
Mrs. George Domeron
Benediction - Rev. Jomes Humphreys

INTERMISSION - "SING-IN" - Church Porlor
First Church Folk Choir, directed by
Mrs. Gwen Redding

6:00 p.m.- Dinner- Gymnosium, First Church

Thursday evening, September 23
Joint Session, Louisiono Conferences A ond B
First United Methodist Church

7:15-7:30 p.m. Orgon Prelude -
Melvin M. Bollord, orgonist
Fovorite Hymn Time
Scripture ond Proyer - Dr. Dono Dowson, Jr.
Speciol Music - The Motet Choir, First Church
Dr. Eorl Redding, Director
Offering for Missions
Doxology
Hymn
Messoge - Dr. Trocey K. Jones, Jr.
Hymn
Benediction - Dr. D. L. McGuire

Fridoy morning, September 24, 1971
Merger Session
Louisiono Conferences A ond B
Women's Society of Christion Service

8:15 o.m. - Orgon Prelude - Mrs. Brock
8:30 - Hymn
Morning Meditation - Dr. L. L. Hoynes
Hymn
Merger Ceremony - Conference Officers
Report of Committee on Constitution ond By-Lows
Business - Mrs. C. B. McGowon
Miss Ethel Alston
Report of Nominoting Committee -
Mrs. Edgor Coyord
Election of Officers
Election of delegotes to Jurisdiction
Society/Guild
Election of nominees to Boord of Mission
COFFEE BREAK
Pledge Service - Conference ond District
Treosurers
Instollotion of Officers - Mrs. Brondhorst
Celebrotion of Holy Communion -
Dr. D. L. McGuire
Hymn
Benediction - Dr. Dono Dowson, Jr.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

Special observances will mark the three sessions of the Annual Meetings of the Louisiana Conferences A and B, Women's Society of Christian Service, opening in Baton Rouge on September 23 and concluding at noon on September 24. Conference A begins its meeting at First United church with registration from 9 to 12, including a complimentary lunch hosted by the University Women's Society. The first session will begin at one o'clock in the church sanctuary.

Conference B will begin its session with registration from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church, with the program beginning at 9:15.

Meeting for the last time as separate organizations, the afternoon session of each conference will high-light a message from out-going presidents, Mrs. C. B. McGowan of Conference A and Miss Ethel Alston of Conference B. A special message by Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, president of the South Central Society/Guild, will be presented to each conference at different times.

Dr. Jones

Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., is General Secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

Dr. Jones was elected chief executive of the largest agency of the 11,000,000-member church in September, 1968. He began his mission service in China in 1945, leaving in 1950, six months after China came under Communist control. From 1952 to 1955 Dr. Jones was a missionary to Malaya, serving in Singapore. He later served as executive secretary of the World Division for China and Southeast Asia. Dr. Jones has travelled extensively, especially in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Dr. Jones will address a joint session of Conferences A and B on Thursday night.

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Following separate afternoon and dinner meetings, the two organizations will meet in joint session at First Church to hear a message from Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., General Secretary of the Board of Missions.

On Friday morning the merger session will be held at First Church, and will mark the symbolic and actual joining of the two conferences into one body. Nomination and election of officers for the new conference, followed by installation, will follow a merger ceremony symbolizing the new organization. A pledge service, presented by the conference and district treasurers, and a service of Holy Communion, will conclude the meeting. Guests of the conferences, who will assist in the meeting, are Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., host pastor, First Church, and Dr. L. L. Haynes, host pastor, Wesley Church. Dr. D. L. McGuire, District Superintendent, Baton Rouge District, will lead the Communion service.

All sessions will be marked by the use of hymns selected as favorites in a poll of members. The "Number One" hymn will be featured at the Thursday night service.

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Mrs. Brandhorst

Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, is President of the South-Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

Before her election to her present office, Mrs. Brandhorst served as president of a local society, of the St. Louis District Women's Society, and of the Missouri-East Society/Guild. Active in community and civic work, Mrs. Brandhorst is also a member of the Board of Missions and a member-at-large of the Women's Division.

Mrs. Brandhorst will speak to separate afternoon sessions of Conferences A and B and also install the officers of the new conference on Friday morning.

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WSG program

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
SEPTEMBER 24-26, 1971
THEME: "TEACH US TO BUILD"

Fridoy, September 24, 1971

5:00-8:00 p.m. - Registrotion
First United Methodist Church
7:30 p.m. Conference Committee Meeting

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8:30 o.m. - Registratian (continued)
10:00 o.m. - Orgon Prelude
Mrs. Wolter Brock, orgonist
Convening of Third Annual Meeting
Miss Mildred Evons, Choirmon
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Proyer - Rev. James Humphreys
Hymn
Presentotion of Progrom - Miss Lillion Kennedy
Introductions
Business
Report of Conference Choirmon -
Miss Mildred Evons
Presentations to Retiring Officers
11:45 a.m. - Lunch - First Church
Boton Rouge District Guilds, hostesses

2:00 p.m. - Organ Prelude, Mrs. Brock
MERGER CEREMONY
By-Laws ond Stonding Rules Report
Miss Lillion Kennedy, Chairmon
Committee on Nominotions Report
Miss Arline Tyler, Choirman
Election
Hymn
Business
Pledge Service - Mrs. Wiley B. Gordner
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion ond
Offering for Missions -
Dr. Dono Dowson, Jr.

6:30 p.m. - Dinner - First Church
Invocotion - Dr. Douglas L. McGuire
Introductions
Entertoinment - First Church Folk Choir
Mrs. Eorl Redding, Director
ADDRESS: Mrs. Edword A. Brondhorst
Benediction - Dr. McGuire

Sunday, September 26

8:00 o.m. Coffee Fellowship
The Copitol House Hotel
9:00 o.m. - Proyer
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Adjournment

Miss Evans

Miss Mildred Evans announces Guild Merger Plans

To the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild:

September 24-26, 1971, is a very special time in the life of our Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana. This is the time of an extremely important meeting, the Annual Meeting, that will be held at First United Methodist Church, corner of North Boulevard and East Boulevard, Baton Rouge. May I invite and urge you to attend?

The meeting will begin, promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, September 25th. This session will be attended only by members of Conference A. We shall be closing out the work of the Conference A. Guild.

On Saturday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock, Conferences A and B will meet together. At this time there will be a merger ceremony. We shall adopt the By-laws and Standing Rules, elect new officers, have the pledge service followed by the Service of Holy Communion and an offering for missions.

At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, the newly merged Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will have a dinner with entertainment by the Folk Choir of the First United Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Earl Redding. At that time we will be privileged to have as our guest and speaker, Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, President, South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild.

On Sunday morning, September 26th we will begin our concluding session at the Capitol House Hotel with a Coffee Fellowship, transact any necessary business and have the new officers installed. You may then attend any one of the United Methodist Churches in Baton Rouge.

You will find an outline of the program on this page. The theme of the meeting is "Teach us to build". It is hoped that the theme and the meeting will have meaning for you as the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana continues under new and dedicated leadership.

Our program chairman, Miss Lillian Kennedy, who is also Baton Rouge District Chairman, joins in urging you to attend this important and historical meeting. The Guilds of the Baton Rouge District are working hard to make your stay a most pleasant and enjoyable one. They, too, urge you to be in Baton Rouge at First United Methodist Church on September 24-26, 1971.

Sincerely,
Mildred Evans, Chairman,
Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 12: God Transcends Our Understanding

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 33:12-23; Job 11:7-9; 37:23-24; Isaiah 40:18-26; Romans 11:33-36

MEMORY SELECTION: O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

AIM OF THE LESSON: To show that God transcends human understanding; to stress how much more important it is to know God than it is to just know about him.

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It may seem illogical to affirm this early in our series about God, that it is impossible to know God. Yet we cannot be prepared for moving ahead together unless we affirm that by his very nature God is beyond our knowing.

We need to think about God, to learn all we can about him. But if through our thinking and our learning we fail to claim him as our God then all of our intellectual exercise will have been in vain. Someone has put it this way: "To know about God may satisfy our curiosity; to know God satisfies the deepest hunger of the soul. To know about God may fill us with wonder and awe; to know him is to love, to fill life with peace and joy. To walk with God in fellowship gives life its true significance and its greatest fulfillment now and for eternity."

The question is, how much can we know about God? The Bible, which tells us so much about him, teaches that there are limits both to God's self-revelation and to our ability to comprehend him. This should not surprise us because finite man cannot know all the answers about an infinite God. It is basic to our humanity that there must always be a mystery surrounding the person and the work of the Almighty. Yet, we must believe that an increasing knowledge of God is the reward of those who walk with him in faith and obedience. Let us say then that through this lesson we want to help persons accept the unknown and unknowable about God and at the same time seek a closer fellowship with him that will lead to deepening understanding.

There are two terms concerning God that we need to get clearly in our thinking at this point. One of these is "transcendence" and the other is "immanence." The first word refers to his otherness —how far above and beyond his world he is—while the second refers to the expressions of his presence in the world. What we have to come to see is that God is at the same time beyond his creation and in his creation. Transcendence is the doctrine that God is over, out, above and beyond the world—completely removed from it. We can know that God is but not what he is. Immanence is the doctrine that God works in and through the world. He is the God of history. Our challenge is to understand that for God to be real to us, he must be immanent as well as transcendent. As one has put it, if he were totally transcendent we could have no knowledge of him or relationship with him. If he were totally immanent he would be no different from us and thus unable to influence our lives or save our world.

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"SHOW ME THY GLORY!"

Short passages from Exodus, Isaiah and Romans form the basis for our study in this lesson. The two verses from Exodus contain God's reply to Moses' request, "I beseech thee, show me thy glory." They communicate God's promise that he will reveal himself in part to Moses.

While Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the law, the Israelites had prevailed upon Aaron to make a golden calf for them to worship. It seemed for a time that this would be the end of the exodus, but then God promised to spare Israel for the time being, renewing his promise to lead them into the promised land. However, the graciousness of God had a negative effect on Moses, and he asked God to reveal his glory. We might say that for a time Moses was so overcome by the immanence of God that he needed to be reassured of his transcendence.

God answered him saying that not even Moses could endure such a sight, for no man could look upon the face of God and live. We are told that Moses was to stand in a cleft in a rock which God would cover with his hand, and that as God passed by Moses could look out to see the back of God as he moved away. This is of course symbolic language making the point that not even Moses could violate God's transcendence to see him as he really is.

Another term comes in here concerning the interpretation of the nature of God. It is "anthropomorphism," which means the portrayal of God in human terms. This portrayal of God in human terms was often used in the Old Testament so that the sublime and supernatural might be brought within the intellectual grasp of man.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon reaches this conclusion in International Lesson Annual: "An unplumbed mystery exists in relation to God's nature where man's knowledge of him is concerned. Like Moses standing in the cleft of the rock, we see the glory of God but not the full depth of his person. For this reason we may call God, "Father," "Friend," and "Lord." God is like these representations but always more than them. These make up his glory but not his being."

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TO WHAT CAN WE COMPARE GOD?

In Isaiah 40:18 we read, "To whom then shall we liken God, or what likeness compares with him?" The writer seems to be saying that God is so great that our ordinary vocabularies and figures of speech are inadequate for communicating his nature. When men have given up in their efforts to describe God, there is no reflection on the nature of God. This just reveals the finiteness of man.

A second verse follows pointing out the futility of turning to idols. One of the great passages of the Old Testament is Isaiah 40:21-22, beginning with the words: "Have you not known? Have you not heard?"

By creation man is both physical and spiritual. In one sense he is of the earth; in another he stands in the image and likeness of God, capable of fellowship with God. Man is endowed with five senses, and much of his existence brings him images through these channels. But man is more than this. Again and again he has tried to formulate a physical image of God only to realize what a frustrating process that is. A wise man has said, "With the physical senses man may ascertain something of the glory of God, but with these alone he cannot comprehend God."

Isaiah writes of the God "who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span." He is mightier than the greatest on earth, and yet we will be struggling in this series of lessons to break through our earth-bound limitation and gain a clearer understanding of God.

There is a sense in which God must remain forever a mystery. His greatness cannot be grasped by our finiteness anymore than a teaspoon can contain an ocean. Nevertheless, one of the grandest pursuits of mankind is the search for him, and we will have an exciting time together as we see that the limitations do not keep us from moving in his direction.

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ARE OUR IMAGES OF GOD TOO SMALL?

J. S. Phillips has published a book entitled **Your God is Too Small.** This criticism must be seen as valid in many instances because we have thought of him in human and material terms. God is so much greater than anything we can know or imagine that he is utterly incomparable.

There is a story told of the days of World War II when London and most of southern England were being subjected to unmerciful buzz-bombings from across the English Channel. One night there was a strange quiet and people were enjoying the fresh air as they walked on the streets. Suddenly there was a clap of thunder, and a woman, conditioned by the unrelentless bombings, almost went into hysterics. A Cockney newsboy saw her fright and said to her, "There now lady, don't you worry. That ain't Hitler, it's just God."

In dealing with so many superlatives regarding physical power in our time, there is a temptation to think less of the power of God and more of the power of man. This stands in the way of our having a proper understanding of God.

Just think for a little while about the many things which you deal with in life that are beyond your comprehension. It might be a good idea to just stop and make a list of them. A military chaplain stopped by a religious discussion in an officer's club one night. "No one has ever proved to me scientifically that God exists," an officer exclaimed. When he saw the chaplain he began to apologize, but the chaplain interrupted him saying, "I have a similar problem. No one has ever proved to me theologically that the atom exists."

Because man has had this difficulty comprehending God he has made many idols. This did not end in the ancient past. We still dishonor ourselves and our God by worshipping the creations of our own hands.

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GOD IS BOTH REVEALED AND HIDDEN

What we are beginning to discover is that although God does disclose himself, that revelation is something like the experience Moses had on the mountain. Because we are creatures we can never comprehend God in his fulness.

Dr. Lawrence C. Hay points out in Adult Bible Studies that "our understanding is further limited by the fact that we are sinful and imperfect. We are limited in our understanding and in our knowledge of all things. But we are particularly limited in our knowledge and understanding of God. There is always more to God's self-disclosure than we comprehend."

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GOD CANNOT BE KNOWN, BUT HE CAN BE EXPERIENCED

The quest for knowledge about God has driven many to despair, because they have lost sight of the fact that although God cannot be understood he can be experienced. The road to such an increasing knowledge of God is the road of faith and obedience. I do not have to know all about God to feel the impact of his presence. By faith I can at least touch the hem of his garment and become the beneficiary of his grace.

Faith is not contrary to knowledge, but goes beyond knowledge. Faith is not "believe what we know isn't so." It is discovering a little bit about the love and grace of God—a small portion but enough to challenge us to trust in him. When Martin Luther, and John Wesley, and other heroes of the Christian faith discovered that they were not going to learn everything about the nature of God, they could then trust him enough to experience him. This is our route to him.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

One of the important themes at Denver as the World Methodist Conference is in session is education. To both the Western world with all the problems of the education explosion, and the underdeveloped world, with its special openings fraught with difficulty, this is a major question in Christian minds.

A session led by Mr. Stuart Maclure, the Editor of the **Times Educational Supplement,** major educational weekly in Britain was therefore of particular international interest. A Methodist layman, Mr. Maclure brought his specialised knowledge to bear on the subject when he dealt with "New Issues in Education."

He did not think it was enough to suggest that the issues of today are only the old ones in modern dress. New pressures are being brought to bear on those who take the educational future seriously, he said because of the twin triggers of what he called the "economic Armageddon" and the "cultural crunch." The older and more simple concepts of education—that it could either make men good, or rich, or even equal—were being replaced by the intense pressure of economics and the change in cultural attitudes.

In the Western world the cost of education is escalating at a dizzy speed, and in the developing countries, as people more readily see the need for further education, the economic problem, though different, is no less acute. In both "worlds" the cultural question is also raised. A new role of critical quality is being seen by educationalists, and Mr. Maclure looked at both reformers and revolutionaries in his address.

He offered some approaches to Christian attitudes to all this. He did not suggest that he had answers, but he wanted to emphasise that in any Christian philosophy of education there was one paramount consideration. It was that the child was to come first. Not as a pawn in a political game, but for his own sake.

He believed that a child had a right to expect certain things from his education, and this meant that all education must be child-centered. It also meant that in its special role the church could take advantage of its detachment from the state in which education took place. In a time when some suggestions were being made that the State should be the final arbiter in education as in so many other areas of life this was especially important.

Along with this was a need for a new openness in education. For the first time in Britain this is a recognition which needs to be made. We are becoming a multi-racial society, and many of the presuppositions which informed what used to be called "religious instruction" in Britain no longer apply to the field of what is now becoming known as "religious education." Mr. Maclure ended on a note of optimism—he believed that the measure of adjustment may well be the measure of the wrong choice of language up to the present time, but if that adjustment could be made, then the new latitude of thought might bear fruit.

With its long history—not always an advantage—of educational work in its missionary outreach, the Church is in a special position to stand for new approaches and hopes in the world educational field today. But it is increasingly clear that the educational openings must not be used for proselytising. Nor must that great opportunity be used in such a way that people will come to distrust another generation of churchmen. New trust, new ways forward must—and can — be found, given the right will and the right openness. One of the most obvious needs is the need for young people who are committed Christians to see that one of the highest vocations which are open today is that of teaching.

The need is clear not only on the mission field but at home—either in British or America, and it is a sobering thought that the **mores** of tomorrow's society are being formed as children learn. Can they learn in the atmosphere of Christian truth, and from those whose faith informs all their work? To answer that question might be to provide the beginnings of an answer to some of the difficult and even dangerous questions which education faces today.

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science, his supreme authority is Christ."

Dr. Greet let every Christian know that in the last resort his decisions are his own on an individual basis. "Yet," he said, "even the whole notion of human infallibility is a delusion." Saying that all of us must seek guidance in the past, he said, "We may walk with some assurance where the Saints have trod, but new occasions teach new duties and even ancient good can become uncouth. We cannot do without the past, but neither can we rely on it alone for help."

WORLD METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS ELECTED

DENVER, Colo. (UMI) — Bishop Carlos T. Gattinoni of Buenos Aires, Argentina, has been elected to a five-year term as president of the World Methodist Historical Society.

The election came during the society's session here August 17.

Other officers chosen are: Vice-presidents — Bishop Ernst C. Sommer, Frankfurt, Germany, and Bishop Frederick D. Jordan, Los Angeles, Calif., (vice-presidents will be named later to represent Africa, Oceania and Asia); executive secretary, Dr. Frederick E. Maser, Philadelphia, Pa.; secretary, Dr. Thomas Shaw, Cornwall, England; and treasurer, Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., Dayton, Ohio. Members-at-large on the executive committee are Dr. David H. Bradley, Bedford, Pa., Dr. Frank Baker, Durham, N.C., Dr. John Vickers, Sussex, England, Bishop Ole E. Borgen, Stockholm, Sweden, and Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas.

Stuart Maclure

Stuart Maclure, editor of The Times Educational Supplement in London, spoke to the conference on "New Issues in Education." He pointed out that "education has been assumed to be the key to development, and development the chief aim of the developing country." He noted that some countries have brought themselves to the verge of bankruptcy and that even in the developed countries there are mixed motives for education. He said, "There is no prospect of meeting the educational needs of many people in the world if we destroy the schools we have already; but equally there is no prospect of meeting educational needs if we rely only on the schools."

Mr. Maclure concluded by saying "The educational issues of the coming decade should reach home to individual Christians. For some this will be in political terms as part of a rhetoric of evolution; for others it will be in the meeting of individual need; for some liberation will be conceived in terms of nation states and economic systems; for others, it will mean the achievement of individual autonomy as an educated person; for some it will be dramatic and noisy; for others, silent and as a matter of course."

Dramatic Presentations

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings the delegates moved away from the heavy diet of speeches and reactions to speeches which had filled the first two days of the conference and participated in multi-media presentations which many felt were more effective in blending them into a world family of Methodists than the formal addresses had done.

Thursday evening's "Person to Person" presentation, consisting of a number of short dramatizations and a rather long sermon, was spotted in its presentation, but came through largely as a challenge to involvement at the local church and world levels of Methodism.

The Friday evening program featured a very polished presentation of "Beyond the Dream" by students and faculty of Greensboro (N.C.) College. This program moved on and off the stage and gave the delegates a real sense of being involved in the future challenge confronting the world.

On Saturday evening the Lake Junaluska Singers under the direction of Glenn Draper demonstrated their versatility as they presented a fast-moving program of music that was primarily entertaining. This group of excellent musicians, who serve on the summer staff of the Methodist institution at Lake Junaluska, served as the official choir of the Conference.

Emilio Castro

The Rev. Emilio Castro, president of the Methodist Church of Uruguay, speaking on "Peace and Justice," affirmed that "peace and justice kiss each other, and there can be no peace without justice."

He said, "Christians must relate the Biblically interlocking concepts of peace and justice to the most anguishing problem of the contemporary world—the growing abyss between have and have-not people."

He continued, "Either we perform here, in a coordinated attack on a world scale and certified by our sacrificial militance in each of our countries, or all our pretended Christian affirmation is nothing more than an exterior adornment; betrayal of the Gospel."

Mr. Castro said, "If the Methodist community wants to be an instrument of the genuine peace of God for our world, it has no struggle in all the sectors of the world with sacrificial actions, perhaps symbolically, that bring on it suffering that the innocent suffers and in this way its preaching can be not only believable, but an effective instrument of liberation."

Robert E. Goodrich

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., addressing the conference on "The Local Church in Mission," stated that the local pastor and his parish are on the front line in revolutionary times saying that nothing really takes place in the church unless it takes place at the local level.

He said, "A local church is always in danger of becoming infatuated with itself, directing its efforts chiefly through its own program and structures."

Dr. Goodrich affirmed that the local church must see its mission in four dimensions: it must have its eyes on Jesus, it must see itself as a "colony of heaven," it must reach out beyond itself, and it must see itself as an agency of reconciliation.

Philip Potter

Dr. Philip Potter, a Jamaican minister who serves as director of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism, speaking on "Evangelism" said that the content of evangelism must be seen in terms of the major issues confronting mankind and the Church today.

He minimized the value of a world campaign of evangelism such as that which the Denver meeting of the World Methodist Council had already approved, saying "our task is to be engaged in the work of evangelism wherever men are . . . we cannot be sectarian or denominational in our attitude and approach."

Dr. Potter said that the issue of the credibility of the Gospel is an urgent one today. He said, "Methodists in

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World Methodist Conference

The Lake Junaluska Singers, under the direction of Glenn Draper, furnished special music throughout the World Methodist Conference.

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, World Methodist Council general secretary, introduced Archpriest Mathew Stadniouk of New York, Bishop John of Thermon, Houston, Tex. and Bishop Makary of New York. Bishop Makary and Archpriest Stadniouk were official observers from the Russion Orthodox Church, and Bishop John attended in the same capacity from the Greek Orthodox Church.

Evangelism emphasis at Denver

by Leonard Perryman

DENVER, Colo. (UMI) — A global, four-year emphasis on evangelism to culminate in 1975 was adopted here Friday by the World Methodist Council and referred to the council's 55 member churches for ratification and implementation.

Approved by an overwhelming show-of-hands vote after two hours of debate and presentation, the program of "intensified mission to the world" is to: "Emphasize the reality of and necessity for the inward personal experience of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit and the necessity to fashion a just social order in which all people, especially those who hitherto have been deprived, may live a truly human existence."

The program was presented by the council's Committee on Evangelism, chaired by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Columbus, Ohio. He and evangelism leaders from Britain, Australia and the U.S., proposed as a timetable: 1971-73 — period of decision by council member churches to participate in the world program (the decision to be made by the churches' highest legislative bodies) and of preparation: 1974-a world Methodist congress on evangelism; 1975—launching of the major evangelistic effort and ongoing program.

Bishop Ensley and other presenters sought to emphasize that where possible the evangelistic efforts would be within an ecumenical context, as in the U.S. where it is proposed to be included as part of the interdenominational Key '73 evangelism campaign. They also said the worldwide Methodist effort would not "set personal salvation over against social salvation."

Referring to the ecumenical context, the program specifies that "every effort shall be made to work in concert and in cooperation with other communions and churches." However, it adds, "the human need is so urgent and the divine compulsion so great that Methodism must respond immediately."

The program, Bishop Ensley said, envisions an international steering committee of 15 to 25, who would be

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particular developed a fierce ethic about personal behavior, but were often ambivalent about the behavior of many in business and politics."

He said, "Evangelism is the act by which we make known the universal

responsible to the council's Executive Committee. It is to be financed probably through contributions by interested laymen and funds of Methodist evangelistic agencies (such as the United Methodist Church's Board of Evangelism).

Called for in the program is consideration of the theological content of the "message to be proclaimed," that the mission "be expressed through flexible forms as may suit each community or country" use of language "that will be readily understood by those to whom we speak" and maximum use of mass media.

Despite the wording in the proposal and statements of the presenters, debate and discussion tended to focus on ecumenical and social action dimensions, as well as on proposals by Asian churchmen that there be included the concepts of dialogue with men of other faiths and of working with men of all faiths and ideologies for solution to world problems.

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Miss Theressa Hoover, associate general secretary, Women's Division Board of Missions, presented one of the worship services. To her left is Dr. Eric Baker of England who presided for the session.

Gospel of the Kingdom of God and of his righteousness to all men and to the whole of life. As such it is a continuous act, because it claims no less than the total surrender of life to God and his purpose, which is to share his character of love and justice and to share it with all his creatures."

John Cardinal Willebrands

The principal speaker for the Ecumenical Service on Aug. 24 was John Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Secretariate for Promoting Christian Unity at the Vatican. He paid tribute to the warm, deep and confident spirit in which Roman Catholics and Methodists have been engaged in dialogue since the World Methodist Council of 1966. Representatives of many other religious groups and councils shared the platform with Cardinal Willebrands, including official representatives of the Russian Orthodox and Greek Orthodox churches and The Anglican Church.

Cardinal Willebrand's address leaned heavily on quotations from the writings of John Wesley and the hymns of Charles Wesley as he dealt with what he called "shared treasures" of the two traditions. "Among these," he said, "is the close integration, which neither Methodists nor Catholics have ever lost sight of, of the ideal of Christian fellowship, communion, with the ideal of self-perfecting, or growth in holiness, which means becoming more like Christ." He said, "Our common conviction about the importance of holiness may well prove to be a stronger factor for bringing us together than we are able to forsee or to measure."

He challenged Methodists and Roman Catholics to continue to reach out together to all human beings in need. He said, "The world is as full as it was in Christ's day, or Ignatius' day, or the Wesleys' day, of those unfortunates who can slip through the grid of fashionable social concern — not merely because they are those whom society prefers to forget, but because society is often deaf and blind to the deepest needs of man."

The Cardinal urged the Methodists to continue to join with Catholics in a search for those areas in which they can most strongly witness together, saying "we cannot neglect to do so without inviting the reproach of history."

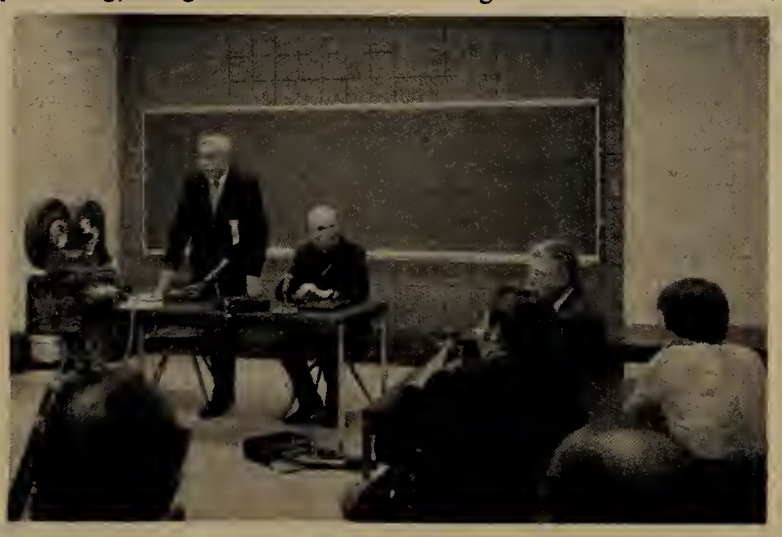
Alan Walker

In his Tuesday afternoon address on "The Ministry," Dr. Alan Walker of Sydney, Australia, president of the Methodist Conference of New South Wales, said that the Church has been introverted, and, because of a lack of passion for people, has become limited in its ability to communicate the message. He said, "The most serious and deepest issue facing the Church today is whether it is to be Humanist or God-centered."

He said that the laity and the ministry both exist for mission. He said, "I am convinced there is no way to fulfill the mission of the Church amid a worldwide population explosion alone through the ordained ministry. Only by the enlistment of the laity in direct witness and evangelism can the Gospel be adequately proclaimed."

Dr. Walker suggested that greater flexibility should be allowed in requirements for the ministry. He said, "There are many levels of opportunity in the life of a Church in mission and to oblige all theological students to be university trained is to have the Church with a dearth of men who are able to move into industrial, factory areas of society or into some types of rural communities."

He continued, "I would claim a minister equipped for mission must be prepared in four major areas — know the Gospel, understand something of the psychology of the people into whose lives the Gospel must penetrate, be aware of the social and environmental pressures which condition the lives of people and be concerned with learning the art of communication."



Dr. Arthur West of Methodist Information introduced John Cardinal Willebrands, president, Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, The Vatican, to a press conference.

St. Luke's Goes to Appalachia

(This report of a work camp in Appalachia by St. Luke youth was printed in the AGAPE GAZETTE, newsletter of St. Luke Church, Shreveport, where the Rev. James Poole serves as pastor.)

The young people of St. Luke United Methodist Church, Shreveport, responded to a call for help from faraway Appalachia by sending eight of their members and two counselors to a unique work camp in Kentucky.

Our work campers departed St. Luke's early one Saturday morning, stopping twelve hours later in Nashville, where they were bedrolled down in a large Methodist church. (James Poole's brother and family had bowls of homemade ice cream waiting for them, plus a backyard cook-out, a tour of the city, and other amenities.) After an early worship service the next morning, the group was off again, soon to catch their first glimpse of Kentucky — the southeast portion, in the Cumberland Mountains of Appalachia.

Their home for the five-day work camp was Union College (a Methodist related school with an enrollment about that of Centenary) in Barbourville. The campus offered a strong enticement to sore muscles and calloused hands in its olympic-size swimming pool, in which the campers were able to refresh themselves after each six-hour work day.

Right away, our young people and 70 other high school youths from all over the United States attended the first of many meetings designed to acquaint them with Appalachia, its people and problems. Mastermind of the project (now in its second summer, with applications already arriving for summer '72) and leader of these sessions, which included talks by a social worker, a psychologist, and a teacher, was "Tex" Evans from our Methodist Board of Evangelism, who endeared himself immediately to the young people with his obvious dedication — and his funny jokes!

Families were then assigned to the various work teams. Five of our youth, with Charlotte Willis and James Poole (counselors), were assigned the Russ family, consisting of mother, father, and five children, ages three to seventeen. Our other youths were placed with another work team which served several different families in the area, one of whom had a child who was so happy with the project that in spite of a deformed arm and other handicaps, he joined eagerly in whatever work the group was doing, including digging trenches.

At the Russ home — a very small four room house with no running water (they carried water in buckets from a neighbor's house) — our young people and the Russ children (even the three-year-old, who helped by passing tools from one to the other) began their work. Outside, they cut down high grass, removed a large and unsightly pile of trash (using a truck borrowed from the O.E.O.), and helped sturdy the rather shaky foundation of the house. They sheetrocked and painted several rooms inside, fixed some light fixtures, and made minor repairs. Things began happening to the house and to the people! One day, the twelve-year-old Russ boy stood back and surveyed it all. "Gosh," he grinned, "our house never looked like this before!"

On the last day, when our group arrived to say their good-by's to the Russes, they were greeted by freshly washed curtains blowing at the windows of the house and bedspreads neatly covering the sofa and chair in the living room. Mrs. Russ, inspired by the improvements which had already occurred, began to see other possibilities for improving her house — and one thing leads to another. As she said her final "thank you's" there were tears in her eyes.

After work hours, all the campers had fun getting to know each other. St. Luke's group, the youngest in the lot, was nicknamed the "Munchkins," and Reverend Poole became "R.P." Northerners and Southerners delighted in trying on each other's accents and expressions and by the end of the week had officially traded "you guy's" and "ya'll's."

The night before leaving for Shreveport, in the quiet of the famous Upper Room Chapel in Nashville, the St. Luke's work campers enjoyed a thoughtful moment together, as they shared communion and their impressions of the trip.

Listen to them: "It was the best experience I've ever had in my life.....I think everybody ought to do it....I used to think it (poverty) couldn't be as bad as they say, but now I know that it is.... It really made me thankful for the things I have, especially my bathroom....Our family was so nice and we really got to know them. That was the best part...It really works, you know, what Tex said: 'Just give people a little love and they'll carry on from there'....The project put into practice what I'm always hearing about 'helping people to help themselves'.... I can't wait to go back....All those car washes and tying papers and lugging bottles around were worth it (The project was financed in part by these and other continuing work projects of our young people....with all of them helping, not just the ones who made the trip.)....."

ST LUKE'S WILL ALWAYS BE IN KENTUCKY!

Persons involved in planning for a new Arts and Crafts Class for retired persons at First Church, Pineville. FROM LEFT: the Rev. Richard Walton, pastor, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Zerangue, Mrs. W. K. Collins, Mrs. James Pelley, teacher, and Mrs. Wayne Fallin, education assistant. The class meets each Thursday. (Town Talk Photo)

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The breeze of divine grace is blowing upon us all. But one needs to set the sail to feel this breeze of grace.—Ramakrishna

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Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Sept. 5—Sun. ....I Thessa. 5:14-23
Sept. 6 .....II Thessa. 3:1-6
Sept. 7 ..... I Tim. 3:1-7
Sept. 8 ..... I Tim. 6:6-11
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HAYNESVILLE UNITED Methodist Church has announced plans to have several guest speakers in the near future. On September 12, Dr. Paul Ware of Shreveport will speak on Drug Abuse and on September 19 Dudley Snow of Shreveport will speak on Alcohol. From November 28 to December 2 Dr. Ed Hollenbeck, pastor of First Church, Benton, Arkansas will be the preacher for a fall revival. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor.

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INFANT GEORGE RUSSELL CUNNINGHAM, son of the Rev. and Mrs. George Cunningham—pastor and wife at Wesley Church, DeRidder, was dedicated by Dr. Jack Cooke, Shreveport District superintendent, with the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, August 8. Dr. Cooke was also guest preacher for the morning worship service.

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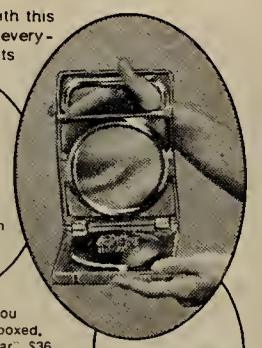

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Thirty-eight youth with o stoff of eleven plus three children from First Church, Houmo spent the week of Aug. 9-13 ot Caney Lake near Minden. Stoffing the group shown here were: Bill Harper, chairmon of the Administrative Board; Mrs. Harper, superintendent of Study; Dr. D. C. Walther, church treasurer and Mrs. Wolther (the Walthers are also senior high counselors); Roy Jones, teocher of Adult Bible Class ond Mrs. Jones; John Williams, summer assistant; Mrs. Franklin Bridges, I. J. "Duck" Marcel, and the Rev. and Mrs. Jerome Cain, pastor ond wife.

"Making Decisions Ethically," was the theme for the recent Youth Activities Week at Lakeview Church, Minden. Shown at left is o mock courtroom scene with "the church" being tried on five counts. The Rev. Louis M. Coppage (second from right), minister, served os judge. The Church was charged with not being relevant today, with being o status symbol, not fulfilling the spiritual needs of the people, not using the Bible as it should in church studies, and over-orgonization. The jury of young people brought in a verdict of "not guilty" on all except one charge—that the church is a stotus symbol.

Brantley Cagle of Lake Charles spoke ot a recent meeting of Methodist Men at Wesley Church, Sulphur, concerning their role as Christians in relation to the handicapped population of the area. Cagle was recently voted the "Handicapped American of the Year." The Rev. Walter M. Clarke is pastor at Wesley.

Aurora United Methodist Church members, New Orleans, ot recent picnic held at Bogue Falaya Park near Covington. In picture ot right are (l. to r.) Mrs. Floyd Domer, Mrs. Bob Owens, and Dr. Willis Tyrrell. Dr. Henry A. Rickey is postor.

Vocation church schoolers at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Crowley. Twenty-six boys ond girls attended. The Rev. Ed Boyd is pastor.

LEFT: Junior Highs of Lafayette District at Comp Brewer. The Rev. John R. Johns, pastor at Patterson-Boyou Vista and District director of Camping, coordinated the camp. Counselors included: the Rev. George Alfred, pastor on the Asbury-Mason-Fitzgerald Charge; the Rev. Harold Price, Davidson Memorial postor, the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Boyd, postor and wife at the Ebenezer-Ivonhoe Charge, Mrs. James Primeaux, Miss Cothy Primeaux, and Miss Idella Stevenson.

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DENVER – Installed as the Presidium of the World Methodist Council during the concluding session of the 12th World Methodist Conference in Denver were, from left to right: Phillip N. Capper, Winchester, England; Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Columbus, Ohio; the Rev. John A. Havea, Tonga Islands; Ragner Horn, Oslo, Norway; the Rev. Thomas W. Koomson, Accra, Ghana; Dr. Patrocinio S. Ocampo, Manila, Philippines; Bishop Alejandro Ruiz, Mexico City, and Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, Wilmington, N. C. The Conference was attended by representatives of 55 Methodist bodies with some 20 million members in 87 countries.

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New Orleans hospital chaplains meet

The ministers of the New Orleans District appointed to serve as hospital chaplains met recently under the leadership of Dr. Robert Harrington, the District Superintendent. The Rev. Joseph C. Pickett, chaplain of the Veterans Hospital in New Orleans was the guest speaker.

Mr. Pickett shared his experiences as a chaplain in the Navy and, more recently, as a hospital chaplain. He pointed out that one of the major requirements of a hospital chaplain is the ability to put himself in another's place, to capture and respond to the patient's mood. The chaplain must deal with the intangible and invisible, but these factors are of great importance in the healing process. Often the chaplain may do as much for the family as for the patient.

The Rev. Roy Nash, chaplain at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital, distributed some cards he had printed for use as an introduction to patients and the hospital staff. He has secured the assistance of the head nurse on each floor to direct him to the most needy patients. The group agreed that ministering to patients from out-of-town was one of the most valuable services offered by this program of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Pickett consented to serve as the advisor for the group in future consultations. Other ministers assigned to hospitals in the New Orleans District include the Rev. Jeffery C. Bibbons, Flint Goodridge; the Rev. W. D. Poole, Southern Baptist; and the Rev. George Duerson, Touro Infirmary.

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NCC General Board to meet in New Orleans

The fall business meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches will be meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, Sept. 10-11. A major item of business will be the consideration of a new organizational blueprint for the council which has 33 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox communions in its membership.

The proposal, the product of several years discussion among top church leaders, will be considered by the board for approval, revision or rejection. If the plan is approved, it will then be referred to the member denominations for their official response. Dr. Cynthia C. Wedel, president of the NCC will preside, and the reorganizational proposal will be presented to the board by the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Liggett, Indianapolis, top mission executive of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and chairman of the board-authorized Committee on Future Ecumenical Structure.

The interchurch policy makers will give at least five hours to considering and acting on the proposal which, in broad terms, calls for changing the National Council along these lines:

1. A new, larger and greatly strengthened Governing Board, with representatives from member denominations who are "close to real centers of power and decision-making in their respective churches."
2. A Governing Board with virtually equal lay and clerical membership, and with a greater proportion of women and youth members.
3. Strengthened Governing Board authority to set program priorities and authorize programs for the Council, and to allocate funds.
4. A new style of program operation and management keyed to greater flexibility.
5. A stronger role, backed by greater powers, for the organization's top

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Participating in a recent consultation of ministers of the New Orleans District serving as hospital chaplains were (from left): the Rev. George Duerson, the Rev. J. C. Pickett and the Rev. Roy Nash.

Five Louisiana youths granted UM Scholarships

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Five young people from Louisiana are numbered among 468 undergraduate students who have been granted United Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education, according to a recent announcement by the Rev. Dr. E. Craig Brandenburg, associate general secretary of the Division of Higher Education.

Four of the scholarships have been granted to students who will be attending Centenary College. They are: Deborah Diane Deane, Alexandria; Junie Sue Havard, Zwolle; Curtis Melancon, Jr., Sulphur; and Meda Cherale Townsend, Slaughter. A fifth scholarship recipient, Jane Griffith Gandy of Tallulah, will be attending Randolph-Macon Women's College.

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6. Tighter controls on general funding, with member communions required to maintain their "fair share" assessment contributions in order to participate in policy decision-making.

The 22-member committee on structure drafted the new reorganization plan on the basis of previous planning by earlier groups and feeding in ideas of its own. The target date for final action on reorganization is the first week in December, 1972, when the council's triennial General Assembly, to meet in Dallas, Tex., will be asked to ratify board actions.

In its crowded two days, the ecumenical policy makers will deal with a wide range of other topics of immediate concern to the churches.

Meeting for the first time in New Orleans, board members will be led in the worship service on the opening day by the Most Rev. Philip M. Hannan, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New Orleans, and by the Rev. G. Avery Lee, minister of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church.

Sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m., Friday, Sept. 10, concluding on the first day at 9:30 p.m. Saturday's sessions will run from 9:00 a.m. until adjournment scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

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'Operation Outreach' planned for First Church, Shreveport

First United Methodist Church in Shreveport has begun foundation work for "Operation Outreach," a membership campaign designed to add 258 members to the church rolls. The "258" figure is an arbitrary one with the real purpose of the program to exceed it as much as possible.

Spearheaded by the Rev. John Rasmussen, associate pastor of the church, an executive committee was formed in August, with a rally of the committee and a nucleus of workers held late in the month. The starting date for the campaign is September 19 with October 31 as the target date for a successful completion. All new members will be accepted into the church on the same day.

It is expected that hundreds of workers will be contacting the unchurched in the Shreveport area with the message of the evangelistic effort.

The kickoff Dinner will be September 15 at which time the workers will gather for instructions and inspiration. Distinctive lapel buttons labelled "Operation Outreach" have been given to each of the workers.

Twenty members of the Administrative Board plus other lay personnel make up the executive committee for this target recruitment campaign in the church's history.

A Letter of Thanks to Louisiana's United Methodists

Dear friends:

The people of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church have exhibited a great deal of love and concern for their youth through their gifts to Campus Ministry at the state schools.

We all recognize that the overwhelming majority of our youth now attend the state universities and colleges. We also know the Church would rather be responsible for their Christian nurture than ask the state to do so (even if this were possible). The Wesley Foundation participants are very thankful for this concern that is translated into the gifts that make possible the Campus Ministry program in this state.

To state briefly what goes on in a Wesley Foundation is unfair, but space dictates that brevity is important, so brief I will be. Our program is based on a six-phased outlook:

1. Worship — This is of utmost importance for any Christian Community
2. Education — The ideas of Christianity are too great to be slighted in the course of an education
3. Service — Christ said, "Inasmuch as you did it unto the least of these, you did it unto me"
4. Fellowship — We all need others of like mind for support — The Christian community exists on this fact
5. Facilities — The physical place for the above to transpire is a desired necessary building
6. Personnel — Clergymen that have in mind helping the students hold in proper perspective the claims of the Gospel.

You make this possible with your continued giving. We thank you for your gifts of the past and covet your continued interest.

I personally thank you.

Love, Grace and Peace

James E. Wilson
Campus Minister,
Northeast La. University

NEWELLTON PASTOR TO INSTRUCT MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COURSE AT LOUISIANA TECH

The Rev. H. A. Harrington, pastor of the Newellton United Methodist Church and a member of the staff at Tallulah Mental Health Clinic, has been named Visiting Professor of Marriage and Family Life at Louisiana Tech for the Fall quarter.

Harrington assisted with the designing of the new course offering and will open the course and participate with other specialists in a study of contemporary patterns of marital and family relationships.

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Scott Cox, a 15-year-old junior at Jonesboro-Hodge High School, delivered his first sermon in his home church—Jonesboro United Methodist Church—Sundoy, Aug. 15. Young Cox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Merrell Cox, recently made known his intention to enter the ministry. He is octive in both church ond school activities, has sung with inter-denominational groups, ond witnessed ot Lay Witness Missions in the area. His initiol sermon wos entitled, "Involvement." The Rev. Don Tohline, pastor, presented Cox to the evening congregotion.

An Open House will be held at recently completed Raymond United Methodist Church in Lake Charles District, Sunday, Sept. 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. Neighboring United Methodists and other friends are invited to ottend. The Rev. Leland D. Wade serves as pastor at Roymond.

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NEEDY NOOK

The Needy Nook of the Asbury United Methodist Church of Lafayette, Louisiana, was organized in June, 1970 to serve people in need. Thus far it has served over 1,000 families and is one of the newest ministries of the Asbury Church.

The Needy Nook is run by volunteer workers and is operated under the Commission on Christian Social Concerns headed by Ben Mayfield. Its services are clothing, food and toilet articles.

A new building has been erected to house the Needy Nook and is located at the rear of the parking lot on Live Oak Drive, next to the church. The interior of the building resembles the interior of a department store. Clothes are arranged on shelves and racks in various sizes for male and female. Food and toilet articles are placed in a separate area.

All contacts for this service are made through the Lafayette Welfare Office.

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Every time trouble comes, consider that through it the Lord is giving you a needed lesson. — Paramahansa Yogananda

Editorial

A LOOK AT RE-STRUCTURING PROPOSALS

It may be a bit too early to suggest all the issues that will be before the General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 1972, but we can be sure that one subject to come before them will be re-structuring. In separate actions the General Conference of 1968 and the South Central Jurisdictional Conference of that same year created structure study committees. The deliberations of the general Structure Study Commission have had widespread discussion throughout the church, and it is significant that reliable sources indicate that they have made drastic changes in the directions in which they seemed to be moving for so long. Just recently the first draft of a proposal related to the structure of the South Central Jurisdiction was released to a limited group who were asked to secure "feed back" on the proposals outlined there.

Since we have not yet seen news releases authorized by either of these groups we do not feel justified in publicizing the details of their plans, but do want to share some of the directions in which they seem to be moving.

In a meeting at Denver during the World Methodist Conference the Structure Study Commission of the General Conference indicated they would move in the direction of a plan drastically different from the so-called "cluster scheme" which had caused a great deal of controversy throughout the church.

According to our information the following will be the main points in the proposal: the name of the top level organization would be changed from Council on Ministry and Administration to the Commission on Ministries, which would be basically a research, coordinating and planning body with responsibilities in goal setting and budgeting. Instead of being made up of representatives chosen by the several jurisdictions, the members would be chosen from the annual conferences.

The Structure Study Commission feels that the functions now being performed by the General Board of Pensions and the Methodist Publishing House would be more logically related to the General Conference directly, but most of the other boards, commissions, committees and interboards now in existence would be part of five general boards.

These five would be:

1. **General Board of Communication.** Included in this agency would be the present Division of Interpretation of the Program Council, the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Program Council, United Methodist Information, and the general periodicals of the church. The periodicals would have editorial responsibility to this new Board of Communication, but would have an operational responsibility to the Methodist Publishing House similar to that held by the Division of Curriculum Resources of the General Board of Education.

2. **General Board of Education.** Included here would be the present three divisions of the Board of Education, plus the Committee on Crusade Scholarships and the Interboard Commission on Missionary Education.

3. **General Board of Global Ministries.** This board would include most of the activities of the present General Board of Missions plus the work being done by the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs and the Interboard Committee on Christian Education.

4. **General Board of Church and Society.** This board would include work now being done by the Board of Christian Social Concerns and the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. There would also be included in their responsibility some of the work now being performed by the National Division of the Board of Missions such as children's homes, medical work and Goodwill Industries.

5. **General Board of Discipleship.** This agency would include work now being done by the General Board of Evangelism, the Commission on Worship, the stewardship, stewardship education and lay life and work programs of the Board of the Laity, and all of the vocational agencies such as the Interboard Commission on Christian Vocations, Deaconesses and Chaplains and related Ministries.

Under this proposal the Council on World Service and Finance would be renamed the Council on Finance and Administration. It would be related to the General Conference for all financial matters except the budgets of the five general boards. In these matters the Council would be related to the Commission on Ministries. Also included in their responsibilities would be the Board of Trustees, the Methodist Corporation, Archives and History, and the Section on Finance of the Board of the Laity. Under this general plan, the Commission on Ministries would make recommendations to the General Conference on budgeting for the general boards.

This is a very sketchy outline, but we felt it would be helpful to know of the new direction in which the Structure Study Commission is proposing to go.

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the Editor's Corner

"SUPERSTAR" PACKS THEM IN AT LITTLE ROCK

Who would ever have thought that the choice third-row seat we had for the Sept. 3 performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar" would not be quite so choice? When friends invited us to go as their guests we were delighted to accept, but we could not know how near the front we would be sitting or how loud the lead guitar would be. However, everything else about the performance was superb.

As you may have gathered from our previous comments, we have been among the champions of "Superstar" since its release almost a year ago. This is why we felt it a privilege to hear the pre-Broadway company when it came to Little Rock.

We know that there has been a wide polarization among people concerning this so-called "rock opera". However, more than 6,000 people crowded into Barton Coliseum for the program last Friday night and they gave a standing ovation to the very professional style in which it was presented.

Even though the two leading roles were sung by understudies — Tom Westerman replaced Jeff Fenholt in the roles of Jesus and Linda Nichols sang the role of Mary Magdalene in place of Yvonne Elliman who did the role on the Decca recording.

Carl Anderson was superb in the role of Judas, conveying the agony of a man caught between loyalty to a cause and loyalty to a friend.

Perhaps this composition by Andrew Lloyd Webster and Tim Rice will go down in history as one of the most controversial things to come out of the contemporary "Jesus movement." It is our studied opinion that it will have a lasting quality about it. We have gone carefully over the words since last Friday, and we find that the questions asked in "Superstar" are legitimate ones — akin to all those being raised in the prose of our time as people reflect a longing to relate more closely to the human Jesus and his eternal meanings.

It was great to hear "Superstar" done so well. It would have been better to be a few rows farther back.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The National Assn. of Church Business Administors has named its first full-time executive director, who will move the association's national office from Minneapolis to Bellevue, Neb. (near Omaha). Named to the position is Maurice Saucedo, 38, an American Baptist recently retired from the Air Force after spending 20 years in its chapel management service. Sauceda said he hopes to make the association better known and to encourage churches that do not have business administrator's to engage them if they are in a position to benefit from them.

Dr. Yosito Sinoto is the new president of the International Christian University in Tokyo, an institution founded in 1949 and supported by 12 North American denominations. It has some 1,200 students and a staff of 90. Dr. Sinoto, a biologist by training, came to the university in 1953 from Tokyo University. He has been chairman of the division of natural sciences and, for eight years, dean of the liberal arts college.

The first international congress of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism will be held in Kabul, Afghanistan, next summer. E. H. J. Steed, executive director of the commission said in Washington, D.C. that focus of the congress will be on the rapid increase in the use of alcohol and other drugs and its effect on international peace. Speakers will include authorities in the medical, educational, scientific and drug fields. The Commission was established in 1950.

Children are reported to have paraded with banners outside the Soviet Embassy in west London recently when a group of Christians staged a "quiet demonstration" against the alleged ill-treatment of Baptist believers in Russia. A spokesman from the group handed a petition into the Embassy addressed to "Comrade Kosygin." The petition, among other things, called for the release of prisoners, the abolition of secret laws "illegally controlling church life" and the return of children who had been taken from their parents allegedly because of the religious environment of their home. With the petition was a legal document authenticating the signatures of 2,500 persons from some 80 churches, colleges and schools in the Havering area.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. Carolina at its annual meeting in Durham, N.C., asked President Nixon to call on world leaders to seek divine guidance in attempting to solve racial, economic and international problems. A letter authorized by some 1,800 delegates said " . . . we strongly urge that as President, you take the leadership in calling upon the leaders of our nation and the world to return to the reverence of Almighty God and to seek His guidance in finding the solution to these problems."

Protestants of a "liberal ecumenical disposition" can adopt the "piety and devotion of evangelicalism" without becoming fundamentalist or "rightist," says Dr. J. Robert Nelson, a leading ecumenist, writing in the August 18 issue of Christian Century. Presenting a conservative viewpoint, Dr. Russell Hitt, editor of Eternity magazine, expressed his feeling that the liberal ecumenists have too much stressed social activism. He sees evangelicals embracing an "ecumenism that does not in their judgment 'water down' the historic faith."

Mexican officials are working on plans for a giant statue of Jesus Christ, taller than the Statue of Liberty, which they hope to present to the U.S. in recognition of America's 200th birthday celebration in 1976. If plans materialize the statue will be placed in Corpus Christi Bay on the Texas-coast, a site chosen because the city's Spanish name means "Body of Christ." An architect has described the statue as "a genuine monument to peace and goodwill among men."

Some 6,000 Seventh-day Adventist ministers and evangelists plan to take part in a massive simultaneous evangelistic thrust across the U.S. and Canada next year. Mission '72, will emphasize the theme "Reach Out For Life." N. Reginald Dower, an executive in the denomination said, "We have chosen this theme with the firm conviction that the only hope for this world is Christ. If man would survive, he must reach out to Him for life . . ."

Vanderbilt University, a private institution with Methodist origin, in Nashville, Tenn., is launching what is believed to be the first campus ministry program which thoroughly integrates Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergy in a team effort. The former post of university chaplain is being broadened into an Office of University Ministry. Campus clergymen drawn into the office will work across confessional lines in specialized ministries. The school has been independent for more than 50 years.

A "friend-of-the-court" brief asking that the death penalty be ruled unconstitutional has been filed with the U.S. Supreme Court by 13 Churches and religious organizations. The Court is scheduled to rule on the constitutionality of the death penalty in the term beginning in October. Failure of the Court to rule against the death penalty could result in the executions of 675 persons held on death rows in states which have capital punishment. "Life ought not to stand forfeit upon human judgments," the religious brief argued. "Such judgments are necessarily fallible."

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, father-in-law of Evangelist Billy Graham, has severed his ties with the Presbyterian Journal because he disapproves of the conservative independent magazine's part in a move to split the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), according to a Religious News Service release. Dr. Bell, a former medical missionary, has been a director of the Journal and an associate editor. He is also a cofounder and the executive director of Christianity Today. Dr. Bell said he deplored the "beginnings of an organizational battle" and was unwilling to concur in the plans for a new denomination.

Lt. Col. James B. Irwin, one of the Apollo 15 astronauts, said he felt the presence of God more closely while on the lunar surface than at any other time in his life. "On the moon, I think we had some divine guidance, helping us to be able to interpret what we saw," the astronaut said. In what might seem an alien and ominous environment, Irwin said he felt only that he was where he should be—where God wanted him to be.

The Rev. Mark Corts, pastor of Calvary Baptist church in Winston-Salem, N.C. has proposed a 90-day "freeze" on members of his congregation to bring his church's Sunday school "out of the statistical doldrums as quickly and dramatically as President Nixon has shaken up our economy." He suggested a freeze on outside activities of Sunday School teachers, Saturday night television and parties, weekend vacations, gossiping, criticizing and complaining, and spending pleasure money until "some of us have caught up on our back giving to God."

The executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance has announced the selection of Stockholm, Sweden, as the site of the 13th Baptist World Congress, set for July, 1975. Plans for a Baptist World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ during the 1973-75 period were also outlined. Spokesmen said the mission is aimed at four "practical, redemptive ministries: spiritual renewal, rediscovery and involvement of laity, cooperative and diversified evangelism and positive expressions of love."

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Sen. John O. Pastore (D.-R.I.), center, and Rep. John H. Buchanan (R.-Alobomo), left, co-choirmen of the Congressionol Committee for Nationol Bible Week, receive Bibles from Myron L. Boordmon, president of the Laymen's Nationol Bible Committee, in Washington. Sen. Postore, a Romon Catholic, received the New Americon Bible, while Congressmon Buchonon, an ordoined Southern Boptist minister, was given o copy of the New English Bible.

Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries

DAY CAMP FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

On August 2, 1971, Shreveport Metropolitan Ministry of the United Methodist Church sponsored a Day Camp for 41 underprivileged youth. This camp was held at the Methodist Camp in Minden. These youth were recruited by the Baker Street Center of First Methodist Church, the Allendale Center and the Mooretown Center of the Community Action Project of Caddo and Bossier Parishes. This free camp was a Fund for Reconciliation Project supported by First Methodist Church, Barksdale Methodist Church, St. James United Methodist Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick of Noel United Methodist Church.

The success of this experience for the youth can be attributed to the excellent workers at the Day Camp. Miss Shirley Pegues was responsible for teaching the children art. Miss Nancy Smith and Mrs. Dorothy Wafer were volunteers from First Methodist Church who were responsible for the craft work.

The counselors were Dr. Jack Cooke, superintendent of the Shreveport District of the United Methodist Church, Maurice Monroe and Mrs. Margie Stacey of the Baker Street Center staff, Miss Wendy Waller, volunteer from Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Miss Selina Vega, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Torsb, Mr. Albert Moody, principal of Bethune High School and vice president of Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries. The director of the camp was James Graham, coordinator of Shreveport Metropolitan Ministry. The Rev. Joseph Carlisle, associate pastor of Broadmoor United Methodist Church served as bus driver for this event.

With the help of the camp staff the children were able to engage in several activities. They participated in swimming, arts and crafts, hiking and in various in-door games. The children were also treated with a movie and a class in Afro-American History. This day camp served as another vehicle of Shreveport Metropolitan Ministry's effort to extend the arm of the church into the community.

Forty-one underprivileged children and youth attended recent day camp at Caney Lake United Methodist Camp, near Minden, under spansorship af Shrevepart Metrapalitan Ministries.

TRAVIS STREET SPORTS CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Travis Street Center, one of the activities of the Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries, recently provided an outstanding group of trained young boxers who participated in the Shreveport Boxing Tournament. This event was sponsored by the Shreveport Boxing Club, Irish McNeil, Director. Coach for the "Travis Street Boxing Crew," is Dwayne Williams.

Activities at the Travis Street Sports Center include indoor basketball, table tennis and many other games. Some 450 teenagers and young adults from the area take part each week at the Center. In addition to games, the Rev. James Graham, director of the Shreveport Metro Ministries, has shown movies of sports, and the life stories of famous sports and entertainment figures.

This year, the Travis Street Basketball Team won first place in a tournament sponsored by the Ministrics' office. Two members of the Travis Street Centcr, Robert Lincoln and Raymond Love, who are artists, exhibited some of their work at the recent United Methodist Youth gathering at Centenary College, "Decision '71", and also at First Methodist Church in Shreveport. These two young men are freshmen at Southern University, Shreveport Campus.

Maurice Monroe is the director of the Travis Street Center, which is sponsored by the First Methodist Church of Shreveport.

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"Travis Street Boxing Crew" with Coach Dwayne Williams.

Youth Enrichment program at Asbury

Asbury's Yauth Enrichment leaders

The Asbury United Methodist Church of Lafayette, held its fifth annual Youth Enrichment Program during the month of July. The philosophy of the program is that if Christ enters into life at all, He enters into all of life.

The directors of this year's program were Mrs. S. Gayle Perry, minister's assistant, Mrs. Harold Cannon, service project, Jim Broussard, art and drama, and Dan Underwood, athletic director. The Rev. George W. Ross serves as pastor.

Working closely with the directors to coordinate and carry out the program were the following leaders: Mary Lou Ross, Martha Ross, Terry Hobson, Kim Olson, Leslie Harrell, Debbie Roberts, Becky Fernandez, Dan Clower, Allen Croom, David Jones, Herb Vickers and Pat Culligan.

One hundred and fifty children, ages four through fourteen, were brought each weekday to participate in this program, co-sponsored by the Magnolia Service Center of Lafayette.

The children were instructed by 100 teenagers and adults who were part of the program in art, music, crafts and gymnastics and were taken on field trips. The youngsters were served lunch.

The youth working in this program were supervised by adults who volunteered their services.

The afternoon program provided classes for teenagers. There were 31 various activities, with approximately 100 workers in this program.

The Needy Nook, a year-round activity, was staffed this summer by young people in the Youth Enrichment Program and provided clothes for about 50 persons each week.

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Learning the art of making paste

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NEWS and NOTES

ST. MATTHEWS United Methodist Church, 1100 Verret Street, New Orleans, recently celebrated the 101st anniversary of the church. At the same time, the mortgage note was burned, declaring the church debt free. The Rev. C. D. Small, retired minister, delivered the message. The Rev. Eddie Carter is the minister and Lawrence Martin, Sr., is lay leader.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY for Nicholls State College, Thibodaux, held an Interfaith Worship Service at St. Thomas Aquinas Center, August 31. Plans are to begin having a Protestant worship service every Sunday, starting September 12, probably at 7:30 p.m.

ROANOKE UMYF members had a pizza supper in Jennings Friday night, August 20, returning to the church for recreation. Adults accompanying the group were the Rev. and Mrs. Homer Bailes, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus William Tietje, and Mrs. Bea Ferguson. The UMYFers held a cookie sale on August 26.

MRS. LOIS SPARKS HIGHTOWER would like for her friends in Arkansas and Louisiana to know *that she has retired from teaching*. She has lived in many places during her teaching career and earlier when her father was a minister in both states. Her present address is Route 2, Box 100, Florien, Louisiana, but she and her husband will live at Toledo Bend Lake, Louisiana, after December 1, when he retires.

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER at Dulac was the recipient of three large boxes of school supplies collected by children attending vacation church school in Trinity Church, Ruston.

NORTH HIGHLANDS United Methodist Men of Shreveport sponsored a Family Night, Wednesday, September 1. Percy Sharp, president of the Caddo Parish School Board, was the speaker. The Rev. Lonnie M. Sibley is the pastor.

THE REV. GEORGE HARKINS, pastor of First Church, Mansfield, was named "Minister of the Year" by the Desoto Chapter N. 64 Royal Arch Masons. Robert Peterson, High Priest of the lodge, made the presentation at a worship service in the Mansfield Church, August 29.

THE ROANOKE UMYF recently purchased recreation equipment. On Friday the 13th (of August) the youth and several adults met for a party to try out their new equipment. The Rev. Homer Bailes is pastor.

INDIAN BAYOU United Methodist Church is seeking help in compiling a history of the church. Information and photographs are needed of ten ministers who have served as pastors. These will be copied and returned to senders. Ministers and years of service are listed: W. B. Tilley, 1890; C. R. Seward, 1891-92; S. M. Whatley, 1895; J. P. Haney, 1899; J. D. Nesom, 1905-06; F. P. Morse, 1907; J. L. Lay 1915; G. D. Anders, 1916-17; P. O. Lowery, 1921-22; and J. T. Parsons, 1929-30. Please write the Rev. Robert W. Peterson, present pastor, at Route 2, Box 256, Rayne, La. 70578.

THE REV. ROBERT TOWNSEND, Wesley Foundation director of the McNeese College Campus, Lake Charles, was guest speaker in the DeQuincy Church, August 29. Larry Henning, layman of Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur, spoke at the evening service in the absence of the Rev. Byrd L. Terry.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS of Trinity Church, Alexandria, had 33 members and guests present at the August social which featured home baked cakes and freezer ice cream. The party was held on the patio of the H. M. Pitts' home. The Rev. Dave Corley is pastor.

A RECENT SESSION of "Famfest '71" at Munholland Memorial Church in Metairie featured magic and music with Robert Wall of the Orleans Parish School Board entertaining with magic acts followed by the Metairie Baptist Church Touring Choir of 50 persons performing popular and sacred music. Their program included excerpts from "Hello, World" by Buryl Red and "Tell It Like It Is" by Ralph Carmichael. The Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is minister at Munholland.

FIRST CHURCH, EUNICE recently recognized J. T. Hundley of that congregation—a long-time leader and for 25 years Church School superintendent. The Administrative Board is conducting a financial campaign to pay off the present indebtedness on the education building of that church. The drive will end on Sept. 28, Mr. Hundley's birthday, and the education building will be named J. T. Hundley Educational Building. The Rev. Carey Martin is pastor.

A NEW ORGANIST and a new choir director have been named for St. Paul Church in Monroe. Organist will be Charles Eve, teacher of organ at Northeast Louisiana University, who is completing work on his D. Mus. degree at the U. of Colorado. Dr. John Burgin, choir director, is assistant professor of voice at Northeast, and received his doctor's degree in Sacred Music from Peabody College.

THE SUMMER THURSDAY Program (STP) in Elysian Fields United Methodist Church featured family picnics, hobby shows, and a square dance. Programs included one presented by the Oak Park Presbyterian Youth, a dramatic presentation by the local UMY, under the direction of Joe Nail, Barney Wright and Jeannie Moore. Speakers included Barney Wright, US-2 missionary at St. Mark's Community Center, and Jim Forsythe, layman from St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Spanish Americans of the neighborhood were guests one Sunday. The Elysian Fields pastor is the Rev. Clarence Fuller.

THE SENIOR HIGH Class members at Mansfield United Methodist Church, as a part of their unit of study have made a scrap book of Christian symbols, their origin and meaning. The book will be placed in the foyer of the church for the use of the congregation. The Rev. George W. Harkins is pastor.

THE REV. FRANK M. STAGE, pastor of the Blanchard and Belcher United Methodist Churches, was the evangelist for a revival held at Shongaloo Church, Aug. 8-13. John Blake of First Baptist Church, Cullen was the song leader. There were six additions to the church—three by profession of faith and three by letter. Prayer meetings to be held in homes have been established as a result of the revival. The Rev. James M. Carter is pastor.

SIMPSON CHURCH, Lake Charles, under the leadership of Hubert Blanchard and Bryant Gore, is making preparation for a Lay Revival to be held September 13-14. Donnis Hines of DeQuincy will be a principal speaker. The Rev. Stone W. Caraway is the minister.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Sept. 12—Sunday	Matt. 18:24-35
Sept. 13	Luke 8:11-15
Sept. 14	Luke 21:15-19
Sept. 15	Rom. 5:1-5
Sept. 16	II Cor. 6:1-10
Sept. 17	Col. 1:8-18
Sept. 18	II Thessa. 1:1-4
Stpt. 19—Sunday	Titus 2:1-8

RAYMOND C. NANCE has been hired as Director of Christian Education at Rayne Memorial church in New Orleans. He is a native of Pampa, Texas, and received his Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U. He spent two summers, 1969 and 1970, with the Metropolitan Urban Service Training Facility in New York City, working with the East Harlem Protestant Parish and New York Theological Seminary. He served as Director of Youth Work at Aurora Church and Munholland Church, both of New Orleans, during the summers of 1967 and 1968.

EVENINGS OF DEVOTIONS were held in three Monroe District churches the week of August 22-27. Rev. John R. Johns led the services in Mer Rouge Church Sunday and Monday, at Collinston Tuesday and Wednesday, and at Bonne Idee on Thursday. The closing service in Mer Rouge on Friday was a presentation about Pakistan by Maurice Elahi of West Monroe, a native Pakistani, and was preceded by a supper for members of all churches. Mr. Johns is pastor of the Patterson and Bayou Vista Churches. The Rev. Larry Robertson is pastor of the Mer Rouge Circuit.

DAVIDSON MEMORIAL CHURCH in Lafayette is completing plans for a Day Nursery with trained workers, to open in September for ages from 18 months through five years. The church recently conducted a two week's vacation church school. Nine members attended the Aug. 6-7 Renewal Conference in Monroe. The Rev. Harold Price is pastor.

The Youth Choir of First United Methodist Church, Bossier City, is pictured on the occasion of singing for 8:30 and 10:45 services, Sunday, August 29, at which time they wore new robes presented by friends within the church. Mrs. W. W. Johnson directs the Youth Choir. The Rev. K. G. Rorie is their pastor.

World Federation of Methodist Women affirms rights and responsibilities

By Betty Thompson

DENVER, Colo., (UMI) — Meeting in mid-August at a Roman Catholic college high in the hills of Denver, Methodist women from 52 nations charted a course for the next five years which emphasizes both the rights and responsibilities of Christian women.

The World Federation of Methodist Women in its quinquennial meeting at Loretto Heights College urged women to be aware of their own rights and to fight for the rights of the oppressed everywhere. They reaffirmed their historic emphasis on evangelism, reflecting their motto "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." And they made it clear that they were for Christian unity and believe that "we have no reason to be separated from other Christians."

A North American woman who has been prominent in the activities of the World organization for the past decade and who has just completed a term as world treasurer was elected president. She is Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, Aurora, Ill., a former vice-president of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Faith Rolston, principal of Lal Bagh Girls Intermediate College, at Lucknow, India, was elected vice-president. An official of The Australian Council of Churches and one of the Federation's former UN seminar trainees, Miss Jean Skuse of Sydney, was named secretary. Elected as treasurer was Mrs. Ann Marie Collin, Vastervas, Sweden, a teacher and wife of a Methodist minister.

From the colorful opening service featuring national dress and handsome banners made by the units from all continents to the solemn installation service which closed the assembly, the nearly 100 official delegates and some 200 visitors, mostly from the United States, focused their attention on "Women in a Changing World."

The 1966-71 president, Dr. Patrocinio Ocampo of the Philippine Christian College, Manila, said in her opening address that women must stop being regarded as "a parasite, a slave, an object" and become actively involved in shaping a better world.

DENVER – Elected as officers of the World Federation of Methodist Women during their meeting in Denver were, from left to right: Mrs. Ann Marie Callin, a Vostervas, Sweden, teocher, treasurer; Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, Aurora, Ill., president; Dr. Foith Rolstan, principal of Lal Bagh Intermediate College, Lucknaw, India, vice-president; and Miss Jean Skuse, Sydney, Australia, a staff member of the Australian Council of Churches, secretory.

—Photos by Fujihira

Two women prominent in the World Council of Churches spoke on main concerns of the assembly. Miss Pauline Webb, London, England, vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and head of lay training for the British Methodist Conference, discussed the role of women in Christian unity. Miss Brigalia H. Bam, a South African on the Geneva staff of the World Council of Churches, in an address on "Women as Persons," said the future and hope for preserving the dignity of mankind lies in the release of "the untapped reservoir" of talent held by women.

Both Miss Webb and Miss Bam stressed cooperation with men in the work of both church and society. And neither was utopian about women. For, as Miss Bam reminded them, in both the United Staates and her native South Africa women "like their husbands have preached the Gospel of the inferiority of the black to their children and have benefited from it materially and socially."

And both ecumenical leaders felt that liberation of women would entail liberation of others as well. Miss Webb made a plea for a distinctive feminine contribution to theology.

Stressing that she was not one who believes that men and women have the same contributions to make, Miss Webb said that almost all theology had originated in the male experience. Hence the emphasis on sin as pride and assertiveness.

"Women, on the other hand, might be said to be too easily content just to be women, to live their livcs through other people, to underestimate or even conceal their abilities, to be content with trivial pursuits," she warned.

The keynote speaker on cvangelism, Mrs. Elisa R. Ocera, Manila, told the delegates that the tasks of Christians is not to indoctrinate or to live according to some stereotype of a Christian. She stressed that early Christians won adherents through their vital Christian presence characterized by worship and obedience. The evangelistic and revival era with its stress on mass crusades overshadowed this emphasis of the early church, she said.

Following addresses on the women as persons, the ecumenical movement, and evangelism and a searing film presentation on the problems of racial and sexual discrimination, poverty, and the youth revolution, thc women worked in Bible study groups and in commissions to address themselves as Christians to the issues. Bible study introduced by Dr. Katharine B. Hockin, dean of studies at Toronto's Ecumenical Institute, was the foundation of the conference deliberations.

Dr. Potracinio Ocampo of Manila, Philippines, presided as the Warld Federation af Methadist Women apened the quinquennial assembly af 300 wamen from nearly 60 notions. A colarful opening ceremony featured natianal dress and bonners designed by the women of the nations represented.

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MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Those of you who participated in the Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College: I hope that you have had or are planning to have a sharing time with others of your local Society, your Commission on Mission, Guild or others interested in study. To those of you who were not at School: I hope you will help provide an opportunity for someone who did attend to meet with your planning committee.

What we learned, what we gained through fellowship, even the "hands out" we received as we moved through the week do not really belong to us. They belong to those who supported our attendance, whether that be the local, the district, the conference society.

The highest goal is to have each of the three studies emphasized this year: The Gospel of Matthew, The New Generation in Africa, The New Machines and the New Humanity, studied church-wide in every local church with adults, youth and children participating in some fashion. Being realistic, we know this it not going to happen; but there are all kinds of statistics to prove that a church that reaches way out beyond itself will in some miraculous way be drawn closer together as it reaches.

Do you know a better incentive for stretching than an attempt to fulfill the mandate issued in the closing verses of the Gospel of Matthew?

The School of Christian Mission helped provide a tool for the task in reaching . . . but not if you keep it to yourself.

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman Missionary Education

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 19: God Reveals Himself

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-18

MEMORY SELECTION: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. (Hebrews 1:1-2)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To remind persons of the various ways in which God has communicated with men; to show that the Incarnation was God's crowning act of redemptive self-revelation.

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Having dealt in our last lesson with the limits of our understanding of God, we move now to a study of the ways God has revealed himself to man through the ages in a developing process which reached its climax in Jesus Christ, "the Word become flesh."

All through the ages man has raised the question of his ability to discover the nature of God. At one stage of history God revealed himself in part, and at still another time the veil of the mystery was drawn back a little more. There has never been a time when God was not revealing himself. From the moment of creation until now, man has come under the initiative of God who has continued to show more and more of his nature.

The Psalmist declared, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." (Psa. 19:1) These are days in which we are still discovering his mighty power and the vast expanse of his creation. We cannot travel with the astronauts to the Moon and not feel that God has revealed more of his being to us.

It is not being sacrilegious or pagan to affirm that God is to be seen in the works of nature. Some men may overwork that as their excuse for not coming close to the Christian community, but the fact remains that God does move from his transcendence and make contact with his world in the beauties of his creation. He tells us he has been here everytime we observe the budding of a flower and the maturing of a bird.

The writer of Hebrews summarized the initiative of God in making himself known: "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power." (Heb. 1:1-3a)

Moses' plea to see God's glory was answered with as much of revelation as human eyes could endure. Thereafter, God's normal method for imparting knowledge of himself would be through chosen instruments. Through a succession of prophets beginning with Moses, who both received insights into the person and work of God and shared and shared what he learned, there was granted a developing revelation not only of the nature and character of God but also of his requirements and purposes for mankind. This was in preparation for the ultimate act of communication in which God both spoke and acted in the person of his Son.

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THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The first chapter of the Gospel of John speaks to us in a unique fashion of the ultimate revelation of God through his Son. The writer speaks of the "Word," which was in the beginning with God, and then he goes on to affirm that this "Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

The Greek word "Logos" which the writer translates as "Word" is far more than a unit in our vocabulary. It is an expression of the creating, redeeming activity of God. This passage also speaks to us of the creative act at the beginning of time and suggests all of the activities of God in trying to make himself known to man. Dr. William Barclay says of this chapter which is central in today's lesson, "The first chapter of the Fourth Gospel is one of the greatest adventures of religious thought ever achieved by the mind of man."

Commentators are agreed that the writer of the Fourth Gospel was strongly influenced by Greek philosophy. Barclay says (The Gospel of John): "Greek thought knew all about the 'Logos': it saw in the 'Logos' the creating and the guiding and the directing power of God, the power which made the universe and which keeps the universe going." John wrote to the Greeks in language they understood and said, "For ages you have been thinking and writing and dreaming about the 'Logos,' the power which made the world, the power which keeps the order of the world, the power by which men think and reason and know. Jesus is that 'Logos' come down to earth." What he was really saying was that God achieved the ultimate in revelation by becoming a person. This is the very heart of the Christian message.

Dr. David E. Roberts, commenting on this act which we call the Incarnation, says: "If we can believe that the impossible has happened and that, though we have shut him out, God comes into our world just the same, a restored humanity and a restored creation may be born again in us today."

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THE WORD WAS WITH THE FATHER

One of the first great declarations of this prologue to John is that this "Word" which became flesh in Jesus Christ was the same divine force that was present before the beginning of time. It is John's great thought that Jesus is none other than God's creative and life-giving "Word" — that Jesus is the power of God which created the world and the reason of God which sustains the world come to earth in a human and bodily form. John is really saying three things about Jesus in this passage.

First, John was declaring the pre-existence of Christ—that the "Word" was not one of the created things; it was there before creation. As Barclay says: "This means one simple, very practical, and very tremendous thing. If the Word was with God before time began, if God's Word is part of the eternal scheme of things, it means that God was always like Jesus . . . The whole New Testament tells us, and this passage of John specially tells us, that God has always been like Jesus. What Jesus did was open a window in time that we might see the eternal and unchanging love of God."

Then, the writer goes on to say that "the Word was with God." By this he means that always there has been the closest and most intimate connection between the Word and God—or there has always been the most intimate connection between Jesus and God.

Finally, John declares that "the Word was God." Note that he did not say that Jesus was like God. He says that he was God. He was saying that Jesus is so perfectly the same as God in mind, in heart, in being that in him we see what God is like. Let us again quote from Barclay: "So right at the beginning of his Gospel John lays it down that in Jesus, and in Jesus alone, there is perfectly revealed to men all that God always was and always will be, and all that God feels toward and desires for men."

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THE WORD AMONG MEN

An important question about God's revelation in every age concerns the response of those to whom the revelation has come. How does man react when confronted by the truth which is brought to him by the Son of God himself? With verse 9 this story of God's unfolding of himself shifts from eternity to time, from heaven to earth, from Christ with the Father to Christ among men. Verse 10 says: "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."

There is a great contrast between verses 1-3 and verses 10-11. Shifting from the declaration that "All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made," we read that "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." We are told that the eternal Word came into the world which he had made, and was unrecognized—worse than that, was spurned. As a king coming to take possession of his realm might be resisted by his subjects, so Christ was repudiated, first by Israel and then by every human heart that stands against him.

All through the story of the rejection of the one who had come to make God known we must recognize that a part of the problem lies in the inability of the finite mind to understand the infinite. But not all the difficulty lies there. Some of the failure must be laid to the unwillingness on our part to receive him and the love which he brings. As Dr. Lawrence Hays says in Adult Bible Studies, "If a person is to know God, he must respond to God's self-disclosure in obedience and trust. He must respond in total commitment to God's revelation in Christ."

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CHRIST AS THE GIVER OF LIFE

John's description of Jesus in this lesson centers on two words, life and light. These are the characteristics of the Word that are revealed uniquely to men.

In connection with his creative work, Jesus Christ brought life through himself and gave it to men. Man owes his physical existence to him, but there is much more to it than that. In another sense he gave man a different kind of life than the purely physical. He gave him the faculty for spiritual perception and understanding. The absence of this perception is darkness, a quality of spiritual ignorance and imperception, which keeps man from seeing God. As one has put it, "There was darkness over the original creation, but Christ gave it light and his light has never been put out."

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THE GIFT MUST BE RECEIVED

The crucial thing about this gift of life and light through the Incarnate Christ is that it must be accepted by man or the revelation is incomplete. In spite of all that God's love had caused him to do through Christ, the writer's tragic conclusion is that "the world knew him not." He brought life and light, both of which were so essential, but the world rejected him.

Dr. James Reapstone says: "No man has a choice about his physical birth, but when it comes to having spiritual life a choice must be made; Jesus Christ must be received. There are only two kinds of people in the world: those who have not received him and those who have. John defines 'receive' as believing in Christ's name. This means more than intellectual agreement to historical facts about Christ; it means opening your whole life to him in complete trust. That's just like inviting a person into your home; you receive that person as a person, not as an idea or a philosophy."

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WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

The picture is not all dark. Through the ages many have been willing to accept this great gift of God's love. There are those who still prefer light to darkness—who accept Jesus as the revelation of God.

It is to these that God makes his greatest revelation—he gives them the right to become his sons. The Book of Acts is an exciting record of the growth of the Christian family, and the "power to become the sons of God" has continued throughout the centuries. It is still ours today. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." (I John 3:1)

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

To use the phrase "the Irish Troubles" is not to mint a new one — it is to use a description which has sadly applied to Ireland too many times in modern history. But the present outbreak of violence is a serious one indeed. The elements of the Irish Republican Army who are now operating as gunmen in the streets of Belfast and the towns and villages or Northern Ireland are the immediate target of the military operation now being mounted by the British Army in Northern Ireland. And one of the most important facts to recognize is that these gunmen and their noisy and dangerous supporters are not representative of the majority of people in Northern Ireland who only want to be left alone to pursue their lives in peace.

One of the most dangerous factors in the present situation would be for the headline-making activities of the activists to be taken as representatives of the population. Such now well-known names as Bernadette Devlin and Ian Paisley may make the news but their activities are not all of a piece with those politicians who are struggling to make and keep peace.

In the same way, the people who urge the young hooligans to harrass the police and the men who are members of the IRA and who have announced their intention of carrying on a gun battle with the Army are not the vast majority of the Irish population.

Having said that, however, the risk and the danger should not be overlooked, or treated lightly. This, in fact, though it is dressed in the clothes of sectarian and religious struggles, is a political struggle backed up now, and not too subtly by the Prime Minister of Southern Ireland, whose comments on the decision to hold suspected persons were, to say the least, unhelpful.

The army has an unenviable task, and on the whole that task is being carried out with the minimum of provocation. The government of Northern Ireland, bound up so closely, as it is, with the British government, has a task made well-nigh impossible by the violence in the situation. It is clear enough that violence must first be muted, and it is also clear that this can be done by eliminating the elements who are causing it. The power to hold people is one which must be used with care, but it is better that this should be invoked in the interest of the many that the relatively few gunmen and extremists should be allowed to disrupt the whole life of the province of Ulster.

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HOW THE BASTIONS FALL

To strike a lighter note in what is classically known in British Press circles as the "silly season" it has not entirely escaped British notice that the **New York Times** has now stopped publishing the English cricket scores. If the game of cricket has up to now been something of a mysterious ritual to our American friends, what little chance we have of spreading the good news of this subtle game now that the New Yorkers do not even know the score!

Something even more startling has been that this week two Holloway Prison officers (female) have been appointed usherettes at the Old Bailey, the very heart of British law courts. They are the first women to be appointed to the job since the Old Bailey opened in 1907. It is said that not enough men were interested in the job.

Women's Lib don't really have to try too hard—it is all coming to them anyway!

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Directors challenged to responsible musicianship

HOUSTON, Tex. (UMI) — Music and the arts can communicate today in a way that words cannot, the president of the 1200-member international Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians said here during the organization's recent biennial convocation.

Approximately 350 professional and non-professional, full-time and part-time Choir directors and organists attended the convocation held at the University of Houston.

The president, the Rev. Philip R. Dietterich, minister of music at First United Methodist Church, Westfield, N. J., said responsible musicians "can no longer hide behind their organ consoles practicing and presenting celestial marshmallows".

In order to provide a valid ministry, he said, musicians must share in a variety of expressions of faith from various historical periods, in various styles, and with various pastoral concerns. For the people longing for the "good days" or a time when "things return to normal" in the world, Mr. Dietterich said normality today means "tremendous diversity, individuality, and change". Music, he said, can be the "secret weapon" which will bring together diverse groups.

Scholarships of $250 each were given by the Fellowship to Richard Crofts, Saint Cloud, Fla., who is studying at Boston University; William B. Verity, Elmira, N. Y., who is studying at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; and Alice Lee Bridge, Trenton, N. J., a student at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. A special offering amounting to $285 was received for the scholarship fund.

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UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARSHIPS

According to Dr. Brandenburg, the annual grants which began in 1945 acknowlcdge leadership potential and provide financial assistance to students who otherwise might not be able to attend a church-related school. Scholarships are limited to United Methodist students attending one of 111 colleges and universities related to the denomination.

The $500 scholarships are for tuition and academic fee only.

"These scholarships say to the student that the church is concerned about him, his future and objectives," stated Dr. Brandenburg. He said thousands of studcnts have benefited from the program and have become significant leaders in the church and community at large.

Since 1956, about 90 per cent of the Student Day offering taken by local churches each June is used in the United Methodist Scholarship program. Last year the offering totaled $218,-444. Additional funds come from other Board of Education sources.

Last year 457 students received $236,000 from the United Methodist Scholarship program. Another $44,-000 was given by the Board for graduate study scholarships.

Each of the United Methodist colleges is given an allocation for scholarships by the Board. In turn, it recommends students meeting certain qualifications set by the Board. In addition to academic standards, both the school and the individual's pastor must verify his leadership performance and potential.

It should be noted that at present the twelve black colleges of the United Methodist Church are under a spccial grant-loan program and are therefore not included in this same listing of scholarships.

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New resource book for parents

The following resource edited in the Division of Curriculum Resources is available from Cokesbury in your area: **The Church at Your House,** by Ann and Robert Newton (Graded Press. Paperback, $1.50)

This new guidebook for parents of children in grades five and six provides another resource in the series of Guidebooks for Parents. The book's aim is to help parents grow in their understanding of Christian faith, and to enable them to be better parents—because of their Christian faith. Topics dealt with include the church, security and authority, Christ and courage, freedom and the Spirit, teaching the meaning of love, and how to become part of a group—such as the church.

The authors live in Greencastle, Indiana, where Dr. Newton teaches philosophy and religion at DePauw University. Mrs. Newton has taught Bible and Christian education courses at DePauw. Both have graduate degrees from Union Thcological Seminary and Columbia University.

U.S.-2 group largest ever

NEW YORK (UMI) — Forty-three young home missionaries, familiarly known as "U.S.-2s" for their two years' service, are scheduled to begin work this fall in a variety of United Methodist programs and projects throughout the country.

They are commissioned for service under the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, which has sponsored the U.S.-2 program since its beginning in the summer of 1951. This year's group, which National Division officials say is the largest in the U.S.-2 program's history, includes 26 women and 17 men, of whom seven are married couples.

Many of the young missionaries are 1971 college graduates, but several left well paying jobs to serve in the home missionary ranks, said Division leaders. Jobs previously held by U.S.-2s included electrical engineer, certified public accountant, hospital recreational worker, music activities therapist, pediatrics nursing teacher, public health nurse, and teachers on elementary, high school and college levels. Eleven of the men are doing alternative service for the church to meet requirements of the U.S. Selective Service system, Division leaders added.

The U.S.-2s will serve in a variety of settings in many parts of the U.S.—in large inner cities, rural parishes, health and hospital projects, children's homes, schools and campus ministries. The National Division said each will receive a subsistence salary of $150 a month, plus board and room. One couple will do pastoral work and direct pre-school centers in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Most of the group are United Methodists, but also there are Presbyterians, Lutherans and Episcopalians.

Other than one couple who took training at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., the group completed an orientation course at St. Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist seminary in Kansas City, Mo. The orientation included three weeks of training in theological and Biblical reflections; minorities; community health, education, political and welfare systems; courts; sexual issues; police, and women's liberation. Also included were three-week field assignments in a home mission project.

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RNS cartoon by joe giacalone

"You may rest assured, ma'am, that all of our sermons are rated 'G'."

Ethnic representation for 1972 General Conference tallied

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Nearly twice as many black U.S. delegates will serve in the 1972 United Methodist General Conference as in 1964, and 58 per cent more than in 1968. The 89 persons will comprise nearly 10 per cent of the American total, according to a tally by United Methodist Information.

Delegates from other ethnic groups also have more than doubled, to include six Hispanic-Americans and six Asian-Americans. In elections this summer by annual conferences, only 14 of the 101 ethnic representatives, among a 912-delegate total, were chosen by ethnically separate conferences.

In eight conferences, a black person was the first elected as either a lay or ministerial delegate, and in another an Asian was so named. This is deemed a key position for delegation leadership and for membership on committees. The conferences involved were California-Nevada, East Ohio (both lay and ministerial), Missouri East, New York (the first three ministers), Southern California-Arizona, Southern New England, Southwest Texas, West Virginia and Western North Carolina.

Well over one-half of the 86 overseas delegates are expected to be non-white.

No complete count was made of the ethnic representatives elected to the 1972 jurisdictional conferences, but in 1968 the Negroes named as jurisdictional delegates about equaled those elected to General Conference. Since the latter serve in both gatherings, the one-to-ten ratio is likely to occur also in the jurisdictional conferences, which will have a total of 1,950 delegates.

This situation could have its greatest impact in voting for bishops, of whom probably 20 will be elected in 1972.

In 1964 the Negro annual conferences of the Central Jurisdiction sent 44 delegates to General Conference, while other conferences elected at least four Negroes as delegates. Other ethnic delegates could be counted on one hand.

Mergers of white and Negro conferences began that year, and by the 1968 General conference, there were 56 black delegates. Half of them were elected by still-segregated conferences.

For the 1972 session, the five unmerged black conferences will send 12 delegates; 6 will go from conferences where the Central Jurisdiction never existed, and the other 71 from conferences which have de-segregated since 1964. These make a total of 41 conferences with black delegates, out of 75 in the U.S.

By jurisdictions, ethnic delegates to General Conference will total as follows: North Central, 16 black; South Central, 19 black, 2 Hispanic; Northeastern, 25 black, 2 Hispanic; Southeastern, 36 black; Western, 3 black, 2 Hispanic, 6 Asian.

Although figures on other ethnic groups are incomplete for former years, the 1972 conference undoubtedly will set a record. This will not include the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference, which in 1970 was granted seats, but not votes, for two delegates. They will be simarily seated next year.

However, that conference will have delegates in the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. The North Carolina Conference also elected to Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference a Lumbee Indian layman, believed to be the first Indian named a delegate except from the Mission Conference.

Methodist College largest trainer of black physicians

NASHVILLE (RNS) — Two per cent of the nation's physicians are black but five times that many are needed, according to the head of a United Methodist institution here which is the largest single trainer of black doctors in the U.S.

Dr. Lloyd Elam of Meharry Medical College added that a major problem in the education of blacks for medical work is that the students tend to come from low income families and must receive substantial financial aid.

Meharry is one of 12 predominantly black institutions operated by the United Methodist Church. Until 1965, over half of the black doctors in the U.S. were trained there. In 1971, slightly less than 50 per cent were Meharry graduates.

According to Medical World Report, a publication based in New York, the U.S. has some 282,000 physicians engaged in patient care. Another 32,370 are in teaching, research, and other allied fields, and 19,621 are inactive.

Eighty per cent of the Meharry graduates practice in rural areas or in urban ghettoes. "We are very proud of that figure," said Dr. Elam, "because we know that's where the need really exists. We are concerned about improving the quality of life of large numbers of people, and you cannot improve the quality of life if you don't do something about their health."

The rising cost of education makes the speedy increase of black doctors difficult, he continued.

"We still have over ninety per cent of our students from families with such low income that they must be supported while they are in medical school . . . And it is easier to raise money for capital expansion than it is to support the ongoing program to educate these students."

Some Meharry scholarships are offered through the United Methodist Board of Education, also in Nashville. The denomination currently has a special campaign underway to aid its black institutions.

It will also designate one-fourth of its 1971 World Communion Offering for scholarships among minority youths.

United Methodists urged to complete Reconciliation Fund giving

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — The "promise of a gift" that the United Methodist Church committed in 1968 as the Fund for Reconciliation, has gone far to ease "what our brother has against us," declares **engage** magazine.

In its August issue, the church's social action publication explores a wide gamut of how $10 million raised by the church since 1968 (half of the $20 million fund) has been used. But, pointing out that many projects are just beginning to get to the more effective point, Editor Allan R. Brockway editorially challenges the church to complete the gift and challenges the 1972 General Conference to continue such funding in some way: "No person of Christian faith can believe that the church will fail to follow through on such a basic understanding of the gospel as is reconciliation."

The magazine tells the story of the fund's grants from the southern tip of Texas to all corners of the United States, and then across to Vietnam, where ten per cent of the total is being used for development projects designed for immediate help to people.

In Texas it reports on some of the persons involved in United Methodist Volunteer Service, how the decisions are actually being made by the people benefitting, and how "the 'establishment' is actually demonstrating its genuine desire for and dedication to reconciliation." It also stresses the ways in which Fund for Reconciliation money is being combined with funds from other sources—churches, community groups, government—"to produce results that would be beyond the capability of any one of them singly."

It also highlights the variety of approaches taken within similar types of projects—among 50 black community developers who seek to meet almost as many specific community needs, among the 15 cities in which the Police-Community Relations Project operates to sharpen awareness and involvement in law enforcement issues.

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BISHOP LORD HAILS NIXON'S PROPOSED VISIT TO CHINA

MIRROR LAKE, N.H. (RNS) — United Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D.C. has defended President Nixon's proposed trip to China and scored critics of the President's initiatives to improve relations with Peking.

The bishop is himself a frequent critic of the Nixon Administration, especially on the conduct of the Vietnam war.

Speaking at the Mirror Lake church, Bishop Lord, who vacations in New Hampshire, blasted the Manchester Union for an article calling the announced visit to China "immoral, indecent and insane."

Bishop Lord said he felt the publisher of the paper would "regret" the criticism.

"Is it immoral to try to bring to an end the maiming and killing of helpless civilians, the burning and deforming of little children, which are part of modern warfare? Or are these things moral imperatives today?" he asked.

"Is it indecent and offensive to common standards of propriety for a great and powerful nation to seek to understand the enemy nation rather than to seek victory over another people? . . .

"Is it insane to try everything in one's power to save mankind from extinction in one atomic holocaust?"

Bishop Lord said President Nixon, in his new China policy, is "acting in a manner that is moral, decent and sane, worthy of our greatness as a nation, and our magnanimity as a people."

COCU plenary session to be held in Denver

DENVER, Colo. — After 10 years of deliberation and the release of a draft of a plan for church union, the nine-church Consultation on Church Union will enter its second decade of life here September 27-30 examining its basic assumptions and seeking new affirmations and expectations.

The 10th annual plenary meeting, made up of 90 delegates from the nine churches and a host of observers and accredited visitors, will confront the crucial issues facing the churches and union in the four-day meeting at the Denver Hilton.

Dr. Peter L. Berger, sociologist and author at Rutgers University, is the keynote speaker, and will open the conference with a presentation on modern man's ability to hear what the church has to say. This is the first stage of the overall theme, "What Does God Require of the Consultation on Church Union now?"

On the second day additional speakers will develop the theme by looking at the past decade and expressing how it affected the presuppositions and hopes for church union.

Prof. Preston Williams of Harvard University Divinity School will lead the plenary in study of how some of the contemporary movements relate to the goals and purposes of the Consultation, such movements as women's liberation, the black church, youth and brown and red power. A Denver drama group will present a contemporary witness which portrays the faith crisis of this day.

Dr. Paul A. Crow Jr., general secretary of the Consultation will deliver a major paper on the commitments which will be necessary at the churches face the immediate next steps in the Consultation's work. A series of small group sessions will be aimed at helping formulate comments which the plenary meeting may say to the church and the world.

Bible study sessions will be led by Dr. James N. Sanders of Union Theological Seminary in Neew York. The Rt. Rev. Alphaeus H. Zulu, Bishop of Zululand, Anglican Church of the Province of South Africa, and one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, will serve as the plenary chaplain. Dr. George G. Beazley Jr. of Indianapolis, Consultation chairman, will preside at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, September 30.

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Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

Poetry comes in many voices, from many times and places. Edwin Markham said of poetry: "She comes like the hush and beauty of the night, And sees too deep for laughter; Her touch is a vibration and a light, From worlds before and after."

Thoughts Of A Night Watchman

Distressful silence fills the midnight air,
As thoughts awaken to reality.
I listen for a sound, but none is there . . .
Oppressive total-stillness troubles me.
If only there was buzzing of a bee
To break the hush, it would afford a treat;
But slumber has homaged it peacefully
And hours must pass before it will repeat
Its messages, which are hum-drumming-sweet
To hear. The quiet at this hour is strained
And stifling. A steady muffled drum beat
Right now would be welcomed, although half-pained.
The stars are breathlessly still and suppressed!
An empty silence explodes in my breast!

–by Remelda Nielsen Gibson

Midnight

The sky is soft and dark, the moon
Stands poised on yonder distant tree;
The stars are patient angels' eyes,
That watch the silent hours for me.
The breeze that tiptoes through my room
Was sent to keep me company.

–by Charles A. Stuck

Wayon Hines, president of Methadist Men's Club at Wesley Church, Sulphur displays 16mm movie prajectar recently purchased by the men and presented to the church. The Club plans a hamburger sale to pay far the new equipment. The Rev. Walter Clarke is pastar.

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RIGHT: Vacatian church school group at Blackwater Church, Baker. An average attendance of 169 was registered. The affering, tataling $61.20, was sent ta the Methadist Children's Hame in Rustan. BELOW: The third and fourth grades at Blackwater Church erected the Shepherd's tent in which they appear here.

The Share and Prayer graup af Shangalaa United Methadist Church shown here meets each Wednesday evening fallawing chair rehearsal in different hames. The graup received renewed impetus fram a recent revival, and daes visitation far the church. The Rev. James M. Carter is pastar.

News in Brief

YOUTH OF MANGUM MEMORIAL Church in Shreveport presented a recent Sunday evening service, under the direction of Youth Director Russell Weaver, using music from "Tell It Like It Is" and the Methodist Hymnal. Two flutists, a percussionist, a pianist and an organist provided the musical accompaniment for congregational singing. Other youths presided over other elements of worship. The Rev. Roy E. Mouser is pastor.

FIRST CHURCH in Shreveport will offer a weekly fall Membership Training Class for boys and girls to begin September 12 and continue through October 24, with a time schedule from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. each Sunday evening, plus two field trips. The Sunday evening sessions will be conducted during the church's "University of Life" program for adults. Dr. D. L. Dykes is pastor.

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WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN

COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
R. BRYAN BRAWNER *Treasurer* 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois

BENEVOLENCE FUNDS	MONTH			FISCAL YEAR		
	July 1970	*July 1971*	*Percent Increase (Decrease)*	*Thru July 1970*	*Thru July 1971*	*Percent Increase (Decrease)*
World Service	1,219,840.07	1,330,167.68	9.04	10,113,452.44	9,337,474.00	(7.67)
General Advance Specials						
World Missions	489,101.55	502,364.10	2.71	4,206,307.79	4,047,304.73	(3.78)
National Missions	95,606.41	106,141.40	11.03	1,064,520.71	1,109,203.25	4.20
Overseas Relief	104,728.25	45,669.70	(56.39)	698,041.01	777,758.68	11.42
One Great Hour of Sharing	27,282.59	48,762.49	78.73	605,369.82	813,285.62	34.35
World Communion	7,114.88	10,116.37	42.19	124,025.70	108,475.94	(12.54)
World Service Specials	8,530.22	4,755.25	(44.25)	144,991.44	43,470.86	(70.02)
Temporary General Aid	43,885.61	45,060.67	2.68	357,661.48	354,682.25	(0.83)
Fund For Reconciliation	84,886.60	79,866.38	(5.91)	1,067,144.07	658,676.22	(38.28)
Ministerial Education	178,704.99	258,804.54	44.82	1,431,117.51	2,004,138.61	40.04
Race Relations	30,671.42	35,129.50	14.53	514,123.64	669,203.07	30.16
U. M. Student Day	28,788.68	24,579.38	(14.62)	78,414.16	85,348.19	8.84
Youth Service Fund		13,493.55			115,382.44	
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS						
Episcopal Fund Receipts	172,112.43	186,020.27	8.08	1,334,509.33	1,405,676.24	5.33
General Administration Fund Receipts	86,240.89	93,833.40	8.80	622,173.78	695,043.83	11.71
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	35,809.50	35,411.12	(1.11)	278,398.20	282,235.02	1.38

We are happy to report a 9.04% increase in the World Service receipts for July compared to the same month last year. This is certainly good news for the mid-summer season and let us hope that it is the beginning of a trend that will bring us to the close of the year with a report that will really reflect the ability and disposition of United Methodist to fully support its general agencies and their ministries.
Again may I remind everyone of the forthcoming special section on World Service which will be in the October issue of The Interpreter. Reprints will be available from the Council on World Service in limited quantity for use in local churches.

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Menninger team to lead Pastors' School -- Oct. 4-7

The eyes of those responsible for leadership training of ministers in The United Methodist Church will be focused on the 1971 session of the Louisiana Pastors' School which will be held at Centenary College, Oct. 4-7.

Under the leadership of Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, head of the Division of Religion and Psychiatry of the Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kans., a team from that institution will provide the leadership for this event.

Some of the areas to be explored in the sessions are: the minister's relationships with other ministers; leadership skills; understanding one's self, and relationships with parishioners. All will be studied in the light of the best knowledge of psychiatry and religion.

Each day of the school will include lectures, group experiences led by members of the Menninger Team, worship and fellowship.

This type of pastors' school is considered such an unprecedented opportunity that the General Board of the Ministry is sending a team of observers to consider using it as a model for possible use in other schools across the country.

Registration will be held in the R. E. Smith Building from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, with the program beginning at 2:00 p.m. The annual Bishop's Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, and the school will adjourn at noon on Thursday, the 7th.

Since this year's Pastor's School will be held during the academic term at Centenary, only about 75 persons can be housed in the dormitories. Special arrangements have been made for a reduced rate for others at the Captain Shreve Hotel in downtown Shreveport. Men staying in dormitories will need to bring their own sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, soap, etc.

No provision has been made for women to attend this year's Pastors' School.

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Students from the Louisiana Conference entering Perkins School of Theology. BACK ROW, left to right: Johnny C. Foss and John N. Williams; FRONT: Roger D. Lathan and Robert G. Rowland.

Four Louisiana students enter Perkins for ministerial training

DALLAS, Tex.—Four students from Louisiana were included in the new class enrolled in Perkins School of Theology as its 57th academic year began recently.

They were: Roger D. Lathan, Robert G. Rowland, Johnny C. Foss and John N. Williams.

They heard Perkins Dean Joseph D. Quillian, Jr., urge them to exercise their trust in God and maintain a steady practice of worship and personal devotions. Dr. Quillian added that systematic study and a lively sense of humor are vital.

Southern Methodist University President Willis M. Tate reminded the students to be prepared to have their faith tested in the fire of study and scrutiny. He said that such a process would give them a faith truly their own, adding that the Church is the hope of the world and that young seminarians are the hope of the Church.

During the theology school's service of acceptance for the new students, faculty, and staff, Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area reminded the Perkins community that it must look up for guidance and never look down with condescension on the people it is to serve.

The orientation process for new students is aimed at pointing up the continuing aim of the school: the development of an alert, thoughtful, effective leadership for the Church.

Most of the students at Perkins are preparing for the pastoral ministry. Others are preparing for Ph. D. studies or for work as missionaries, religious education and church music directors and in other specialized fields.

Some students are interested laymen, who may or may not enter the professional ministry of the Church. Students come to Perkins from many states and several foreign countries.

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- Youth Sunday – Oct. 31
- Youth Week – Oct. 31 - Nov. 7

The Human Environment: What on Earth Can We Do ?

by Cecil Bland

This year's emphasis for Youth Week is of major concern to all living creatures: our environment. There is much talk about our contaminated water, our polluted air and our irritation in human life through all our senses. Legislation is being passed and speeches are being made but the problem of pollution is still with us. Look around you . . . at the factories, the cars, the planes, the waterways and highways and realize **your** problem. What on earth can we do?

The goal of environmental control is not only to survive — it is also **how** we survive. "Our objective must not be merely an environment of clean air, water and land. Our objective also must be an environment of decency, quality, justice and mutual respect for all other human beings, and all other living creatures."* We want a human-oriented society and not a consumer-oriented society.

During the week of October 31-November 7 we can learn more about the problem of pollution and perhaps we can even do something about it. **The Interpreter** for September has some helpful hints as to what a youth group, a church, or a community can do to initiate some changes. This year special emphasis is being placed on ecumenical observances of Youth Week by Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches.

Begin now to make your plans for the observance of Youth Week. Plan to participate in the worship service for Youth Sunday. Make this week an opportunity to work with other churches in your area. Use **The Interpreter** and the resources and tools provided for Youth Week. These include a poster, content/action models

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"Good Marriages Made Better": Goal of Marriage Enrichment Week

by Cecil Bland

"I knew we had a good marriage," he said, "but I didn't really know how good it was!"

The speaker was a man who had just participated in one of the newest programs being offered by the General Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church — a Marriage Enrichment Conference.

The weekend of November 19-21, the Louisiana Conference Board of Evangelism in cooperation with the General Board, will conduct this program at the Mary Hill Retreat Center near Pineville. It is for couples — wives and husbands only. And the goal is a religious experience that will enrich mariages: to make so-so marriages into good marriages, and good marriages into better ones.

Essentially, the program presents a process for increasing both the awareness and the verbal sharing of feelings in marriage, especially those of love, joy, closeness and commitment. It concentrates on the positive aspects of marriage rather than the negative

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YOUTH WEEK

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*The Interpreter, Sept. 1971.

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Construction underway at Simpson Church

A recent issue of the "Newsletter" of Simpson United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, told of the beginning of a project to renovate their building and construct a new addition.

The renovation and construction will cost approximately $74,000. Included will be extensive rehabilitation work and an addition which will include a church parlor, library and suite of offices. This will free the rooms currently serving as offices and allow for more adequate room arrangements for each of the church school divisions.

The pastor is the Rev. Stone W. Caraway.

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

ones and on the strengthening of healthy marriages rather than the healing of shaky ones.

Mrs. Virginia Law, a former missionary to the African Congo with her late husband, who is now director of the Family Worship department of The Upper Room, is one of the leaders. The process itself was developed by Dr. Carl Clarke, a clinical psychologist at the University of Florida, who originated, outlined and researched the program under a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. Clarke personally trains and certifies all the lay coordinating couples in the program and is related to them in an outgoing way as advisor, consultant, and friend.

The Marriage Enrichment Weekend November 19-21 at the Mary Hill Retreat Center near Pineville, Louisiana, is open to 50 couples who wish to see their marriages enriched and deepened. It is not designed to help marriages that are about to go under. Rather, to take a healthy marriage and strengthen it into a joyous, Christian experience.

Married couples who have been trained by Dr. Clarke will form the working faculty at the weekend experience, on the basis of one "coordinating" couple to two separate groups of five couples each. The weekend involves a fast-paced series of small group sessions, husband-wife communicating privately, personal assessment assignments, and a substantial amount of worship, prayer, and small group sharing. All of these activities are guided by the visiting Coordinating Couples who operate from a rigid but highly researched and tested handbook written by Dr. Clarke and available only to trained and certified husband and wife group coordinators.

The Marriage Enrichment Weekend is an excellent followup to a Lay Witness Mission in a local church, but it can be of great assistance to any couple in providing an open door to true fulfillment of a Christian marriage.

Since the enrollment is limited to 50 couples, it is suggested that all those interested contact the Family Life Coordinator in their local church. Each pastor in the Louisiana Conference has also been provided with this information and enrollment forms. Cost of the weekend per couple is $35 registration which must be sent in at the time of making reservations, and $40 housing and expenses to be paid at the time of the Conference, a total of $75 per couple. There are no provisions for children.

The Mary Hill Retreat Center (600 Mary Hill Road) is reached just off highway 71 north of the VA Hospital, which is northwest of Pineville, Louisiana. Twenty-five couples will be housed at the Retreat Center, and 25 or more couples will have rooms at the Alexander Inn Motel in Alexandria. All meetings and meals will be at the Retreat Center.

Brochures have been mailed with registration forms to all pastors and local church Family Life Coordinators. Since time and space are limited, please send in your registrations as soon as possible. For information, contact Garland C. Dean, Jr., Program Council Office, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104.

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Angola Letter

P. O. Box 358
St. Francisville,
Louisiana 70775
September 10, 1971

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

The Christmas Package Program of the Methodist Men's Club, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, has been abandoned due to numerous administrative difficulties. Contributions for this purpose no longer are being solicited. Your support of this program in past years is appreciated.

Those of you who are interested in other forms of ministry at Angola should note the following: Presently, there is no adequate worship facility at Angola. An effort is being made to construct a chapel; funds are being solicited for that purpose. The second call of the 1000 Club (Dec. 1) will go toward the Angola chapel. Additional contributions for this chapel may be sent to the following: Angola Chapel Fund, c/o Father Jack Allen, Angola, Louisiana 70712.

Sincerely,

Jesse L. Means, Jr.

Jesse L. Means, Jr.,
Minister: METHODIST
MEN'S CLUB, ANGOLA

DR. HAYNES IS PREACHER FOR GEORGIA PASTORS' SCHOOL

Dr. Leonard L. Haynes, Jr., pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the "preacher of the week" for the Georgia United Methodist Pastors' School, which was held Aug. 23-26 at Wesleyan College, Macon.

Dr. Haynes, who was one of the preachers at the 1968 General Conference, spoke on the theme "Impossible Possibilities." The subjects of his individual messages were: "What Shall This Age Be Called?" "Uplifted Desires," "Life's Greatest Possessions" and "Shipwreck or Homecoming?"

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Monroe District to conduct Mission Study Conference

The Monroe District will have its Mission Study Conference on Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church, Monroe, following a called session of the district conference at 6:00 p.m.

A new feature of the conference will be groups for leaders of mission studies with youth and children. Youth in Mission will be led by Mrs. Willis Ward. The Child and Mission Studies will be led by Mrs. Hubert Gibbs.

The Rev. Robert Ed Taylor of Centenary College will give a preview of the study of Matthew to the entire conference. Those attending will also hear a preview of both mission studies. "The New Generation in Africa" will be led by Mrs. Douglas Hudson. "New Machines and The New Humanity" will be led by Mrs. Daisy Bergeron.

The period of browsing and buying in the book room will be in charge of Mrs. O. B. Medlock and Mrs. Malcolm Mason. Mrs. Louis Bennett will serve as registrar and co-ordinator of the conference. The Rev. Karl Tooke is district missionary secretary.

Shreveport School of Theology in progress

Four courses are being offered in the ninth term of the Shreveport School of Theology which began Monday, Sept. 13, and will continue for eight consecutive Monday evenings, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., at the R. E. Smith Building on the Centenary College campus. E. E. Armstrong, district director of adult ministries for the Shreveport District, is the dean.

The unit on "An Introduction to the Old Testament" is being taught by Rabbi Emanuel Kumin, director of the Shreveport Jewish Federation. This is being offered as Part 1 of a three-term course.

A course on "In Introduction to the New Testament," also Part 1 of a three-term course, is being taught by Dr. Webb Pomeroy, head of the department of religion at Centenary College.

The Rev. James Graham, co-ordinator of the Shreveport Metropolitan Ministry of the United Methodist Church, is the teacher for the unit on "The Black Church — An Introduction to the Study of the Black Christian Experience in America."

The fourth course on "Group Dynamics" is being led by Mr. Armstrong who is a certified public accountant and a former instructor in accounting courses at Centenary College.

The brochure announcing the school said of the purpose of the school: "The objective of the Shreveport School of Theology is to provide a systematic and purposeful program of adult Christian education. . . . The courses are structured to develop a sound and mature grasp of Christian thought and leadership and to give the participant a greater understanding of the Christian faith as it applies to life and service in the Church and in the community."

The school is open to all, laity and clergy, who desire to deepen their faith and enliven their action by growing in the knowledge of God, of self and of society. The registration fee is $10.

The Organizational and Management Committee for the school is: Dr. Jack Cooke, Shreveport District Superintendent; Mrs. G. W. Charlton, district director of leadership training; the Rev. William E. Nolan, district director of youth ministries; H. H. Smith, district lay leader, and Mr. Armstrong.

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Editorial

THE QUEST OF THE MINISTRY

As we come to Ministry Sunday, 1971, we are reminded by voices from every direction that the role of the minister is a changing one. The theological seminaries are facing this reality in the development of their programs, the minister in service is recognizing this as he seeks to up-date his skills and maintain his sensitivities during the years of his ministry, and the minister who comes to the time of retirement recognizes that the pulpit from which he steps down is different in many ways from the one he ascended at the beginning of his ministry.

William H. Likins, writing in a recent issue of **The Interpreter,** spoke of the doors that are opened to us through the observance of Ministry Sunday, September 19. He says that the day provides a setting for the local church or the campus to begin or advance in a quest to understand the nature of the Christian church and the purpose of its ministry.

This staff member of the Department of the Ministry of the Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, says, "A quest—whether for a Holy Grail, the moon and space beyond, or an inward or outward journey—involves exploration, risks and expectancy. In short, it is a learning experience."

First, let us give consideration to the exploration involved in the ministry in our time. One of the major accents in the development of management skills whether within the church or elsewhere speaks of a careful consideration of the needs of the group to be served and the many possible methods of meeting those needs. Mr. Likins calls on us to "help our fellow members explore the kinds of ministries needed in a context of accelerating change. This study forces us to wrestle with tough questions in a fresh way."

Involved in such a study is the consideration of a number of pertinent questions. What is the nature of the church and its ministry? Who is a minister, and what are the reasons for ordaining and setting him apart? What is the responsibility of the connection, the annual conference and the local congregation in continuing the sense of "calling"?

Questions like these cannot be adequately answered during a once-a-year observance of Ministry Sunday. We would quote again from the Likins article: "Interpreting ministry and ministerial education in the 1970s is a continuing process." In an increasing number of congregations the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations is facing its responsibility for exploration in these matters. He reminds us that, "Exploration is risky. Risks usually involve both excitement and threat. We are uncertain, perhaps fearful of what we may find. The more personal the risk, the greater the anxiety is liable to be. Prejudices may be exposed. Self-pity may be discovered. Illusions may be unmasked. Mixed motives may be revealed. We may encounter demands for change."

The second reality in this effort to better understand the nature of the ministry is risk. Ministers and laymen are discovering together the risks of service in these days. Mr. Likins put it this way, "Risking ourselves to gain new understanding is more than a word; it is a way of living our lives."

We are continually thrilled as we read the accounts of innovations that are taking place within the churches of our constituency. None of these comes without the taking of some risk. None of these is successfully implemented without the glorious realization that this is the direction in which God is calling us. Ministry Sunday is an appropriate time to pledge oneself to be a part of such risk-taking in our day.

The final characteristic of this search for meaning in the ministry is related to expectation. As our friend has put it, "Exploring the context and content of ministry, and risking ourselves to gain new understanding create a climate wherein something significant happens. A quest is often sustained by anticipating something significant being found or experienced."

When we ask God to show us what he wants us to do, he may answer our prayer. Writing on the way God renews the church, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, said, "Expect great things from him, and get ready to do what he commands."

None of us can deny that the role and image of the ministry are constantly changing, but these three important elements of exploration, risk and expectation continue in whatever consideration we give to the important subject on Ministry Sunday or any other day of the year.

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the Editor's Corner

"Listening to the Church"

We have been excited during the past few days by a new paperback book from Abingdon which reports on a survey of feelings and opinions concerning the present and the future of the established church.

Written by Dr. Virgil Wesley Sexton of the staff of the United Methodist Program Council, this book provides a "talk-back" from local churches throughout the United States.

Bishop W. Ralph Ward, in his Foreword, calls the well-documented material in the book "a message to the church from its basic constituency." The author says that the source of the material is "probably the most thorough, comprehensive, and inclusive survey in the history of the church."

Referring to the accusation that much of the program of the church has been "handed down" in the past, Dr. Sexton reflects in this book a process of "grass roots" expression that he says may characterize the programming in the church during the middle years of the 70s.

Some persons may be shocked at what young people think of the "establishment." Some of the boards and agencies of the church may cringe at what the survey says about needed changes. Regardless of personal opinions, the fact remains that the insights of all are important and must be recognized if the established church is to survive.

Dr. Sexton displays a remarkable skill in making the report of this survey quite readable. We agree with the author's closing sentences: "These data, and their analysis, help show United Methodism where it stands. Continuing examination of the response in the light of Christian purpose will help church people, clergy and laity together, discover what they should be doing and where they should be going."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Michael Novak, presenting the keynote address to a three-day Christian Family Movement conference at the University of Notre Dame, labeled the American school system as the nation's No. 1 religion. The Catholic philosopher said "Education is how many facts you can store and how well you can analyze them," and noted that the accumulation of facts is the necessary ingredient for the current machine structure. Novak told the conference that America's search for values is impeded by the "machine culture that is geared to destroy human personality." However, he cautioned his listeners not to be afraid when the feeling of nothingness overwhelms them. "At the core of every culture is an abyss" . . . "God manifests Himself in life almost always in defeat and almost never in triumph," he said.

The Iowa State Bd. of Public Instruction has again exempted all Amish children from state education standards for another year. Amish spokesmen have said they want to continue using their own Amish teachers—who usually have only an eighth-grade education—because they fear a college-trained, certified teacher would inadvertently steer their children away from the plain, farm-oriented Amish faith. Following a tour of inspection to several of the schools, Gov. Robert Ray recommended the Amish be given another year to upgrade their schools, citing the religious freedom issue.

Eighty-seven of the 100 largest Sunday schools—*all over 1,000 in membership—in the* nation are Baptist, according to a survey by Christian Life magazine in its Sept. issue. Of the 12 largest schools, 10 are reported to have affiliation with Baptist denominations. First Baptist Church, Hammond, Ind., with 5,074 enrolled, is reported to have the largest school.

Christian Life magazine, which last year predicted that the 1970s will form the decade of the "large Sunday school," cited six trends for Sunday schools over the next decade: expansion of busing, growth of paid leadership, more "larger" classes, emphasis on evangelism rather than education, "marriage" between Sunday school and preaching, with the minister giving leadership in both and the Sunday school serving as the basis of multi-service ministries.

The Bible movement has brought Roman Catholics and Protestants together on a basis of mutual scholarly respect, according to Father Raymond Brown, S.S., newly-elected president of the Catholic Biblical Assn. of America. He pointed out that the Assn., organized in 1936, was originally all-Catholic but that it now includes 50 or more Protestants among its membership of 650. Brown told newsmen that the increasing joint study of the Bible "prohibits or at least minimizes overstatements and stereo-types" formerly common on both sides.

Anglican Bishop Eric Treacy, prelate in England well-known for hard-hitting, down-to-earth comments on modern life, observed in his Sept. diocesan newsletter that noise, speed, and "the pursuit of size" are making the practice of Christianity "exceedingly difficult" in modern urban society. He noted that these are three conditions of life which are the opposite of everything which nourishes the spiritual life. "People find it hard to pray these days because their minds and souls are so jarred that they cannot find the peace which is essential to devotion."

The Catacombs of Rome, once used for underground "churches" by persecuted Christians, are now reported to be serving as dismantling workshops for enterprising car thieves. Where once the subterranean vaults contained the relics of Christian martyrs, they now contain the remains of stripped-down Fiats, Alfa-Romeos and other stolen autos. "The Catacomb tunnels twist and turn for something like 12 kilometers (eight miles) and the thieves obviously have some secret entrances we don't know about," said police officer Antonio Zuchi.

Thanksgiving is an "anti-Indian" festival and it "dehumanizes" the Indian for the U.S. to teach that Columbus discovered the hemisphere, the Rev. Homer Noley told a national seminar of United Methodists meeting in Lincoln, Neb. "To teach that Columbus was the first man to discover America is dehumanizing for Indians," he said, suggesting that Columbus' voyages may have discovered America for Europeans but not for the people who already lived here.

Dr. Joseph B. Tyson, chairman of the religion department at Southern Methodist University, will conduct an informal adult education course on "Contemporary Expressions of Jesus." In an interview Tyson stated that Christians and non-Christians in every age tend to see Jesus in terms of their own values. He expressed doubts about the so-called "Jesus Freaks." The latter, he said, "seem to claim they have discovered the historical Jesus, but their expressions about him would make this questionable. Like most others, they have made Jesus their own contemporary and have not really gone into an historical study."

During the past three years, some 1,100 alcoholics have undergone rehabilitation at a ranch which is part of an Indian mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Yakima, Wash. area. James W. Oldham, director, observed that in his experience younger and younger persons are becoming alcoholics. He attributed the trend to the relaxing of parental restraint on drinking and increasing affluence among youth.

Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., was elected president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland. During his sabbatical leave from Southern Seminary in 1970-71, Dr. St. Amant was guest professor of church history at the Swiss seminary and developed a warm relationship with students and faculty. St. Amant has been professor of church history at Southern since 1959 and dean of the school of theology for 10 years.

Tunis Radio has reported that Pope Paul has assured Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohammed Almasmudi that the Vatican will continue its efforts to gain a permanent international status for Jerusalem as an open city for Christians and Muslims as well as Jews. The Israeli government has thus far resisted pressures to internationalize the city and reportedly is ready to defend its position before the U.N. Security Council if the question is debated.

The current economic crisis in America is creating "harvest time" for churches, according to a black minister. "I hate to admit it," said the Rev. Walter L. Battle, "but the economy has caused inner-city people to return to Church." Earlier this year, he said he was ready to sell his four buses used to transport people from inner-city residences to the church in Minneapolis. Now, he's buying more.

Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, the Anglican primate, has declared that Britain's entry into the Common Market would mean "immense new responsibility and opportunity" for the churches. Parliament is expected to vote on the controversial proposal, now the subject of intense national debate, toward the end of October.

For the first time in its 25-year history, the United Bible Societies will meet in Canada. The UBS, which embraces 50 national Bible societies will meet near Toronto Sept. 21-25. Dr. Laton E. Holmgren of the American Bible Society will preside. Plans will be laid for the 10-year program of advance to be launched in 1972.

The Rev. Arthur Blessitt, famed for his work on Hollywood's Sunset Strip, left earlier this month for an extended "Jesus People" crusade in the British Isles. Blessitt said in an interview that the trip to Britain was part of a plan to take the cross around the globe in an attempt to awaken people to the Christian Gospel. He said that a part of his organization will remain in America to conduct an intensive spiritual campaign in New Hampshire just before the nation's first Presidential primary there in March. "There are spiritual issues the Presidential candidates should respond to," Blessitt said.

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman told the annual convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League that American people are discovering "from bitter experience" that money, production know-how, military power, or political experience cannot of themselves make or keep a nation great. The best way we can celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our country is to take a new hold on the Good News of Christ . . . with all the joy there is in it."

CLAYMONT, Del. – The Rev. George W. Goodley (right), pastor of Atonement United Methodist church near Claymont, Del., and Keith Harper, general chairman of the church's Fall stewardship drive, ponder a hugh 40 x 60-inch jig-saw puzzle of the church building. A piece of the puzzle has been mailed to each of the 1,200 members of the congregation. As each fits his piece into the master puzzle which will be displayed in the church foyer, he makes his stewardship commitment to the church in time, money and talents.

–RNS Photo

The Rev. David B. Peabody

Noel Memorial names Minister with Youth

The Rev. David Barrett Peabody has assumed duties as minister with Youth at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport. Peabody, a native of Dallas, Tex. and a graduate of Highland Park High School and Southern Methodist University, is currently attending Perkins School of Theology where he will soon complete the requirements for the Master of Theology degree. Dr. Sam Nader is senior minister at Noel.

One of his critical works in the area of Biblical studies has been presented at conferences in Amsterdam and Belgium and he will present his work at the National Conference of Biblical Literature in Atlanta in October.

Before coming to Noel United Methodist Church, Peabody was on the staff of the First United Methodist Church, Dallas, where he served as counselor to junior and senior highs and worked in all areas of pastoral care. As minister with Youth he will be concerned with the overall program for the junior and senior high age groups at Noel.

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Fourteen members of the Mooringsport UMY, who with 10 adults took part in a work camp at Southwest Indian School in Glendale, Ariz. recently. Tasks included painting a trailer, laying tile, building shelves, cleaning floors, making curtains, cutting grass and digging ditches. The project was planned under the leadership of Lt. Col. Dan Groves, who with his family accompanied the group there on the first lap of his trip to Thailand where he is now stationed. Mrs. B. M. Dearing, counselor, gave leadership to detailed execution of plans for the trip financed by the youth.

Wesley Foundation Council from Louisiana Tech, Ruston, at recent planning Retreat.

Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation holds Retreat

A Fall Planning Retreat for the Council of The Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, was held the weekend of August 28-30 at Caney Lake, Minden. Miss Alice Collins, president, presided at individual and group planning sessions.

Each Council member planned for his area of responsibility for the year. Program and activities areas include worship services, ranging from speakers to various types of contemporary service; deputation teams to the churches of the District; service projects for children at the Methodist Children's Home, support of Chui Chack Wing — a child in Hong Kong, and the visit to nursing homes; recreation and parties; work with the international students on the Tech campus; intramurals for boys and girls; music, emphasis on "Joyful Noise" the popular folk group now in the third year; weekly luncheons and programs; retreats; and various campus activities.

The theme for the year is "Each One Reach One." The Retreat worship services and speakers were "Evening Watch," Ann Earle; "Singing on the Pier," Oma Wimberly; "Creation," Susan Mack; "To Meet the Day," Lee Peyton; "Celebration of Life," Bill Stokes; "Each One Reach One," Alice Collins. Dr. and Mrs. Winston Hackbarth were the chaperones.

—William M. Stokes, Jr.
Campus Minister

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Participants in a tutoring program in remedial reading for 4th and 5th grade pupils, sponsored by First United Methodist Church, New Iberia. The summer program, directed by Mike Deare, drew assistance from nearly 70 college students and high school students under the guidance of 21 teachers. Another facet of the church's summer program included recreation for underprivileged children in the Housing Development. Johnny Foss is youth activities director; the Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor.

Behind the cloud the starlight lurks,
through showers the sunbeams fall;
for God, who loveth all His works,
has left His hope for all.—Whittier

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD

The Christian Education Work Area of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Shreveport will sponsor a training workshop in education beginning Friday, Sept. 17th at 6:30 p.m., and continuing through Saturday, Sept. 18th. The participants will gain experience in new trends in teaching, a study of church curriculum, and the procedures for planning an educational program for various age levels.

The Revs. Howard L. Milo and Donald C. Cottrill, staff members at the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Program Council Office will provide the leadership for the workshop.

Mrs. Selcy Collins, chairman of the work area on Education reminds the members of the work area to attend and others are invited. The Rev. A. E. Davis serves as pastor.

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News in Brief

TWO ADDITIONS to the church staff have been made by First United Methodist at Natchitoches. Richard H. Cage of the Northwestern State University Music Department has been employed as Chancel Choir director. Martha Lou Carroll is the new educational director. Miss Carroll is a graduate of the Natchitoches' schools and college and has taught in the schools of Louisiana, California and Missouri. She has been related to the United Methodist Board of Missions in work in East St. Louis.

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NEWS and NOTES

MARY KUDER, who spent six weeks in summer service at the Red Bird Methodist Mission School in Beverly, Kentucky, told about her experiences at a Sunday evening service in August at First Church, Lake Charles. She was sponsored by the Commission on Missions and Social Concerns.

THE REV. LANE JOHNSON spoke in his home church, St. Paul's United Methodist of New Orleans, on Sunday, August 22. He is serving a pastorate in the Kansas City area while completing his last year at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, in Kansas City. The Rev. Charles S. Walker is the St. Paul pastor.

HEBERT UNITED METHODIST Church held a revival the week of August 22 with the Rev. Ted Howes, pastor of the Mangham-Crowville Charge, bringing the messages. The Rev. Edwin House, Jr. was host pastor.

HAYNESVILLE YOUTH of First United Methodist Church had a "Fun and Sun Festival" at Caney Lake, September 11.

WINAN UNITED Methodist Church, Franklinton, for the second consecutive summer invited as guest evangelist, the Rev. Jessie Douglas, pastor of the Thirgood Memorial C.M.E. Church of Birmingham, Alabama. Capacity crowds from various churches and denominations of the community attended. Mrs. Era Kohla, chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, stated, "It was wonderful to see crowds of such diversity gather nightly. The sermons had a special message for all, young and old. An ecumenical atmosphere was present." The Rev. William Jones is the Winan pastor.

P.K. KORNER

BETTY LOU FELDER, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M. David Felder of Morningside Church, Shreveport, was married to Bruce Canfield in the Morningside Church, August 21.

GONZALES UNITED METHODIST Church plans a consecration service for the recently completed church on Sunday, September 26. Guest minister will be the Rev. J. J. Caraway, Hammond District superintendent. Former pastors have been invited. The morning service is at 10:15, and Open House will be from 2-5 o'clock. Mrs. Marge Porter, chairman of the Family Life Committee, is in charge of refreshments, and A. B. Frazier and Troy Porter will have charge of the ushers for Open House. The Rev. Charles Humphreys is pastor.

KATHY PARRISH, Centenary College student who was a member of the workcamp team in Alaska this summer, shared her experiences with the young people at Southside Church, Monroe, on Sunday, August 15.

DR. GEORGE JONES, eye surgeon of Baton Rouge, is scheduled to be the speaker on Rally Day, September 19, in Horseshoe Drive Church of Alexandria. He will speak concerning his travels in Russia, Africa and India at the morning services, and at the evening gospel hour will describe Wesleyan England. The Rev. Warren Blakeman is host pastor.

THE REV. CAROLE COTTON, associate pastor of Aurora Church, New Orleans, was one of the seminar leaders in Dallas when Perkins School of Theology and the South Central Jurisdiction Women's Society/Guild sponsored a ten day study of "Today's Woman and a Biblical Faith," in August.

ROLLY WALKER, assistant football coach at Lake Charles High, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the speaker at First Church, Lake Charles, August 22. Dr. George Pearce, Jr., pastor, was in Denver at the time as a delegate to the World Federation of Methodist Churches.

TWEENAGERS OF AURORA United Methodist Church, New Orleans, are making plans to buy a cow to be sent to a needy country. This plan is an outgrowth of the Tween-Age House Vacation Church School. One of their first money raising activities was a garage sale on August 28. Dr. Henry Rickey is their pastor.

ELYSIAN FIELDS United Methodist Church had these guest speakers in August: the Rev. Lynn Morrison, internist in the Chaplains Department at the Baptist Hospital; the Rev. Bill Hollingsworth, United Methodist minister employed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Mrs. Hollingsworth, a member of the violin section of the New Orleans Philharmonic Orchestra, was soloist; the Rev. Titus Bender, Mennonite minister now enrolled as a doctoral student in the Tulane School of Social Work. The Rev. Clarence Fuller is the Elysian Fields pastor.

THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR UMYF group of Farmerville spent a day at Crystal Lake in Joaquin, Texas. The night was spent at the Logansport United Methodist Church with the two youth groups having a get-aquainted party.

WITH THE ARRIVAL of a color television camera on September 1, First United Methodist Church of Shreveport will broadcast the Sunday morning worship service on a permanent year around basis. Services will be telecast over KSLA-Channel 12 for nine months, and over KTBS-Channel 3, for three months. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is the senior minister.

THE RAYVILLE CHURCH had pulpit guests on Sunday, August 22. Kent Kilbourne of Asbury College, Kentucky, brought the message in song and sermon at the morning service. At the evening service, Dr. Henry Bowdon, Sr. of Lake Charles, brought the message. He is the father of the Rayville pastor, the Rev. Henry Bowden, Jr.

STEVEN CARAWAY preached in his home church, Carrollton United Methodist, New Orleans, on Sunday, September 5. He has graduated from Centenary College and has enrolled in Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta. The Rev. J. P. McKeithen is the Carrollton minister.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Sept. 12—Sunday	Matt. 18:23-35
Sept. 13	Luke 8:11-15
Sept. 14	Luke 21:15-19
Sept. 15	Rom. 5:1-5
Sept. 16	II Cor. 6:1-10
Sept. 17	Col. 1:8-18
Sept. 18	II Thessa. 1:1-4
Sept. 19—Sunday	Titus 2:1-8

MRS. ESTELLE DAMERON will teach the Young Adult Class being organized in First Church at Pineville. Kermit Cummings will be associate teacher. The Rev. Richard Walton is the pastor.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED Methodist Church of Sterlington held a revival the week of August 29 with the Rev. Lea Joyner, pastor of the Southside Church in Monroe, as evangelist. Host pastor was the Rev. Minns Robertson.

The Lake Arthur Church opened its fall program of evening services and studies with a fellowship supper, Sept. 5. At the conclusion of the worship service, the Rev. Lester Nance, who is serving the church for the second year, was presented a "love gift" by Bernese Marquart in behalf of the congregation.

Viewing the new pastor's study for the First United Methodist Church in Hammond are the Rev. Henry Blount, pastor, Mrs. Lucy Barrett, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Alldredge. The study was furnished in memory of Mr. Carl F. Barrett. Mrs. Alldredge was formerly Miss Libb Barrett.

Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McGuire entertained the Baton Rouge District pastors and their wives in the district parsonage during the week of August 30-September 3. There are some 49 pastors, associates and chaplains in the district, and approximately 10 couples were invited for each evening, Monday through Friday. Shown above, left to right: Mrs. Sale Lilly, the Rev. H. C. Howell, the Rev. Gene Kimble, the Rev. Sale Lilly, the Rev. James Humphreys and the Rev. George Calvin being served by Mrs. George Calvin.

Baton Rouge prepares to host women's meetings

Miss Virtle I. Jones is president of the Wesley Church Women's Society which will be hostess for the final meeting of women of former Conference "B."

Miss Myrtle Douglas is president of the Wesley Church Wesleyan Service Guild which will be hostess to final Guild meeting preceding merger with former Conference "A" Guilds.

Wesley Church History

Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge was founded in 1866 by a group of Negro people who had formerly worshipped in the Caucasian First Methodist Church.

Since 1866, three church buildings have stood at the present site, two of which were destroyed by storm and fire. In the second building, the first public school was held. The Blundon School and Orphanage had its beginning also in this building. When this building was destroyed by fire, services were held in the Parish Court House until the structure which was recently demolished was built in 1893.

Wesley Church has had 47 ministers, including the present pastor.

Plans for a new edifice were finalized in 1965 and the building was recently completed.

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Dr. L. L. Haynes has been pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, since 1960. The church is co-host with First United Methodist for the annual meetings of Louisiana women from September 23-26.

Programs and details of annual meetings for women were printed in the LOUISIANA METHODIST, pages 6 and 7, September 2.

AN INVITATION

The Women's Society of Christian Service at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, is busy with plans to host the 1971 Annual Meeting, September 23-24. We are very proud that the history-making event, the merger ceremony, will take place in our church. The theme, "Teach Us To Build", promises to be spiritually stimulating and challenging.

The Capital City, "le baton rouge" (The Red Stick), center of history, culture education, and industry, awaits you. Our 137-year old, downtown church, by the Interstate, offers ample parking and other facilities for your convenience and comfort. We hope you plan to visit our church and our city for this important meeting. Our members are looking forward to meeting you, and together we will have the wonderful experience of seeking to "Build".

Fran Hall
Mrs. Chris H. Hall, President
Women's Society of Christian Service
First United Methodist Church
Baton Rouge, La.

AT RIGHT:

Preparing for the annual meeting of conference women is this group of officers of First Church, Baton Rouge. From left to right: Mrs. M. R. McCarty, vice-president; Mrs. Chris H. Hall, president; Mrs. Marcus L. Burks, local meeting chairman; and Mrs. James Hutchinson, secretary.

Historic First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, will be host to the merger meetings of women of former conferences "A" and "B." Situated on the corner of North and East Boulevards near the expressway, this structure was erected in 1926. The Adult Center building was completed in 1963, and offers a program for senior citizens of any faith every day of the week.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Early records show that Bishop Francis Asbury sent missionary, Elisha W. Bowman to Louisiana in 1805. In 1834 the circuit charge of Baton Rouge became a station with W. C. Marshall as its first full time minister. By 1836 the congregation had built a single story building four blocks from the river at the corner of Laurel and Church Streets.

As the port of Baton Rouge grew so did First Methodist Church and by 1860, a second and tall spire, that was to become a landmark, were added to the structure.

Dark days fell upon the church and city as the Civil War broke out and Baton Rouge was taken over by the Federal troops in 1862. Rev. W. A. Croden — then pastor of First Methodist — was captured and taken to New Orleans as a prisoner of war.

No appointment was made to Baton Rouge until 1866 when W. E. M. Linnfield was sent to lead in renovating the church and reviving the people. Prosperity for the church became continuous and in 1870 the members led in the establishment of the Keener Memorial Methodist Church which later merged with the First Methodist Church.

As the years of World War I drew to a close, First Methodist Church had outgrown its church plant so plans were made to rebuild and relocate. In 1926 the present church at the corner of North and East Boulevards was completed. The years of depression fell upon upon the church but records state ". . . we persevered, and with the help of God made it through."

As the little Indian village of Red Stick began to take its place as one of the great industrial cities of the nation, First Methodist Church once again expanded its plant when in 1949 a three story Youth Building was erected. This was a first for the city. Since that time new parsonages have been built, new parking facilities acquired, and in 1963 the Adult Center was opened to accommodate the older adults of the church. Today the XYZ program housed by the Adult Center is a model for the nation.

As we look at the history of the Church today, we are reminded of that group of dedicated laymen and ministers who ". . . persevered, and with the help of God kept on keeping on."

Mrs. Leota Wright is president of the First Church Wesleyan Service Guilds which will be hostess to the merger meetings of Guilds on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26.

Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., senior minister of First Church, Baton Rouge, has been pastor since 1953. Other ministers on the staff are the Rev. James H. Humphreys and the Rev. David R. Dykes.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 26: God Gives Meaning to Life

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 73; Ephesians 1

MEMORY SELECTION: He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will. (Ephesians 1:5)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To take a look at the widespread lack of meaning among people of our own day, and suggest how God can give new direction to these lives when he is given a chance.

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Following our discussion of last week concerning God's revelation of himself, we move now to a study of the meaning that comes to life when men become aware of God and his purpose. One has only to listen to the music of our time or expose himself to the literature and movies of the day to feel the widespread meaninglessness which is so widespread. Inside the church there is a massive effort to rediscover the mission of God's people, and significant numbers are "dropping out," because they fail to see purpose in the institution. Outside the church great numbers of people are affirming by their words or actions that meaning must be found somewhere else.

Notice that the title of today's lesson is stated affirmatively, and so we want to keep the accent there. Great numbers of people are seeking professional help outside the church because life has become meaningless and futile to them. Others are expressing their bewilderment and despair by rebelling against authority and abandoning moral restraint. They argue that if life makes no sense, then what is the use of playing by the rules. However, there are encouraging currents within the family of God, and thousands of people are discovering that God does give meaning to life. The purpose of our lesson is two-fold: to underscore great affirmations that God does give meaning to life, and to help members of the class have such an experience.

The 73rd Psalm is the personal testimony of a man who found real meaning for his life through a rediscovery of God. Many great Christians have paid tribute to the high spiritual insights of this psalm. We would hope that our study of it might be used to help others evaluate their problems and doubts in the light of God's revelation of himself and of his ultimate purpose in Christ.

How much we need to understand and interpret the reality of God in all the experiences of everyday living! His will and his way need to find their way into the center of so many of the areas of contemporary living. This will happen only after he has found his way into the hearts of the individuals who have responsibilities for helping shape the decisions of our day. If God's will is to be known in the collective decisions of labor relations, race relations, and in the arenas of war and peace, it will have to first be known in the lives of the individuals who sit in the conferences and around the tables where such decisions are hammered out. It is also essential that those of us who fill smaller roles in life understand how necessary it is to look to God for meaning as did the psalmist of old.

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"MY STEPS HAD WELL NIGH SLIPPED"

We cannot be sure who wrote Psalm 73, but we do know that it tells us of one who successfully completed a pilgrimage from futility to faith. He began with a great affirmation. "Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart," (verse 1). But then he moves quickly to say "my steps had well nigh slipped . . . when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."

This psalm speaks to us of both victory and struggle, beginning with the abiding conclusion which had emerged from the time of conflict — that God is truly good. This psalm should have special meaning for us because it describes a common experience for every person who has thought about the meaning of what he sees happening around him every day. We should take note of the fact that he begins his poem with a declaration of praise. He did not leave his readers in suspense but shared with them at the very beginning his conclusion that it pays to serve the Lord.

Having made his beginning there, he moves quickly to tell of his experiences of grave spiritual peril resulting from the unanswered questions in his life. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in International Lesson Annual: "Even when we recognize that God created his world in a certain way and that we must live in it accordingly if we are to discover life's meaning, there are some experiences that cannot be readily explained. In the presence of certain tragedies it is useless, even sacrilegious, to apply patent answers."

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THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

Psalm 73 deals primarily with the problem of evil, standing out in the literature of Israel along with the eloquent discourse on the theme by the prophet Habakkuk, and with such great dramatic power by Job. Dr. W. Stewart McCullough says in Interpreter's Bible: "Because the Hebrew people were morally sensitive, the problem was never far from them, and their efforts at an understanding found varied formulations. We have here a poet's reflections which were the result of bitter personal experience. It is neither involved nor for us definitive, nor is there any indication that he thought it might be anything more than a personal testimony. If, however, he was able to resolve the matter in a way that was satisfactory to his own morally astute spirit, there should be profit in our study of it."

As the writer carries us along on his spiritual pilgrimage, we see a time in his life when he was in grave spiritual peril. He tells us that he was a man of principle and integrity, but that he was brought into contact with godless people who, though they defied God and man, seemed immune from the troubles that beset others. The physical health and security did not invite the censure of our writer. They seemed to summon his envy. At one point he suggests that maybe God does not know about this, "Is there knowledge in the Most High?" (verse 11) Then, at the lowest level of his depression concerning this problem, there began to dawn the understanding which in the end reaffirmed his belief in the goodness of God.

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THE BEGINNING OF UNDERSTANDING

The psalmist goes on to say in verse 15 that he would have been "untrue to the generation of thy children" if he had persisted in taking the negative point of view. Dr. McCullough points out that there were three factors that entered into his contemplation of the problem and that saved him from accepting the popular judgment.

First was a sense of perspective. He felt that it was necessary for him to be true not only to his own times but to the generations to come. He said that each time we are tempted to grow morally lax in our own time, if we will only think in terms of the generations to come, we will see the godless and the apparent triumph of their way in a new light.

The second factor was the realization that morality required more than logic. The third factor was the effort to set his problem within the dimensions of the religious experience.

When he decided to figure out the answer for himself, the psalmist concluded that it was a "wearisome task." He could not put the pieces together himself; he could not reconcile the apparent discrepancies he saw between what he knew of God and what he saw in the world. This is the first step always toward a solid faith. You must decide there are some things you can't figure out for yourself. This is the hardest thing for many people to accept, that there are some things we can't completely understand.

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THE ANSWER OF GOD'S COUNSEL

As the poet finally realized that spiritual perception comes from God, he moved into the magnificent words with which the Psalm closes. He admitted that he was dead wrong about his understanding of what was going on in the world. This is the folly of man's impatience with God, and yet it is not so foolish because it is by this route alone that he comes to an understanding of life and its meaning.

The closing stanza of the poem (vvs. 24-28) is a truly beautiful statement of the faith of a saint. After he has expressed his envy of the prosperous he has been restored to an affirmation that his whole desire is met by having God. Truly verse 25 is one of the outstanding texts of the Bible: "Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is nothing upon earth that I desire besides thee."

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THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PURPOSE

We started this lesson on a rather minor key asking if there could be any meaning to life. It is so easy to get caught up in the mood of those lines and the prevailing attitude of many in our own time. A second portion of Scripture brings us to a positive climax to our discussion. Take a look at Ephesians 1:9 and 10. Here Paul gives a most adequate description of what is the underlying purpose of God in the world.

Paul says: "Having made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he has purposed in himself; that in the dispensation of the fullness of time he might gather together in one all things in Christ." The context of the first 14 verses of Ephesians is an enthusiastic expression by Paul of his confidence that God's developing purposes are all centered in Jesus Christ.

The Apostle affirms that it is possible to discover what life is all about. He says that we can know the thread that ties all of the events of history together. They center in Jesus Christ. So many people are looking everywhere else but to him for meaning and purpose. It should be no surprise to us that hundreds of people who were lost in the slough of despair are standing courageously in congregations and in small groups today making their witness that life has taken on meaning for them now in their personal experiences of Jesus Christ.

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A MESSAGE FOR THE DISILLUSIONED

God can use us to communicate the great reality of today's lesson. Amidst all the despair and defeatism around us we can speak of purpose and meaning. At the heart of much of the unrest among young people is their difficulty in finding meaning in life. People everywhere are asking, "Who am I and why am I here?" There is no satisfactory answer to be found apart from God.

The psalmist looked through and beyond the temporary prosperity of the wicked and his own suffering to find peace of mind and release by clinging to God alone. Remember what the writer of Hebrews said, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:1, 2)

Dr. Charles Laymon says (Adult Bible Studies): "Christ's life, death, and resurrection bring a new meaning into our daily existence. We become more sure of God, more certain of the significance of public and personal events."

A Christ-related life is the greatest guarantee of knowing and fulfilling the design of God in our daily existence.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

One of the favourite spectacles for American visitors to London is the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Between 11 a.m. and noon the thousands who throng the Mall and the great open space in front of the Royal residence number a good representation from across the Atlantic. This week, as I write, some of them would be very disappointed people. For instead of the flash of gold and scarlet, and the brassy sound of the Guards' Band, there was silence and no marching.

The reason was that another battalion of the Brigade had been posted to Northern Ireland, and there were not enough of the Brigade of Guards to change the Guard every 24 hours—the change was reduced to one every 48 hours for the time.

It all underlines the seriousness of the situation in Northern Ireland, where, according to present views there is a real and terrible danger of civil war. Overhanging the summer recess of Parliament is this dire threat, and no one can see with any degree of clarity the end of this affair. The real difficulty is to get at the truth—so much partisanship is now present that to get a clear story is becoming almost impossible. The plea of Eric Gallagher of the central Mission in Belfast to stop hating and start loving is one which somehow must be heard above the snap-shots of the snipers if there is to be any hope.

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ANOTHER WORLD

A recent book by Professor Peter L. Berger is "A Rumour of Angels." In it he spends a good deal of time arguing that the supernatural and belief in it has not vanished. In some ways this is a self-evident truth, and as Alan Brien in the New Statesman has commented, there seems little need to spend so much time establishing the obvious. Young people today have never been so willing and ready to believe that there must be more in life than meets the eye, says Alan Brien, and he sites his conviction that there is "an almost Babylonian trust in astrology, a mediaeval sensitivity to the presence of evil forces and personal demons."

The rest of Mr. Brien's comments on the book are foreseeably agnostic, but the point he makes is an interesting one. One of the things that the church is so far failing signally to do is to take the visionary and idealistic attitude of many young people seriously. This is because the young do not want to accept their life experience in the ready-made packages of yesteryear. The preacher or teacher who adopts the stance which says implicitly: "If you will push your life-experience into this religious shape I have designed, I will recognise you are a man with a spiritual quest . . . but if not I don't want to know you" is asking for rejection.

Maybe too many of us have been guilty of just that kind of thing. I am not pleading for some kind of vague pantheism which will be so all-embracing that it is only some kind of unrecognisable muddle. But I am suggesting that if we are to have any kind of chance with thoughtful young people we have to be prepared to sit down and listen to them, perhaps far more than talk.

After all, it was Jesus who told us so forcibly that we could not put new wine in old bottles. And he got into terrible trouble by refusing to accept what his contemporaries had taken for granted for so long. We tend to forget his revolution because we have suceeeded in formalising his teaching —sometimes even moulding it to our own shape rather than following Him to see where He is leading us. If there is to be more than a rumour of angels in the days to come, it may be that we will have to look at how flexible the gospel really is.

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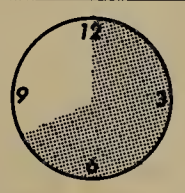

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Gray Lectures to be delivered at Duke Divinity School, Oct. 25-27

DURHAM, N.C. — The Rev. Dr. Paul Louis Lehmann, Briggs Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York, will deliver the James Gray Lectures during the 1971 Duke Divinity School Convocation and North Carolina Pastors' School to be held on the Duke campus between October 25-27.

Other speakers during the three-day program will include Bishop Paul A. Washburn of Minneapolis, the Bishop's Hour Lecturer; The Very Rev. Edward Patey, Dean of Liverpool Cathedral, England, the Frank Hickman Lecturer on the Ministry; the Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, the Convocation Preacher; Dr. Cecil Robbins, president, Louisburg College, N. C., Alumni Lecturer; and Bishops Hunt and Cannon of the United Methodist conferences in North Carolina, together again in "The Bishop's Panel."

Doctrine of Holy Spirit emphasized at Christian Experience Conference

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (UMI)—More than 600 persons from 35 states attended a weekend meeting here August 20-22 to consider the meaning and action of the Holy Spirit in today's world.

Featured speaker at the "Conference on Christian Experience" was evangelist Oral Roberts who declared that "everywhere I see new life in the United Methodist Church, which is the movement of the Spirit." He praised the Lay Witness Movement as the "greatest thing in the church today."

Sponsor of the Conference was the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

Using his popular admonition to "expect a miracle," Mr. Roberts called on persons to live out their lives by giving. "Love is not love until you give it away," he said.

Participants at the conference were mostly laymen with many families and 100 youth attending.

Dr. Leslie Davison, secretary of the Department of Home Missions for the British Methodist Church, decried what he observed as a neglect of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit during the past 100 years. The Holy Spirit, he said, is never given to anyone for his own personal edification. "Always, in the Bible, it was given to equip persons to serve God, to help build each other."

Dr. Robert Tuttle, Jr., a pastor at the Coloraado Springs First United Methodist Church, host church for the conference, called for unity among Christians and asserted that the "Spirit-filled life" is a life that works. "It produces an inner peace that then manifests itself in the community. If it doesn't work in the home and the community then your faith just isn't worth it."

Two lectures were given by the Rev. David Semands, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Wilmore, Ky. Speaking on "The character of the Holy Spirit," he said Methodists have ceased being creators of a movement and have become curators of an institution. He added, however, that "God is doing new things in the church."

The Rev. Walter Albritton, director of the Board of Evangelism's Department of Koinonia Ministries, gave one address and served as director for the conference.

Laymen on the program included Jack Archer, an independent oil operator in Corpus Christi, Tex., and David E. Norman, a million-dollar-a-year life insurance salesman from Milwaukee, Wisc.

Music for the conference was directed by Richard Bradford, music-youth minister of Immanual Baptist Church, Wichita, Kans.

Most of the conference agenda was devoted to 40 small groups which met six times during the weekend.

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Associates in Christian Education certified

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Twenty-six persons from 21 annual conferences have completed their fourth and final summer seminar qualifying them to become certified as Associates in Christian Education in the United Methodist Church.

They become the third class to complete the special academic courses of study. A total of 158 persons participated in 1971 summer seminars at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.; Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn.; and the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif.

According to the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the United Methodist Board of Eduation's Division of the Local Church, the seminars are designed to relate the resources of the school to the task of giving full-time, non-certified Christian educators an opportunity to develop theoretical and practical skills in learning and teaching.

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World Methodist Council Executive Committee members announced

NEW YORK (UMI)—Members of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council for the 1971-76 quinquennium were elected at Council meetings at the World Methodist Conference August 18-25 in Denver, Colo., as were officers and members of other Council committees.

The Executive Committee is the Council's key unit, as it oversees and guides work of the Council between sessions of the full body. Chairman of the Executive Committee is Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., episcopal leader of the United Methodist Church's New Jersey Area. Vice-chairmen are the Rev. Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the British Methodist Conference, and Bishop Yap Kim Hao of the Methodist Church of Singapore-Malaysia.

United States Members of the Executive Committee represent the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the Free Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, the United Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Church. U. S. members (including officers):

African Methodist Episcopal Church — Bishop George N. Collins, Jacksonville, Fla.; Bishop D. Ward Nichols, New York, N. Y.; Bishop H. Thomas Primm, Denver, Colo.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church — Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, Wilmington, N. C.; Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, Washington, D. C.; Bishop A. G. Dunston, Philadelphia, Pa.

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church — Bishop B. Julian Smith, Memphis, Tenn.; Bishop Norris S. Curry, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Lucius M. Pitts, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.

Free Methodist Church — The Rev. James Mannoia, Ventnor, N. J.

Primitive Methodist Church — Rev. Richard L. Purnell, Centerdale, R. I.

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Wesleyan Church — The Rev. J. D. Abbott, Marion, Ind.

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Cuba — One to be named.

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France — One to be named.

Ghana — Rev. Thomas W. Koomson.

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Italy — Rev. Mario Sbaffi.

Ivory Coast — Rev. Samson Mandjui.

Kenya — Rev. L. P. Imathiu.

Korea — Rev. Sa Haeng La.

Uruguay — Mr. Nelson Morales.

Worship Consultation stresses importance of Lord's Supper

DENVER (UMI)—More than 80 leaders from 17 countries explored some of the essentials of Christian worship and shared in several innovative services at the World Methodist Consultation on Worship here Aug. 26-29.

The meeting, held at Iliff School of Theology, was the last in a long list of ancillary gatherings held in connection with the 12th World Methodist Conference during August.

Hammered out in group discussions and plenary sessions were a number of recommendations for improving worship which will be transmitted to the world, especially theological professors, pastors and administrators of appropriate regional units.

Serving as co-chairman of the consultation were Bishop Lance Webb, Springfield, Ill., head of the United Methodist Church's Commission on Worship, and the Rev. Rupert Davies, past president of the Methodist Church, Great Britain and principal of Wesley College, Bristol, England.

During the four-day meeting, delegates shared in three services of holy communion: a relatively new service from the British Methodist Church, an alternate order for the Lord's Supper prepared by the Commission on Worship in the United Methodist Church, and the liturgy developed by the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) in the United States.

In its findings, the Consultation on Worship concluded that "the holy communion is our central act of worship," and without setting specific goals, urged that the Eucharist be used with greater frequency in the churches.

"Innovative or experimental worship is necessary but difficult, calling for hard work, time, money and imagination," the summary said.

In other action, the consultation called for greater emphasis on worship at the next World Methodist Conference four or five years hence. Specifically, the group urged that at least one major address be devoted to the theme of worship and that there be a conference-wide service of communion. This year optional services of the sacrament were held in a neighboring church but the entire assembly did not commune as a body.

Without minimizing participation by the laity, the consultation placed heavy responsibility upon the clergy and called upon them "to exercise their full role as leaders in worship as partners with the rest of God's people." This partnership, they pointed out, involves the minister's leading his people in studying the meaning of worship and in the preparation of new forms of worship.

Professor H. Grady Hardin of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, serves as chairman of the committee on alternate rituals, which developed the trial order for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was used at the recent World Methodist Conference and at the World Methodist Consultation on Worship, where it met with great favor. After further revision and use at the 1972 General Conference, the alternate order will be made available to the church-at-large.

One veteran observer who participated in the latter service as a worshipper reported that he had never been so deeply moved at a communion service in more than 50 years of church attendance.

The Rev. Dr. David J. Randolph, assistant general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, who serves as director of the Project on Worship—a joint enterprise of the board and the Commission or Worship, reported on the vast collection of worship materials which the project has assembled on the favorable acceptance of published materials.

Ventures in Worship, edited by the director and published by Abingdon Press in 1969, received swift and wide acceptance, selling 21,915 copies by the end of July this year. This prompted publication of Ventures in Worship 2, which has already sold well over 12,000 copies.

A collection of hymns and songs and a folk service of holy communion, adapting the former Methodist and former Evangelical United Brethren rituals, is scheduled to appear early in 1972 under the title, Ventures in Song. It will bear the Abingdon imprint.

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SCHOOL COSTS SOAR

(This is no reflection on our fine public schools. They have their financial problems like everyone else.)

School starts. Fees have to be paid. Older children have to pay more. Most of ours are older. Average initial fees and costs are:

High School boys – $6.75
High School girls – $2.00 to $3.00
(plus gym clothes)
Junior High students – $4.00
Grade School students $3.00

Most of three hundred dollars will be gone the first week. Cost of work books and other special needs will have to be met. The initial order for school supplies (at wholesale rates) was $851.00. Fees for school sponsored organizations are yet to come. For many good reasons we encourage participation by our youth, just as parents in town encourage participation by theirs.

This is where a big chunk of our money goes.

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APPRECIATION TO TRINITY

We deeply appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation, and the free and open communication which exists between Trinity Church, Ruston, and the Home. We have had excellent reports about our children as, together, we work with and for them. The young couple who sponsor Trinity's Senior Youth Fellowship are both 'graduates' of the Home. He is employed by the Church as an Educational Consultant.

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PREACHERS – HELP!

A group of our young people are quite seriously asking me to devote a Chapel service to the subject of Reincarnation. It is good to know that they are concerned about matters of religion and the spirit. It is a deep question, one not easily answered. What would you say? Maybe I'll ask Brother Merrill to do it.

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–QUOTES–

"The wealth of a nation is its youth."

"What better investment can you find than a child."

AFTER THE JUDGING

Shown are some of the ceramic products from our summer activities program, and some of the producers. One of our most successful and practical businessmen (among many others) was highly enthusiastic about the program and its beneficial results.

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DENTISTS – DON'T READ

Due to an occasional glue leak from cartons onto the exterior of bottles, a local plant had an entire shipment of perfectly good soft drink rejected. Result– 7,000 quarts of soft drink to the Methodist Children's Home. For health reasons they are rationed, but liberally.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU

So many people and so many groups have helped in so many ways during the summer. We cannot possibly thank them all publicly. The LOUISIANA METHODIST would run out of space. We have thanked them individually. Now may we offer to all a hearty and heartfelt, "THANK YOU."

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ZACHARY YOUTH HELP HOME

Offerings taken during Youth Activities Week at Zachary were sent to the Home to purchase recreation equipment. Our thanks for the sizeable gift, and for the spirit of giving. The Rev. Bob Galatas is pastor.

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A FAMILY AFFAIR

Our first chapel service after vacation was a family affair. Miss Mary Shaw, who has been giving piano lessons to several of our youth, was asked to use the occasion for a piano recital. Her father, the Rev. Jack Shaw, conducted the service. Mrs. Shaw is a tremendously valuable member of the Home staff. We were proud of pupils, teacher, and parents in this 'Family Affair.'

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NO HIGHER COMPLIMENT

A 'new' girl was (naturally) unhappy over the drastic change that had taken place in her life. A girl who had been here for some time was comforting her. She said, to the new girl, "The reason I like it here so much is because I know the people here really care about me." No comment necessary.

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–QUOTES–

"Remember, the youth of today will run the country tomorrow."

"Let the children come to me . . . Of such is the Kingdom of God."

"A building may last one hundred years. (It may not.) A spirit lives forever."

"Remember now the days of thy youth –– when dealing with those of today."

Memorials

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by Rev. & Mrs. James B. McCann
WINSIE MEAUX
by Rev. & Mrs. James B. McCann
DOUGLAS C. McCANN
by Rev. & Mrs. James B. McCann
G. P. MARTIN
by Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Robinson
MRS. PEARL ALMOND
by Mr. J. Y. Carr
A. R. CLEMENTS
by B. F. Clements
SCOTT BAKER BUATT
by Mrs. Maud H. Tinsley
MRS. JENNIE SEBASTIAN FARMER
by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey H. Samuels, Sr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack McCrocklin & Boys
by Mrs. Florence McKinnon
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by Mrs. Roy C. Windsor, Sr.
by Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Wadsworth
by John, Sarah Jane, Johnny & Michael McAdams
by Rev. & Mrs. Wm. B. Shaw
MR. & MRS. H. B. MALONE
by Mrs. Pauline Brumley
MRS. M. (Betty) FARSONG
by Jann Drive Neighbors
DUKE MEDARIES
by Mrs. A. H. Valentine
MRS. GEORGIA TOMS
by Mr. & Mrs. C. K. Collinsworth
EDGAR S. TALBERT
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Abington
DAVID KNISELY
by Mrs. Jack Olmsted
FRANK HARREL
by Mr. & Mrs. Newton Forrest
MRS. HOMER MOORE
by Mr. & Mrs. M. T. Crowe
FRANK HARREL
by Mr. & Mrs. M. T. Crowe
MRS. ELVIE HOOD
by Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Rhea
ROGER HAYGOOD
by Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Penneywell
C. S. DAVIS
by Mr. & Mrs. Carrell Dowies
MORRIS GASTON
by Mr. & Mrs. H. O. Hearne & Maridene
MRS. DORA A. DEEN
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E. W. CAUSEY
by Mrs. A. L. Hethcox
POSEY LOFTON
by Mr. & Mrs. Worth Jones
MISS HAZEL LUNSFORD
by Mrs. E. L. Lyon
WILEY CAMERON
by Mrs. E. L. Lyon
MRS. BETTY FORSONG
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Jeffrey
MRS. EMMA KNOEFEL
by Mr. & Mrs. Faye Hopkins
C. E. KINGERY
by Mrs. Lelia Brown & Miss Isadore Haynes
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by Mr. & Mrs. Claude McFarland
MRS. H. E. TOMS
by W.S.C.S., Bienville United Methodist Church
by Bienville United Methodist Church
BASCOM D. TALLEY
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Israel

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Members of Wesley Ray United Methodist Church at Angie participating in the study on "Matthew's Mission." The study was conducted by the Rev. Isaiah McCoy, pastor of the Angie Circuit, in cooperation with the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Work Area on Missions.

This group of young folk led the Aug. 29 morning worship service at Shongaloo United Methodist Church. FROM LEFT: Alicia Haynes directed the choir; Cathy Fomby was pianist; Lane Modisette presided; Bruce Barge brought the message of the morning. The Rev. James M. Carter is pastor.

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CHILDREN'S HOME MEMORIALS

MRS. S. J. FAIRCHILD
by Mrs. Glen E. Laskey
A. W. GATES
by Mr. & Mrs. Carlton White
GRADY WATTS
by Mr. & Mrs. O. A. Anderson & Margie
MRS. PEARL ALMOND
by The McLean Sunday School Class, Gibsland United Methodist Church
ROY CLEMENTS
by Mrs. Ezelle F. Davidson
CAROLL DAVIS
by Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Taylor
MRS. ELIZABETH C. (Bobbie) DAY
by The Norsworthy Family, Jackson
MRS. ROBERT DELANEY
by Mr. & Mrs. George L. Cockerham
RAYMOND MITCHELL
by Mr. & Mrs. George L. Cockerham
DAVID CHASE
by Mr. & Mrs. K. K. Parker
MRS. BELL HAMILTON
by Mr. & Mrs. K. K. Parker
MRS. G. W. MERTZ
by Mrs. Jared Jordan & Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Ivey
MR. & MRS. W. D. DENNIS
by Rodney Mason, Elsie Hardy, & Ann Phillips
MRS. M. E. SMITH
by Pearl River United Methodist Church
J. F. SNELLING
by Miss Florence Anthony
SCOTT BAKER BUATT
by Lee Otis & Minta B. Speir
by Mrs. J. R. Ludlam
by Lucille McLean Sunday School Class, First Church, Bastrop
DR. O. B. OWENS
by "One whom He Helped"
MRS. GEORGIA TOMS
by Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Boddie & Children
MISS EVELYN WOOSBY
by Gail Hoover Circle & Janie Sinclair Circle, WSCS, First United Methodist, Lake Charles
JACK OLMSTED
by Mrs. Jack Olmsted & Children
MORRIS E. GASTON
by Carrie E. Walters
by Mrs. W. L. Simmons
PAULINE WAMPLER DREWES
by Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Erwin
MRS. LULA CHANEY
by Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Erwin
MALBURN SCHWARTZ
by Mr. & Mrs. John P. Ford
JOEL DANIEL WALLER
by Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Foster
DAVID HAYES
by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Carter
MRS. ETHEL MONCRIEF
by Mr. & Mrs. Geo. D. Moncrief
J. C. PYLE
by Wilbur & Helen Humphries
FRANK SNELLING
by Mrs. Restal Durham & Mr. & Mrs. Larry H. Morris
MRS. JAMES FRYE & DEBRA
by Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bergeron
JAMES C. PYLE
by Mr. & Mrs. Luther C. Terrell
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by Mr. & Mrs. G. K. Kitchens, Sr.
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by Mr. & Mrs. Carrell Dowies
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by Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Cotton
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by Lake Arthur Chapter #144, OES
SHEP SMITH
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by Delta Zeta Alumni of Ruston
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by Mary Lou Cole & Gladys Cole
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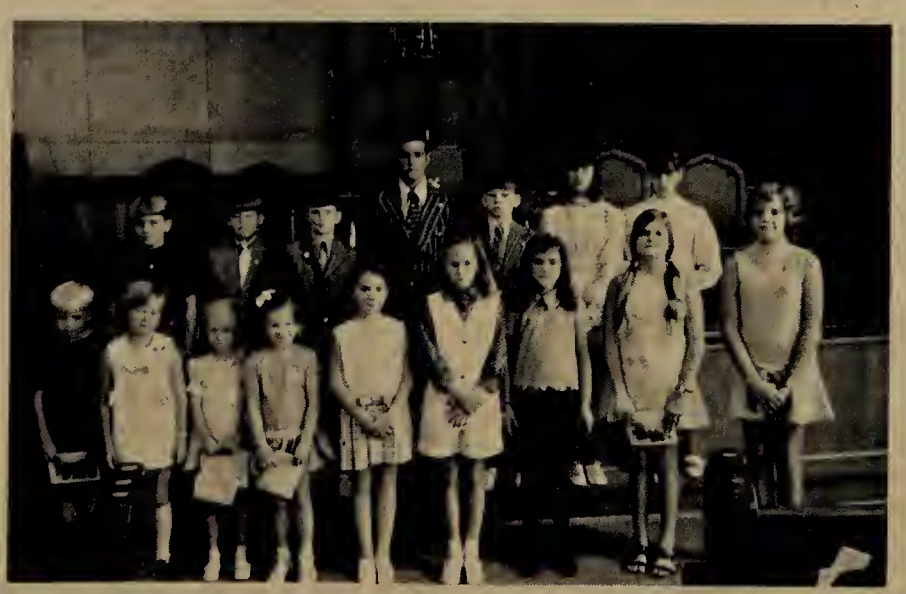
by Mrs. Jesse Harvey
by Mrs. Benton Smith
by Mrs. Louis Easley
by Mrs. W. D. Holder
W. H. BUFORD
by Judy Barnes, Katherine Turnbow, Myrle Nunn, Marcia, Smith, Joan Sudduth, Elaine Garner, Harold Harvey, Lamonte Massey, Bob Bennett, Hazel Martin

LEFT: Miss Janis Trammell was recently recognized at Dubach United Methodist Church for eleven years of perfect attendance in Church school. Janis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Trammell, teaches a class of juniors, is a student at Louisiana Tech University and holds the title of Miss Dubach. BELOW: Others receiving recognition for perfect attendance at Dubach were: (back row, left to right) Tracy Pendergrass and Ronnie Smith, six years; (Janis); Jayne Trammell, eight years; (front) Donna Smith, four years and Ann Pendergrass, six years.



This group of boys and girls received perfect attendance awards on Promotion Day at Jonesboro United Methodist Church. Denise Pullen (second from right, back row), received a pin for ten consecutive years of perfect church school attendance. She is the third member of her family to have received such an award.

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A Service of Communion in the old Trinity United Methodist Church building, Ruston, on Wednesday evening Sept. 9 was the first in o series of events morking thot congregotion's move into its new building complex. A rituol of moving the worship center, ond o corovon to the new building followed the Communion Service.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony begon the Sundoy, Sept. 12 ceremonies at the new Trinity Church in Ruston. Toking port were, left to right, John Moxwell, choirmon of Boord of Trustees; Dr. Morvin Green, chairmon of Building Committee; the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, postor; Dr. Douglos L. McGuire, former postor; Justin Gorrison, choirmon of Council on Ministries, ond Wolter Sovoge, chairman of Administrotive Board.

A Service of Consecrotion followed the Sept. 12 church school hour ot new Trinity Church. Porticipants, left to right, were: The Rev. Rolph Coin, district superintendent; the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, minister; Bishop Aubrey G. Wolton; Dr. Douglos L. McGuire; Dr. H. L. Johns; the Rev. Williom Stokes, ond the Rev. Horry Ezell. Other events plonned os o port of the opening series will include o Festivol of Foith on Oct. 2-3 with a special choir progrom, guest speokers and the laying of cornerstones.

OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD AT SAINT PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

An Open House will be held at Saint Paul School of Theology (Methodist) in Kansas City, Mo. on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., according to an announcement by Dr. Don W. Holter, President.

The plans for the day include a showing of religious art in the Center for Renewal. An organ recital in Kresge Chapel is also planned. In addition, all of the faculty and their wives will be in their offices to greet guests, and the administrative staff will be in their usual places.

All who find it possible to be in the vicinity of Kansas City on that Sunday are invited to attend.

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■ October 4-7, Centenary College

Pastors' School personalities announced

The personnel of the team from the Menninger Foundation who will serve as resource persons for the Louisiana Conference Pastors' School, Oct. 4-7, has been announced by the Rev. John Winn, dean.

Led by Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, a Presbyterian, the team will include a Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian, and Roman Catholic, all who have done their homework on the inner workings of The United Methodist Church.

Only once before has such a prestigious group been provided by the Foundation for a Pastors' School — in the Yellowstone Conference this past summer.

Dr. Mark Rouch, director of the Department of Continuing Education of the Board of The Ministry, in recognition of the unique nature of this school, has assigned an evaluation team to observe the school and develop a model to be used throughout the church. Leading the evaluation team will be the Rev. Warne Sanders, Redwood City, Calif., dean of the California - Nevada Pastors' School. Working with him will be the Rev. Charles P. McDonald, Fort Smith, Ark., and the Rev. Wendell P. Taylor, Jackson, Miss., both of whom have experience with Pastors' Schools.

"This year's school is specifically for the ministers of the conference," Mr. Winn said. "While we will miss the spice that the spouses add to our schools, this will nonetheless give us an opportunity to focus on some of the professional aspects of our ministry, that we too easily avoid."

A brief word about each of the members of the Menninger team follows:

Dr. Kenneth R. Mitchell

Dr. Kenneth R. Mitchell, director of the Division of Religion and Psychiatry at The Menninger Foundation, is responsible for all of the activities of the Division, including training programs in postgraduate clinical education for clergymen, marriage counseling and personal counseling services offered to individuals who find themselves in trouble, and a wide variety of workshops and consultations with a variety of religious and mental health organi-

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Retired Ministers Home dedication, Oct. 1

The Dedication Service and Open House to be held for Home No. 14 on Friday, October 1st, has been announced by Dr. and Mrs. Luman E. Douglas, the occupants and the Retired Ministers Homes Board, Inc., of The Louisiana Conference. This lovely home is located at 9934 Judi Avenue in Baton Rouge.

Open House will be observed from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. and the Act of Dedication led by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will be conducted at 8:00 p.m., with Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, district superintandent of the Baton Rouge District, together with pastors of neighboring churches participating in the service. Several members of the Retired Ministers Homes Board will be present to share in the act of dedication. The Rev. James L. Adams, Board President, will present the Home for Dedication on behalf of the Board.

Half the cost of this home was made possible by the generous gifts contributed by the churches of the Baton Rouge District. A special vote of thanks is expressed by the Board to the laity and ministers of the district for their generosity.

It is fitting that another home should be dedicated at this time, as September is being observed at Retired Ministers Homes Month, and contributions are coming in from throughout the Conference from churches and individuals in response to the call for this special observance.

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ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The first of a series of Estate Planning Seminars sponsored by Centenary College will be held in the New Orleans District Sept. 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. o'clock at the Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church.

Seminar leaders are Attorney Jerome Reso Jr., C.P.A. of Allen B. Koltun, C.L.U. Hampden White, and Investment Counselor Phillip Holland.

Mr. Alford

Program Director named at St. Mark's Community Center

Miss Louise Sharp, executive director of St. Mark's Community Center, which is supported primarily by the United Methodist Church and the United Fund of Greater New Orleans, has announced the appointment of Frank Alford to the position of Program Director.

Alford is a commissioned home missionary under the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. Previous to accepting the position at St. Mark's he was executive director of a community center in Pharr, Tex., where he worked with Mexican-Americans. He has also been in community center work in Nashville, Tenn. and San Antonio, Tex.

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of the South, Sewanee, Alford earned a Master's degree in physical education from the University of Alabama and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Tennessee. He coached and taught in a high school and a college in Alabama before entering the home mission field in community center work.

In his work Alford places special emphasis on the importance of self-help and self-determination for the persons being served by an agency. He believes that a person has the right to control his own destiny and that community centers should seek ways to be supportive of this right.

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The church that uses its budget solely for its own institutional existence is on the road to nonexistence.

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zations. A United Presbyterian Minister Doctor Mitchell is a graduate of Princeton University (A.B.), Princeton Theological Seminary (B.D.), and the University of Chicago (Ph.D.). He has been active in theological education since 1961, when he joined the faculty of Vanderbilt University. He left Vanderbilt to join The Menninger Foundation staff in 1965.

In addition to directing the various programs of the Division of Religion and Psychiatry, he maintains an active counseling practice in the belief that supervision of counseling trainees must proceed from a base of clinical practice.

His research interests include communication techniques and communications systems. In connection with these interests, Doctor Mitchell's major hobby is linguistics. He also maintains an active interest in music, both as a player and as a listener. He is married and has three children.

The Reverend John H. Dillingham

John H. Dillingham, a native of Oklahoma, is an ordained Baptist minister. A graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, he has completed his residency for the S. T. M. in Clinical Pastoral Education, Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Dillingham took his clinical training in Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, Tex. and The Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kans. He served as pastor in several churches in central and south Texas before coming to The Menninger Foundation in 1969. His position with the Division of Religion and Psychiatry at The Menninger Foundation is Director for Chaplain Services. Mr. Dillingham is married and has two married children.

The Reverend Earl A. Hackett

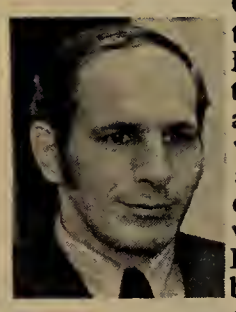
Earl A. Hackett is thirty-one years old, a Fellow in Pastoral Care and Counseling in the Division of Religion and Psychiatry, The Menninger Foundation, and a native of Kansas. Mr. Hackett is a United Methodist pastor, having received B.D. and S.T.M. degrees from Perkins School of Theology. He received clinical pastoral education at Parkland Memorial Hospital and was chaplain of Shady Brook School for emotionally disturbed children. Before coming to The Menninger Foundation, Mr. Hackett was pastor of the United Methodist Church in Pretty Prairie, Kansas, where he was district U.M.-Y.F. coordinator and chairman of the District Program Council. He is married to the former Myrna Wellborn of Dallas, Texas, and they have two boys.

The Reverend Charles C. McNeer

The Reverend Charles C. McNeer is a native of Virginia. Before coming to The Menninger Foundation as a Fellow in Pastoral Care and Counseling, he was Director of Guidance and Counseling at Sullins College, Bristol, Va. Previously he held positions of chaplain to several colleges and pastor to three Episcopal churches in southwestern Virginia. He received his M.Div. from Virginia Episcopal Seminary in 1963. He is married and has three daughters.

The Reverend J. A. Mosbrucker

The Reverend J. A. Mosbrucker was ordained a priest for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon in 1966 at the age of thirty. Prior to seminary training, he received a B.S. from the University of Portland and an M.S. in Science from the University of Notre Dame. Father Mosbrucker then received his theological training at St. Paul's Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Upon ordination, he began service in Portland teaching in a high school with pastoral duties at St. Paul's Church, Silverton, Oregon.



Prior to a year of study at The Menninger Foundation in pastoral care and counseling, he was in charge of the Deacon Training Program for the Archdiocese of Portland. At present Father Mosbrucker is working for the Archdiocese of Kansas City as a pastoral counselor to priests of the Archdiocese. He is also currently in study at The Menninger Foundation as an Advanced Pastoral Fellow. This training is directly ordered to the work he will be doing upon return to Portland as a pastoral counselor to priests and religious of that area. He believes that there is a need to minister to those who are doing the ministry and to help those who are in the field improve their skills in ministering to others.

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Shreveport physician to head Centenary Alumni Association

A Shreveport physician, Dr. Juan W. Watkins, Jr., has been elected president of the Centenary College Alumni Association for the 1971-72 term. He succeeds Mrs. Mitzi Middlebrooks in the position.

Other officers who will serve with Dr. Watkins are: Dr. Ned Prothro, a dentist, first vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy Gammill, second vice-president; Flavia Leary, a school teacher, secretary; and Dwight Brown, C.P.A., treasurer.

Ten new board members elected by the association this year are: Dr. Watkins, Miss Leary, Dr. Whitney Boggs, Jr., Jack Elgin, Dr. John Graham, James Koelemay, Mrs. Jerry Loe, James Montgomery, Jack Mulkey, and Peyton Shehee.

Five board members will be named by the new president at the next regular meeting of the board.

Dr. Watkins, a 1957 graduate of Centenary, received his M.D. degree from Louisiana State University Medical School. He is a member of the Shreveport Rotary Club, the Century Club and the Gents 100 Club at the College, and the Noel Memorial United Methodist Church.

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Louisiana missionary family at Saint Paul Seminary

Saint Paul School of Theology Methodist, in Kansas City, Mo., currently has a new missionary family in residence on campus this year. The Rev. James (Pete) Spitzkeit, a member of the Louisiana Conference, and his wife Betty and their three children, Beth, Bonnie and Jim, are in the guest house at 1535 Denver.

Mr. Spitzkeit comes to Kansas City from Taejon, Korea, where for the past two years he was on the faculty at Taejon Theological Seminary at Taejon. He and his family have been in the missionary field in Korea for 22 years. Pete grew up in Mississippi and Louisiana. He attended Southeastern College in Louisiana and received his degree from Centenary College in Louisiana. His B.D. is from Duke University and he has done graduate work at Drew.

Betty is a third generation missionary. Her grandparents and parents were missionaries to China. Betty received her B.A. from Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio, and attended New York Theological Seminary for one year.

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Editorial

ACCENT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Of the many special days which fill the church calendar at this time of the year none is more strategic than Christian Education Sunday, Sept. 26. Every one of us should be gravely concerned about the future of the educational ministry of the church. If we are at all observing we have noticed that great changes have occurred in this part of the church's life in recent years. We have been watching the statistics on Church School attendance as reported by the church bulletins and news letters received in our office, and, with only a few exceptions, these reflect a tremendous decline in attendance. The great majority of these reports show that the average attendance at the Sunday morning session of the Church School is less than the attendance at the morning worship service. We hasten to admit that this is not a realm in which success is to be judged by attendance figures, and yet we do believe that these reports reflect a situation that cannot be ignored.

In an excellent article in the July-August issue of The Interpreter, Dr. J. Irvin McDonough of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, calls attention to the renewed emphasis on quality in our educational enterprise. He quotes Dr. Lyle E. Schaller who said in his recent book, **What Will 1971 Bring?:** "The emergence of the concept of an annual 'social report' on the state of the American society will begin to lead churchmen to replace the traditional emphasis on numbers with a new emphasis on quality and performance. For example, in addition to inquiring about the average attendance in the Sunday school, more people will begin to ask what happened to those in attendance."

Dr. McDonough points out that children who have spent many hours before a television screen viewing **Sesame Street** with its variety of new teaching techniques and methods will find the conventional methods of teaching in the church school less appealing. He tells of a teacher of senior highs who said, "We must do a more respectable job teaching if we expect to meet the needs of youth and enlist their sincere and honest involvement in the church's ministry."

This same article quotes at length from an address by Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe at the 1971 annual meeting of the Board of Education. We want to share with you some of this material because it speaks to us so directly concerning the reordering of priorities: quality over quantity, effectiveness over economy, and performance over activities.

Here are some of the things Bishop Stowe said to the Board of Education:

"Let us recognize that probably never before in history has the need for Christian education been so acute. Let me tell you why I think so. First, for too long we have been asking the wrong questions. An article concerning Detroit recently said that the trouble in Detroit is that they have been asking the wrong questions. They have been asking how to make a better automobile rather than how to provide better transportation.

"We, too, may have been asking the wrong question. We are a society that has a fixation and has answered amazingly well a question that is no longer primary, and that question is 'how.' The revolt of youth asking 'why' should have given us a clue. We should turn from a 'how' oriented to a 'why' oriented people. The youth are asking 'why' concerning the university; 'why' concerning the war in Vietnam; 'why' concerning racism; 'why' concerning materialism. And this ought to give us evidence of the turning of the tide.

"The second essential need in our society relates to the issues of the day. Any of them is a time bomb ticking off the whole enterprise of life, which may be coming to an end. And each one of the major issues of our day is primarily a moral or an ethical issue.

"If a church does not educate the value system, its creative and socially oriented life styles, who will? And this will come, not by proclamation, even though we preachers think it should, but it will come by education."

Dr. McDonough then goes on from what Bishop Stowe has said to affirm that the Christian education emphasis just ahead of us can provide an atmosphere for soul-searching on the part of the local church members concerning the real meaning of Christian education and the place of the church school in the ministry of the congregation.

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the Editor's Corner

A DAY IN NASHVILLE

It has been our privilege to attend many meetings in Nashville — "the Vatican City of Methodism" — during our years in the ministry. None of these was any more exciting than the discussion which took place at the Methodist Publishing House last Thursday.

Sixteen persons from across the nation were invited in for a one-day discussion concerning the general church periodicals. We met with the General Church Periodicals Committee of the Board of Publication and eight or ten staff people related to the publications to express our opinions concerning the mission of **Together** and **The Christian Advocate.**

Included in the group were four publishers of secular newspapers and magazines, the dean of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, one bishop, one district superintendent, three pastors, one youth, one woman, and four of us who have area responsibilities for Methodist information and publications.

Dr. John J. Rooks, a pastor of Winter Park, Fla., a member of the General Periodicals Committee, was the moderator and did an excellent job of keeping the discussion on the subject. The staff of the periodicals and the Publishing House said little but listened carefully, for they were to meet the following day and evaluate the "input" as it relates to the stance that they will recommend concerning the future of these publications.

John E. Procter, president and publisher of the Methodist Publishing House, has the responsibility for implementing the decisions that will be made between now and General Conference concerning the general periodicals which have been a great financial drain on the total budget.

We will not undertake in this column to sumarize all that was said. This we will do later when we have received a full report of the meeting. At this stage we would only express appreciation for being included in the group.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Religion is not dying, as some predicted a few years ago, or being replaced by science and personal ethics, members of the Religious Research Assn. and the Assn. for the Sociology of Religion agreed in a meeting at Denver. They pointed to surges in both old and new religions, especially among youth, and noted that the "oldtime religion" is enjoying a spirited revival. "As science fails to give them real answers to solve their problems, youth are turning in droves to old-fashioned Christian fundamentalism," said one sociologist.

Rabbi Abraham J. Karp of Rochester, N.Y. called on religious leaders to reestablish their roles as the "value-providing" and "value-validating" authorities in the nation. Speaking befor a Rabbinical Assembly Conference Rabbi Karp noted that "In former days the church was the value-providing and value-validating institution in the community," and asserted that "Today, the church's place and function has been taken by the university, and the priest-minister-rabbi replaced by the professor." "Wisdom," he said, "is the metier of religion, and religious leaders have been too timid and too inexpert to speak it effectively."

A director of public relations for the Seventh-day Adventist Church has written a letter to the editor of The Washington Post refuting charges contained in a recent story in that publication by South American anthropologists. The article had stated that "Christian missionary activities among Latin America's Indian peoples do more harm than good and should be stopped." Miss M. Carol Hctzell said the church does not "thrust" its services upon people. "It offers its services, it demonstrates how its services can improve life, and it offers a gospel message of love in place of pagan fear. If this is human exploitation, let us make the most of it. It's the task Christ gave His disciples to do . . ."

Problems caused by man's growing ability to forestall death will be probed by a task force of the Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences at Hastings-On-Hudson, N.Y. "Death control is not an unmixed blessing," said Dr. Daniel Callahan, head of the institute, "Our ability to prolong and preserve life has sharpened the physician's difficult problem of caring for the dying patient, and has even introduced confusion about the proper definition of death." The study group includes physicians, theologians, behavioral scientists, attorneys and philosophers.

The Church of the Nazarene has nearly dcubled its membership in the past 20 years, Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary of the denomination, announced in Kansas City, Mo. Organized as a denomination at Pilot Point, Tex. in 1908 with 10,400 members, the prcsent world membership has now passcd the 500,000 mark. The Church observes scriptural holiness in the Wesleyan tradition.

Father George W. Tribou, rector of Catholic High School for Boys in Little Rock, reaffirming his position on hair regulations for students told parents that he hardly expected his stringent policy to have wide appeal. However, after 20 years of teaching experience, he said he is convinced that "true individuality doesn't depend on long hair."

Singer Johnny Cash is singing more Gospel songs now because, he says, more and more people are searching for Jesus. Preparing for his show at the Canadian Nat'l. Exhibition in Toronto, Ontario, the 39-year-old singer said, "I want to leave people with something solid—a spiritual uplift . . . It's the way I've been going to some time. More and more people are wanting to know about Jesus."

Pope Paul VI, speaking at his weekly general audience—on the theme of the destiny of man, reminded Christians of the "terrible truth" of "possible eternal punishment . . ." "Christ," he said, "was never reticent about this truth." The pontiff noted that one's "philosophy of life" depended on one's acceptance or rejection of a future life." According to Christian teaching, he said, "there exists a future life, a kingdom-to-come, where life, light and happiness will be granted in fullest measure, with no limits of time." He urged the faithful not to lose sight of such truths in the face of today's trends of "secularization" or alleged "charismatic" pronouncements to the contrary.

Worldwide aid to save and preserve Wesley's Chapel —Methodism's "cathedral" in the heart of London which is experiencing a severe financial crisis — seems probable following an appeal made during the recent World Methodist Conference in Denver. A thousand explanatory appeal leaflets were distributed at the conference on behalf of an organization known as the Friends of Wesley's Chapel, by the chapel's superintendent minister in London, Dr. Colin Morris. A spokesman said "The American Bd. of Missions was particularly concerned about the chapel and they are kindly circulating the appeal throughout the U.S."

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, a former president of the National Council of Churches and the American Baptist Convention, predicted that the future will bring a narrowing of the gap between evangelical Christians and those Christians who emphasize the social gospel. Dr. Dahlberg said, "Person-to-person evangelism without the social gospel means failure to apply Christianity and is an ethical shortcoming, but social emphasis without person-to-person evangelism means only a cold, impersonal legislative program."

Young people of Romanian descent in the U.S. and Canada, meeting in Cleveland for an international Church conference, have urged that church religious programs be broadened to include adult education. "We had always thought we were giving them too much religious education," said one priest-adviser at the conference, "Now it comes out they want more. I'm encouraged by them."

Establishment of closer links between Christians of all denominations in Britain and N. America is the aim of a newly-formed association whose secretariat is based at a Baptist church in Coventry, Eng. The British Churches North America Assn. plans to strengthen fellowship by providing hospitality for visiting overseas Christians by arranging programs and meetings enabling Christians to meet and know one another, and by occasional trans-Atlantic flights with church groups who will stay in private homes and serve for a short time in local churches. Such a visit is planned in Coventry for the Summer of 1972.

Dr. Georg Borgstrom, professor of food science and geography at Michigan State University and an international authority on food utilization and nutrition told the staffs of the United Methodist Bds. of Education and Evangelism that Western man has lost sight of the biological, religious and historical perspectives regarding ecology. "I'm stunned that so many urbanized youngsters have lost touch with the creative forces of nature," he said. "Believing they can exist on synthetic foods, they think food comes from the super market but they don't know what is behind the super market. They understand milk as something from a carton, not a cow."

The United Methodist Church was the top giver to the Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) in 1970 according to the annual report of that organization. Total income for the coalition of 27 church agencies and minority groups was $1,286,960—a figure substantially below the 1969 sum of $1,552,-958. United Methodists gave $596,680 in designated, undesignated and administrative funds. The Presbyterian Church contributed a total of $167,913 and the Episcopal Church, one of IFCO's major backers when it was first organized five years ago, gave only $50.

AMSTERDAM – Twa nated theologians have addressed the European Congress of Evangelism in Amsterdam, the fifth in a series af regional congresses held since the World Congress of Evangelism in Berlin in 1966. German Theologian Gerhard Bergmann (left) challenged the Congress to help defeat taday's "false" idea of an "emancipated and free man" and lead mankind back to an awareness of their dependence upon God. Dr. Carl Wislaff (right) of the University of Oslo tald the 1,300 participants and observers to the Congress that "the church has no mandate to make revalutian in the name of the Lord. He never asks us ta do so." –RNS Photos

Miss Martha Milk

Louisianan enters special-term mission service

NEW YORK (UMI) — Miss Martha Elizabeth Milk, 2600 Fort Miro, Monroe, La., is among 43 young women who this fall begin two years of special-term home mission service under the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions in the United States and the Virgin Islands.

Miss Milk will serve in the field of health ministries at Houchen Community Center (United Methodist-related) in El Paso, Texas.

The U.S.-2s, as the young missionaries are called because of their two-year term, are the largest group in the program since it began in 1951. This year's group numbers eight more than the 35 in 1970. They will serve in a variety of settings—from urban ministries to hospitals, from rural churches to educational institutions—and will employ many skills. The U.S.-2s spent seven weeks this summer at St. Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist seminary in Kansas City, Mo., and at field assignments in training for their mission service.

Miss Milk was born in Cuba, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Milk, former Methodist missionaries to Cuba and Mexico, and now residents of Monroe. She spent her early life in both countries. She attended Whittier College, Whittier, Calif., and was graduated this spring with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and psychology. While in college, she was editor of the Wesley Fellowship (for Methodist students) newsletter, and participated in varied student activities. She has been a church youth counselor and has participated in voluntary service programs in Hawaii, Mexico, and California. She is a member of First United Methodist Church in Whittier.

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Sight/Sound Set Number One: World Service is now available on loan free of charge from the Conference Audio Visual Library, Program Council Offiee, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, La. 71104.

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Group participating in first session of Continuing Education program in the Lake Charles District. FROM LEFT: the Revs. Tom Crosby, Ed Henkel, Lester Nance, Eskel Tatum, Homer Bailes, John Sayes, Bob Lawton, Ray Dean, Calvin Lapuyade, District Superintendent Harvey Williamson and J. E. Allen. (Carey Martin, also present, will lead the Jennings group.)

Continuing Education Program begun in Lake Charles District

The first meeting in the Continuing Education Program in the Lake Charles District was held Sept. 7 at Elton.

The district has been divided into two sections with the Rev. Dean Thompson of Oak Park United Methodist Church leading the Lake Charles group, and the Rev. Carey Martin of Eunice leading the Jennings area.

Following lunch prepared by Mrs. John Sayes, wife of the host pastor, the Rev. Tom Crosby of Maplewood introduced the program with a tape by Dr. Edmund A. Steimle on "Preaching Out of Season." This was followed by a discussion focused on preaching. This tape and others which the group expects to hear have been produced by Thesis Theological Cassettes in consultation with the major seminaries and other institutions of higher education. A discussion period focused on preaching followed the "listening" session.

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Six Centenary grads named "Outstanding"

Six Centenary College graduates have been chosen for inclusion in the 1971 editions of the Outstanding Young Men of America and the Outstanding Young Women of America.

Those whose name will appear in the Outstanding Young Men publication are David Hoskins, Dr. David R. Simmons, Rick Hebert, Leonard Critcher, and Dr. Charles Lowrey, while Miss Suda Adams was named as a Centenary representative in the Outstanding Young Women edition.

Nominated by the Centenary College Alumni Association earlier this year, they were chosen for the annual awards volume in recognition of their professional and community leadership.

"These young men and women," according to Doug Blankenship, chairman of the Board of Advisory Editors, "are truly outstanding because they have distinguished themselves in one or more aspects of professional and community life." He said their demonstrated excellence has marked them for future leadership in the nation.

President Nixon, complimenting the awards volume, has said, "Outstanding Young Men (and Women) of America presents a most fitting testimonial, not only to the success of many of our young people, but also to their awareness of the debt which they owe our free society."

Hoskins, a Woodrow Wilson Scholar at Centenary, is presently living in Sulphur, La. He studied for his Master's Degree in Ireland following his graduation from Centenary and is now writing novels, short stories, and poems several of which have been published.

Dr. Simmons, a 1961 graduate of Centenary, is presently assistant professor of Mathematics and acting chairman of the Mathematics Department at the College. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Arkansas in 1969.

Hebert is presently at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he is working toward his ministerial degree. While at Centenary he was editor of the Conglomerate and a member of the Honor Court.

Critcher, a native of Houston, Texas, recently returned to Shreveport from Ohio and is now engaged in the insurance business in the city. He was an active member of the speech and drama department at Centenary.

Dr. Lowrey was a cum laude graduate of Centenary in 1963; received his Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from the University of Houston in 1968. He returned to Centenary as assistant professor of chemistry in 1966. He is a native of Shreveport and attended Fair Park High School.

Miss Adams is a graduate of Byrd High School and Centenary College. She was a member of the Maroon Jackets and Chi Omega Sorority. She has served as a member of the Centenary Alumni Association and the American Association of University Women.

Managers of Perkins' Course of Study School to meet

The Board of Managers of the Conference Courses of Study School at Perkins School of Theology will hold its annual meeting on the Southern Methodist University campus Sept. 28.

The board, which is the policy-making body for the annual program, consists of the chairman of the Board of Ministry and one other representative from each of the ten annual conferences in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Perkins Professor Claus Rohlfs serves as director of the month-long summer program.

The Courses of Study School provides training for lay ministers who are not in a position to attend seminary as full-time students. The basic program consists of five summers of study. An additional four summers of advanced study are offered to meet the full requirements for full conference membership.

A total of 169 persons participated in the 1971 Courses of Study School at SMU, and 26 of them received certificates for completion of the basic program or advanced study.

NEWS and NOTES

LT. GOV. C. AYCOCK was the speaker for senior high youth of First Church, Baton Rouge, September 12. Junior high youth heard a report on the recent work project in Biloxi, Mississippi.

THE YOUTH RALLY for New Orleans District was held at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, September 19.

A LAB SCHOOL for workers of the junior high department is to be held this weekend, September 24-26, at St. Claude Heights United Methodist Church. The Rev. James O. Evans is host pastor.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION was held at the Crew Lake United Methodist Church the weekend of September 10-12. The Rev. Pete Medak serves the church as pastor.

THE STONE ROLLERS Class of University United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, sponsored the Family Night supper in that church on Wednesday, September 15. The Rev. William P. Fraser is the pastor.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR of First Church, Monroe, held the annual choir camp the weekend of September 4 at Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, Mississippi. Wilford D. Smith is director of music at First Church and Mrs. Everett Zeagler is organist. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is the pastor.

JONES UNITED Methodist Church of Welsh held a "shower" to supply furnishing needs for the new parsonage. Members of other churches participated in the event, Thursday, September 16. The Rev. R. M. Harris serves as pastor of Jones Chapel, Mallalieu and Trinity Churches.

SOUTHSIDE METHODIST MEN of Monroe heard a report of the Youth Work Camp at Broken Bow, Oklahoma, at the September 16 meeting. Paul Newcomer is president of the men's club.

"JOHN THE BELOVED," a palette-knife portrait in oils by Mrs. Barbara B. Coltharp, is on display in the foyer of the DeRidder First United Methodist Church.

ROUND-UP SUNDAY in First Church, Houma, September 12, had the following church leaders participating in the worship service: Guy Higginbotham, finance chairman; W. D. Harper, Administrative Board chairman; Mrs. Benson Riggin, WSCS president; D. C. Walther, church treasurer; Leroy Gresham, Board vice-chairman; and John Woodard, lay leader. The Rev. Jerome Cain is pastor.

THEIR 68th WEDDING Anniversary was recently celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Hearn, members of Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller, Sr., of the same church, celebrated their 55th.

THIRTY-THREE FAMILIES recently joining the Aurora Church were honored by the Membership Evangelism Commission, Willis Tyrrell, chairman, at a dessert party, September 10. Mrs. T. G. Ross and Mrs. Clifton Boyd planned the evening. Dr. Henry Rickey, pastor, showed his slides of Hawaii.

"WE'VE INTEGRATED: Now What?" was the subject discussed in Asbury Church of Lafayette by the following panelists: Patricia Rickles, Jessie Taylor, Doris Branton and Kenneth Bowen. Special vocal soloist was Ida Bienvenu on Sunday evening, September 5. The Rev. George Ross is Asbury pastor.

BILL LYNCH, LEGISLATIVE correspondent for the New Orleans States Item is scheduled to be the speaker at the September 27 meeting of United Methodist Men of David Haas Memorial Church in Bunkie. Raz Earnest and Woody Thayer will prepare the meal. The Rev. Donald Hall is pastor at Bunkie.

MRS. GLORIA BENNETT, Monroe District chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was the speaker for the annual suppermeeting of the Southside Guild in Monroe, September 16.

P. K. KORNER

ROBERT WILLIAM MATTHEWS, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Matthews of Monroe, is now a Spec. 4 stationed at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. Robert, who received his B.S. degree in Psychology from U.S.L. in June, has been assigned to the Neuropsychiatric Research Center is the Drug Abuse Program. He had received orders to go to Vietnam and was home on leave when he was notified of the change in orders.

THE REV. JOHN KILPATRICK, pastor of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, is the preacher for revival services being held this week in the Greenwood United Methodist Church. Services are at 7:30 p.m. from Wednesday through Saturday, September 22-25. The Rev. Johnny Hollingsworth is pastor of Greenwood and Bethany Churches, Shreveport District.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION for First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles has been set for October 10-13. Dr. George Pearce, Jr. is senior minister, the Rev. James W. Ailor is associate.

PONCHATOULA UNITED Methodist Men met September 8 and had as guest speaker Bobbye Robertson, director of the Sheltered Workshop at Natalbany. The Rev. Tom Lancaster is pastor.

THE REV. LONNIE SIBLEY, pastor of North Highlands Church of Shreveport, was the speaker for the September 8 meeting of the North Shreveport Woman's Club. All interested women were invited to hear him speak on "A Woman's Spiritual Responsibility."

"LIVING IN THE SPIRIT" is a folk musical being presented by a group of young people from Bastrop and Sterlington churches under the direction of Charles McClain, youth director at St. Andrew's, Sterlington. Southside Church of Monroe was host to the group on Sunday night, September 12.

THE REV. LES THOMPSON, director of The Inn (formerly known as Business Girls' Inn), was guest preacher at Mangum Memorial Church in Shreveport on Sunday evening, September 19. The Rev. Roy Mouser was host pastor.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH Anniversary of the founding of University United Methodist Church in Lake Charles will be celebrated by that congregation on Saturday, October 9, with a Jubilee Carnival. The Rev. William P. Fraser is serving his fourth year as pastor of the church.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Sept. 26—Sunday	Psalms 37:1-7
Sept. 27	Psalms 40:1-4
Sept. 28	I Pet. 2:17-25
Sept. 29	Rom. 2:1-11
Sept. 30	Rom. 15:1-6
Oct. 1	II Chron. 29:30-33
Oct. 2	Psalms 51:1-13
Oct. 3—Sunday	Psalms 88:1-12

"THE MUSETTES" were featured entertainment when Baton Rouge First Church members held Family Night, Wednesday, September 16. Bob Roland was master of ceremonies. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is pastor.

THE NINTH ANNUAL Band Concert on the church lawn of Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was given by the Broadmoor High School Band, under the direction of Lee Fortier, on Sunday, September 12, at 6 p.m. Ice cream was served by the Membership and Evangelism Work Area. The Rev. Barry Bailey is pastor.

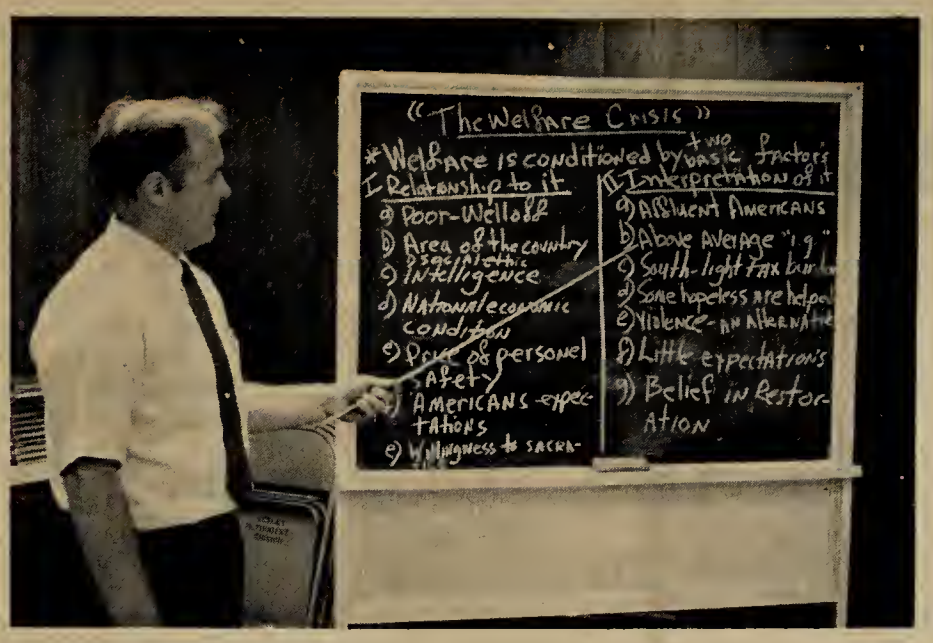
THE HAPPY HOUR CLUB, which has an enrollment of 50 senior citizens, had a birdwatch at the home of the Walter McLeans, on Tuesday morning, September 21. The club regularly meets in Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS, Bethel no. 1, attended Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, in a body, September 12. Nancy Denham, Istrouma member, is Honored Queen of the group. The Rev. J. Taylor Wall is the Istrouma minister.

THE RAYMOND UNITED Methodist Church held Open House on Sunday afternoon, September 12, to celebrate the completion of the new building. The Rev. Leland D. Wade is serving as pastor for the fifth year.

HERMAN BASS of Jonesboro, formerly of Winnfield, was lay speaker at the September 15 supper meeting of Methodist Men of the Winnfield Church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. (Bill) Jahnson are shown an the occasion of their 50th wedding onniversary celebration given in their hanor by the membership af the Vidalia United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 12. The Jahnsons have lived in Vidalia since 1944 and are active in church ond civic affairs. Mrs. Jahnsan is secretary of the Church Schoal, hos served as Church School superintendent, ond president of the Wamen's Society. Mr. Jahnsan is a member of the Administrotive Baord, the Cammission on Finance, ond is choirman of Trustees. He is o post president of the Methodist Men's Club.



The Rev. Walter M. Clarke presented a program concerning "The Welfare Crisis" to members of the Wesley Church Women's Society in Sulphur. This launched a series of messages he is giving at Wesley on Sunday evenings. Mrs. Sheldon Bertrand is WSCS president.

COMMENT

About the time you read this, the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild will be having their merger conferences. One of the songs to be used includes the expressions, "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord"—also, "We will walk with each other". . . "we will work with each other." The refrain expresses the hopes and dreams of all women involved in this wonderful occasion. "They will know we are Christians by our love." Each of these statements is both a challenge and an inspiration as we attempt to fulfill the possibilities inherent in our new unity.

In looking for a definition of the word "unity," one answer is "becoming absorbed in something else." As we move into new areas of work, in what shall we become absorbed? To what issues, in what causes, shall we dedicate our hearts and minds, our service and our gifts? It is a question that each of us will have to answer prayerfully, selflessly, with clear and open hearts and minds, in the firm conviction that the God who calls us will also show us the way.

Mrs. George Chastain
Chairman, Program Area of
Spiritual Growth

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SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS RECOMMEND WOMEN'S GOALS

(Marjorie Hyer)

LINCOLN, Nebraska (UMI) — Fullcr participation of women in both church and society was repeatedly underlined in recommendations of some 240 women from throughout Amcrica attending the National Seminar of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, here August 23-31. That emphasis emerged in several organizational goals recommended for United Methodist women:

— "to encourage and prepare women for full, responsible participation in the total life of the church and community.

— "to challenge women to work actively and openly for the elimination of injustice and for the liberation of oppressed peoples.

— "to continue self-direction of the Women's Division and its program by its membership.

— "to work through developmental processes that all women may achieve empowerment as whole persons."

Also recommended by the Seminar was a single organization for women in the United Methodist Church to supersede the long-standing Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. In recommendations directed to the October annual meeting of tthe Women's Division, the Seminar called for "one new inclusive organization with a new name, with flexiblc, creative opportunities and activities in the total program which meet the needs and interests of all women.

The Women's Division, which is the national policy-making body for the approximately 1.6 million Society and Guild members, must approve Seminar recommendations before they can become official and operative.

It was recommended that "adequate representation" from both the Women's Society and the Guild formulate plans for the new women's organization in time for presentation to the 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta, with an objective of implementing the plans within two years following General Conference. The Seminar envisioned the relationship of the proposed new organization to the Women's Division. It was recommended that the latter "be an autonomous body within the Board of Missions, determining its own policy, including securing and using of funds."

The emphasis on liberation and empowerment of women also emerged in program priorities which the women recommended. The first priority called for "broad participation of women of varying interests, ages, ethnic groupings, life styles everywhere in our organization to provide means and resources to raise women's consciousness of their worth and role in the social, political, cultural and economic life of our Church and community."

Other priorities and goals recommended by the women emphasized the urgency for involvement of church women's groups in politics, the peace movement, ecology and movements for liberation.

The recommendations agreed on by the women reflected a concern for the responsibility of Christians to involvc themselves in the social, political and economic problems of the world. They made it clear that the mandate for their concern lay not in a humanistic idealism but was rooted in thc gospel itself. They set as their first goal, thc development of "one inclusive community of women, to be opcn to and frced by the fullness of thc gospel of Jesus Christ." High on the list of program priorities was the Seminar's call to women "to study and intcrpret through articulation and action the revolutionary message of thc gospcl, with its implication for personal and community growth."

Another priority approved by thc Seminar urged women's organizations "to create in the Church a movement for peace and justice," to "make every effort to end the war in Indochina and all wars" and at the same time work for the "conversion to a peacetime economy."

Church women's groups were called on "to learn to organize politically and to strategize for action in dealing with issues." A study of the "economic and political systems, what they do to and for people" was called for, with thc added suggestion that church women should "work to effect necessary change."

Chairman of the Scminar Planning Committee was Mrs. John Paul Stone, San Diego, Calif., a vicc-president of the Women's Division.

News in Brief

DOROTHY KIMBELL, New Orleans District Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, was the guest speaker at the supper meeting of the Rayne Memorial Guild on Monday, September 13.

THE HOUMA WSCS MEMBERSHIP luncheon was held on September 21. Mrs. Robert Buquet, guest speaker, explained the welfare program in Terrebonne Parish.

MRS. SEBASTIAN WILBERT presented the September program concerning "A World Without Work" for the Plaquemine Women's Society.

THE MANGUM MEMORIAL Women's Society had as guest speaker the Rev. Robert Potter of Cedar Grove Church, Shreveport, whose subject was "What the WSCS means to the pastor and the church."

YOUNG PEOPLE REPORTED on summer youth projects which took them to England, Bahamas, and Southeastern United States, at the September 13 meeting of the Women's Society of First Church, Shreveport. A dinner at 6:30 p.m. preceded the program.

THE SLIDELL WOMEN'S Society held the general meeting on Thursday, September 2, with Don Bowman speaking on "How the Law Affects Your Child."

MRS. PETE ARDITO, president of the Women's Society of Southside Church, Monroe, was hostess at her home to a picnic for church families, Saturday, August 21.

MRS. HAROLD LEGEAI, chairman of missionary education for the Rayne Memorial WSCS, was in charge of the September 7 program for the Women's Society. A talk and a film concerned "The New Generation in Africa."

Members of the Women's Society of Elysian Fields Church, New Orleans, collect glass jars and bottles and aluminum cans to be taken to re-cycling centers each week. This continuing project, started as "realistic action" following a program on pollution last year, is one in which every member can participate. The Methodist Hospital benefits from money collected. In picture, left to right, Mrs. Marvin Sawyer, Mrs. J. D. Hansard, Mrs. Charles Eyer, and Mrs. Warren Conner.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 3: God Calls Men

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-20; 2 Timothy 1:8-9

MEMORY SELECTION: Take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago. (2 Timothy 1:8-9)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To remind people of the many occasions on which God has definitely called men and women to serve him; to help persons understand that God still uses men to fulfill his purpose and seek his will for their own lives.

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For several Sundays we have been discussing the various ways in which God makes himself known to men. We said just last week that such revelation gives meaning to life in general. In today's lesson we become more specific as we discuss how God has given meaning and challenge to individual lives as he has called them to serve him.

All through the Bible we see illustration of God's calling persons for definite tasks. In the Old Testament we read the stories of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Jeremiah and others. In the New Testament the "call" which stands out is the one which came to Jesus of Nazareth. And yet there are other stories which show how God intervened in the lives of other leaders including Peter and Paul.

For a long time we thought in terms of God's calling only a few people into a limited number of vocations related to religious activities. Now we are coming to see that the idea of vocation has to be broadened to include most of the categories of work. We know that God can use people wherever they work, and so this lesson has a much wider meaning than just the call to the ministry.

We also know that God's call comes in many different ways. We read today of Moses' experience with the burning bush. For Isaiah it was a vision of "the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up." For Paul it was in the form of a dazzling light which blinded him. For Samuel there was a still, small voice coming in the middle of the night. The wide variety of these experiences is enough to tell us that the reality of God's call is not dependent on the outward physical manifestations that he has given to some men in the past. Dr. E. Stanley Jones once said, "Where a line representing my ability crosses a line representing the need of the world, there is my call to service."

We are often the instruments God uses in communicating a call to some other person. On rare occasions, God has used angels as his messengers, but it appears that he would rather use men when they are available. For this reason we should keep alert for those moments when he might have some commission for us to deliver in his name.

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THE CALL WHICH CAME TO MOSES

Our passage from the 3rd chapter of Exodus begins with Moses watching over the flocks of Jethro, his father-in-law, in Midian not far from Mount Sinai which was to be such an important locale for the climactic experiences in Moses' life. You will recall a whole train of events which brought him to this spot at this time.

Moses began life as the child of slave parents whose life was saved by the astuteness of his mother during a time when Hebrew babies were being executed. He was found and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter and reared within the palace. This could have separated him from his people, but actually it provided him experiences which made him more ready to serve God when the time came. As Broadman Comments puts it: "He was educated at Pharaoh's expense to become qualified to deliver the Hebrews from Pharaoh's hands."

The concern which Moses retained for his own people was demonstrated one day when he saw an Egyptian official beating a Hebrew and killed the Egyptian. For his own safety he fled from Egypt to begin a new chapter in his life. He found a wife there and settled down to the quiet life of a shepherd.

On an ordinary day in his life as a shepherd, as he had led his flock to a new location, Moses witnessed a strange sight. We are told that "the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet was not consumed." (Exod. 3:2) As he stopped to investigate this strange phenomenon, he was made ready to hear the call of God. Dr. J. Edgar Park says in Interpreter's Bible: "There are two impulses in man; one is to accept and take for granted; the other is to look with inquiry and wonder. Out of the latter impulse religion is born."

As Moses stood in wonder before the burning bush God spoke to him by name. He responded and was told not to approach any closer but to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Certainly we would not doubt that any spot is sacred where a man receives word from God that there is some special work for him to do.

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THE GOD WHO CALLED

It is interesting to note that one of Moses' first reactions to the voice which came from the bush was to ask for identification. A voice was calling him to serve and he wanted to be sure whose voice it was. He said: "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What shall I say to them?" (verse 13)

This seemed a logical question. It was all-important that he should know the credentials behind the voice. He was worried about how he might convince the people that he was indeed God's man. He knew the people would not be easily persuaded to follow him. They would want to know the nature of the God who claimed to be the one who had sent Moses, and who said he was the God of their fathers. The name stands for the character and nature of the person who bears it. "What name shall I give them?" Moses asked. There needed to be something to certify to the people that what Moses said was true.

The name God gave to himself was "I am." This was what Moses was supposed to say in answer to the question about his authority. Basically this was the Hebrew word "Yahweh" which we have interpreted "Jehovah," and which meant, "I was, I am, I will ever be." And thus God said to Moses, "This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered."

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WHAT GOD COMMISSIONED MOSES TO DO

God immediately reminded Moses of the plight of his people in Egypt, how they were suffering and had suffered for about 400 years. He reminded Moses that he had made certain promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—that he had seen the affliction of his people and needed him as his agent in their deliverance.

After speaking in general terms about his relationships with Israel, God told Moses exactly what he wanted him to do. He said he wanted him to go directly to Pharaoh and ask him to release the people. This was an overwhelming challenge, and we are not surprised that Moses thought it was too great an undertaking for him. Like so many who have been called since his time, he assumed that he would be expected to perform the mission through his own ability and talent.

What he overlooked was that the whole idea was initiated by God. It was not something Moses dreamed up on his own, so it was not up to him to complete the mission—he was to be used as the agent of the one who had called him. So often we forget that the one who calls us to specific tasks does not expect us to complete them alone. All who have answered God's call have discovered that he does not expect anyone to do more than he can. Then the remainder of the resources needed will be supplied.

As we recall that God first spoke to Moses in general terms and then became more specific, so we can be confident that God will show us what he wants us to do and will supply us with the strength if we trust in him.

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GOD CALLS MANY MEN TO MANY TASKS

There was a time when we thought that the "call" of God was extended for only a limited number of tasks. We associated this sense of vocation with the ministry and the mission field. When we have had that idea we were forgetting many of the stories in the Bible. Moses was not called to be a minister—his call was to become a military and political leader. Really he discovered that he was called to be a super-diplomat as he presented many reasons to Pharoah for letting the Israelites go. David was called to be a king, and Gideon was selected to be a judge and a military leader.

An attitude that can do much to bridge the chasm that so often exists between clergy and laity is the feeling that there is not such a wide difference between the kind of ministry God expects from the laity and the clergy. In "A Plan of Union" which is being widely studied in our churches today there is a strong emphasis on this very point. The document prepared by the Consultation on Church Union says: "The ministry of the church is one. The ministries of the ordained and the unordained are aspects of this one ministry. Lay persons and the ordained share the same basic vocation to become free and responsible members of the new human community."

We need to realize that God can use the talents of counselors and football coaches, doctors and lawyers, secretaries and nurses. Then we will understand that the term "vocation" has meaning for great numbers of people who, in one way or another, have felt the influence of God in the choices they have made in their lives. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says, "New dimensions of outreach immediately come into play, and new demands are made on the soul. One's work becomes a vocation under God."

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MOSES DREW BACK FROM GOD'S CALL

As we speak here to many who may be coming to see their own work in relationship to the "call" from God, we would remind them that as great a man as Moses drew back from God's call. Yet, in the end, he moved ahead with assurance and confidence. Moses said, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?"

Many of us have felt the same way. Certainly this writer can remember the reluctance with which he approached his own call to the ministry from another profession. The "call" does not have to relate to the ministry to lead to such a reaction. Most of us feel the same way when we look at the enormity of need in the world around us. Some have found their call in the very overwhelming nature of contemporary problems. Many fine young people have redirected their choices, even turning their backs on specialized training already completed, to tackle the ecological problems of the day. We know some of these people who are serving God in a remarkable way in this field.

Let us remind ourselves in closing this lesson that Moses' reluctance did not prevent him from making this great adventure of faith as he moved forward to respond to God's call. God assured him of his continuing presence and his undergirding power. With such promises as these we can all answer God's call with confidence.

'10 COMMANDMENTS' FOR VOLUNTEERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) —A guide for volunteers in general, but including volunteers in church work, has been formulated by the dean of the University of Maryland's School of Social Work, Dr. Daniel Thursy.

The "Ten Commandments for Volunteers" was inserted into the Congressional Record by Rep. Keith G. Sebelius (R.-Kans.), who noted that the volunteer worker "is the backbone of most organizations." The volunteers' "commandments" follow:

1. "Understand the job you undertake.
2. "Accept training appreciatively, and contribute your own experience.
3. "Match your interests to the needs about you and the job.
4. "Serve faithfully, and report new insights about your work.
5. "Discover its meaning to the total program of which it is a part.
6. "Open yourself to opportunities for growth in skill, sympathy, self-confidence, and responsibility.
7. "Value your special two-way role as community interpreter.
8. "Contribute to supervision by self-evaluation and a willingness to ask.
9. "Give loyalty to your institution and its program.
10. "Take pride in the volunteer's career. It pays handsomely in treasures of the spirit".

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Asbury Bicentennial held at Lake Junaluska

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (UMI) — Some 500 persons attended the special program here, Sept. 3-5, marking the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Francis Asbury in America.

Speakers for this national observance of the anniversary, sponsored by the United Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction's Commission on Archives and History, stressed how Asbury was influenced by John Wesley, by the American frontier, by his contemporaries and by his "divine call."

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of Columbia, S. C., president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, emphasized the hardships Asbury encountered as evidence that he was truly "called" for his task. He declared that "today's truly consecrated minister has responded to a divine call or urge rather than having deliberately chosen a profession that offers an opportunity for social service."

Speaking exactly 200 years to the day after Asbury sailed from England, Dr. Frank Baker, British Methodist historian now at Duke University, told of the pioneer's early life and ministry. He recalled how Asbury remained in the colonies rather than return to England during the Revolutionary War. He credited Asbury with giving American Methodism a "tightly knit organization and discipline," calling him "the master craftsman of American Methodism."

The church's first bishop was called "one of America's greatest patriots" by Bishop William R. Cannon of Raleigh, N. C. He said, "He served his country best by making so many of her citizens good." He called the pastoral appointive system Asbury's greatest contribution to church government.

Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., executive secretary of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History, compared the life of Asbury with that of his contemporary, Philip William Otterbein, founder of the Church of the United Brethren. He said, "Asbury had the advantage on the frontier of not having to unlearn a cold, formal approach."

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles portrayed Asbury as student, preacher and disciplinarian. He said that as a preacher, Asbury did not show greatness, but "set the example for his preachers of always preaching salvation whether it was to a half-dozen people in a mountain cabin or to city crowds." He held that Asbury was "looking to the future and not to the past." He said, "We need to catch a vision of what the church could and should be in an ecumenical world."

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Dr. Alan Walker, president of the Methodist Church in New South Sales, world evangelist and well-known author, received the annual Upper Room Citation at Denver, Colo. last month. Dr. Walker, a delegate to the world assembly of the World Council of Churches as early as 1948, received the award in recognition of his contributions to Worldwide Christian Fellowship.

Personalized wedding ceremony replacing traditional ritual

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS)—More and more couples in the Minneapolis area are designing their own wedding ceremonies.

Instead of the traditional vows in formal, Victorian language, they may exchange highly-personal promises they have written themselves and committed to memory.

The music, too, may be different. Instead of "O Promise Me" or "O Perfect Love" the solos may be the Gospel hymn, "Amazing Grace" or John Denver's popular "Follow Me."

Bible readings are selected by the couples themselves as especially meaningful to them and may be supplemented by poetry or readings from Kahil Gibran's "The Prophet."

And an effort is made to involve the guests as participants in the service through congregational singing and prayers.

Some clergymen encourage couples about to be married to modify the wedding service in order to "personalize" it.

One of these is the Rev. Jonathan Leonard, minister of pastoral care at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist church. He insists, however, that couples still maintain the Christian thrust of the wedding service in the vows they produce.

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

There is, we are told, in America—or at least in some parts of it, a myth about the Englishman which depicts him as a man who always says "old boy, old boy," wears a bowler hat (derby hat to you), and carries a carefully rolled umbrella. He is also thought to be a little eccentric.

One of these eccentricities, when the **Times** newspaper of London wore a more magisterial air than it, perhaps, does nowadays was that some citizen in Home Counties, the abode of gentlemen, would be sure to try to be the first correspondent to write to the **Times** pointing out that he had heard the first cuckoo, herald of summer.

Something a little bit like that is happening about Christmas these days. As early as August 22, there was an advertisement about a well-known comedian's presentation of a Christmas pantomime, and readers were invited to book right now—maybe the earliest Christmas effort, I thought, until I discovered that Heinz beans were already suggesting that if consumers of their beans would send labels from eight of their soup cans (all different, of course), they could get free six of this year's special 2½p Christmas postage stamps, and those who send before October 6, can even have the stamps in an envelope franked with the first day of issue, October 13—an incitement to philatelists to drink more soup of that particular variety.

My point is simply a wellworn one. Christmas and its commercialisation seems to be a curious phenomenon in a country which on the whole bypasses all that the Christian faith stands for. It can be just another excuse for commercial exploitation.

VIOLENCE UNDER THE SKIN

Not far beneath the apparently smooth complexion of the British scene there lurks a fearful violence. In Ulster the problems continue to appear almost intractable — more explosions have brought death and disfigurement to innocent office workers, and the Army has an almost impossible task. This week it was decided that the enquiry into the treatment of those who have been arrested under the internment act will be pursued very quickly. This is a very good thing because the Army needs the enquiry to clear itself from charges of excessive violence as much as those who allege that there has been undue brutality.

One of the odd aspects of the whole miserable affair in Ireland is that when men incite young boys and girls to provoke the Army into action, and then kill soldiers with snipers' bullets they claim that they are defending themselves, but if by chance, a British soldier, in his haste to get out of a dangerous situation, has to handle a man roughly or hurriedly, he is accused of being "brutal." There is nothing new about this kind of thing in riot situations, of course, but I should have thought that most reasonable people—including the great majority of the peaceful people in Belfast—wonder at the patience and discipline of the troops who act in a very restrained manner often under extreme provocation.

In the south of England this weekend there has been another "pop" festival. In numbers the organisers claim they have exceeded their expectations —which were not so realistic, if they had remembered that the Isle of Wight would not be holding such a festival this year. One of the results was an invasion of "Hell's Angels" motor-bike-mounted young men and women who got into a fight on a large scale with the caterers.

The organisers have not been slow to point out that 99 per cent of the people attending the festival are enjoying the music peacefully and all the headlines are going to the trouble makers. But, in fact, in an arena which was filled almost before the proceedings had properly started, it might not have been difficult to forecast that there would be trouble.

Rebels, it seems, are still looking for a cause.

–UMI Photo, by Bob Sands

United Methodist leaders of worship compare notes during the World Methodist Consultation on Worship at Iliff School of Theology, Denver. From left are Bishop Carlos T. Gattinoni, Buenos Aires, Argentina; the Rev. Rupert E. Davies, Bristol, England; Dr. Frederick S. DeSilva, Colombo, Ceylon, and Bishop Lance Webb, Springfield, Ill. DeSilva and Bishop Webb are chairman and co-chairman, respectively of the Commission on Worship and Liturgy of the World Methodist Council. They were elected for five-year terms of office at the World Methodist Council/Conference in Denver. By virtue of their offices both men are on the executive committee of the World Methodist Council. Other committee members, including Bishop Gattinoni and Davies, are the Revs. Brian E. Beck, Cambridge, England; Geoffrey Wainwright, Yaounde, Cameroon; Hellmut Gnadt, Temuco, Chile; Hoyt L. Hickman, Erie, Penn.; Robert R. Smith, Chatswood, Australia; Thomas W. Koomson, Accra, Ghana; and Bishop E. P. Murchison, Birmingham, Ala.

Training in Human Relations and Organizational Skills offered

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMI) — A National Training Center for Human Relations and Organizational Skills featuring training in such areas as conflict management and basic human relations will be held here November 14-20 at the St. Francis Retreat Center.

The Center is one of four being sponsored in 1971 by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church in cooperation with regional groups. Co-sponsoring the Oklahoma City event will be the South Central Jurisdiction Council.

Basic training courses for persons with limited experiences in human relations training will be "Basic Human Relations," led by the Rev. Charles Allen, Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.; and "Organizational Skills for Local Church Work," led by the Rev. Claibourne Hatcher, faculty member at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

Advanced training courses will include: "Personal Growth," Dr. Dick Burke, faculty member at the University of Houston; "Consulting Skills," the Rev. Kenneth Mitchell, Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the Division of the Local Church; "Experiential Education Design Skills," Dr. Paul Maves, faculty member at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo.; and "Conflict Management," Dr. David Kopplin, faculty member at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Open to persons of all denominations and faiths, the Center places emphasis on "learning how to learn from one's own interpersonal experience and how to harness his emotional life and intellectual capacities to the accomplishment of his goals."

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TRAFCO announces Film Production Workshop

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A Film Production Workshop will be held in the studios of the United Methodist Television, Radio and Film Communications Division here November 8-19.

The 11-day event has been planned, according to director James Campbell, in response to requests from communications leaders across the church who have some knowledge and experience in producing visuals and who would like to know more about motion picture production.

Individuals will work on their own projects in all phases of production from scripting through laboratory work and distribution of the finished product, he explained.

Workshop leaders will be the film creators, designers, producers, directors, photographers and editors of the TRAFCO staff in Nashville. Some scholarship aid is being made available by TRAFCO for United Methodist participants. Other denominations have also been invited to participate in the workshop which will be limited to 30 persons.

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motive to cease publication

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — **motive** magazine, controversial student periodical begun by the former Methodist Church in 1941, will suspend publication following a decision of its editorial board made during the summer.

No announcement was made of the action when the board met in July, but the Rev. Lynn Jondahl, East Lansing, Mich., chairman, recently confirmed the action in a telephone conversation.

After 30 years of denominational sponsorship the magazine became an independent corporation July 1, 1971, severing all ties with the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Board of Education.

motive, always a controversial periodical, caused considerable stir across the church with its Women's Liberation issue in 1969. The following issue was stopped at the printers by publisher Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education, because of language which he said was obscene.

Mr. Jondahl said that if money can be found, a final issue dealing with "Gay Consciousness" will be mailed in December. Officials of the Methodist Publishing House said they will not continue as the printer for **motive** since it is no longer an official publication of the church.

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• World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3

Crusade Scholarship Program to benefit from special offering

NEW YORK (UMI) — Six young Rhodesians begin undergraduate studies in September in the United States as recipients of aid under a special experimental project of the Crusade Scholarship Program of the United Methodist Church.

The project is designed to help the growing number of Rhodesian Africans qualified for further academic studies. The University of Rhodesia, the country's only university, although multiracial, is reportedly not able to accept all the qualified African students who apply.

Usually, Crusade Scholarships are awarded only to graduate students, according to Miss Margaret Swift, New York, executive secretary of the Crusade Scholarship Committee, but in the case of Rhodesia, a special $100,000 Crusade appropriation was made for undergraduate students. All but one of the students beginning studies in September plan to become teachers in Rhodesia when they return. The United Methodist-related universities or colleges they are attending are providing supplementary scholarship aid, such as tuition and room and board.

The major source of support for Crusade Scholarships, which have provided education in the U.S. and overseas for 26 years, is United Methodism's annual World Communion Sunday offering, which this year will be Sunday, October 3.

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"SURVIVAL IN THE SEVENTIES" TV AND RADIO "SPOTS" SOON TO BE RELEASED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Five short television "spots", resulting from concerns expressed in more than 50 "Survival in the Seventies" workshops across the nation, are being produced by the United Methodist Television, Radio and Film Communication Division in cooperation with the United Presbyterian Division of Mass Media.

Being filmed in TRAFCO studios here, the spots will be released for use beginning in January. A second series is planned for release next fall.

TRAFCO initiated the local church "survival" workshops earlier this year with a two-pronged purpose: First, the group was to consider the issue of survival as it relates to humanness and the conflicts of everyday life. Second, the group was to suggest ways the broadcast media might reach persons caught up in personal conflict.

Using the input from these workshop groups, TRAFCO and United Presbyterian staff members sifted through more than 300 specific ideas and came up with priority themes for the spots: alienation, loneliness, and meaninglessness.

Using an advertising agency setting, the spots will be aimed at the average television audience. The first series will include one 10-second, two 30-second, and two 60-second spots.

"The survival messages suggest that solutions are to be found in more honest relationships between persons and in a new awareness of God's presence and strength in everyday life," according to Nelson Price, New York, head of TRAFCO's Section of Broadcast Comunications.

An elaborate marketing design has been planned for the spots, he said, aimed at heavy public service airing during January.

Groups wishing to participate in a Survival Workshop may write to TRAFCO for materials. Input from these groups must be received by February 15 for the second series of television spots to be released next fall.

A series of 30-second and 60-second radio spots are also being produced as a part of the survival program. The spots, which will run simultaneously with the television spots in January, deal with the question "Who am I?" Producer of the radio spots is Bill Richards. Director is Fred Rowles.

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ADVICE TO TEENAGERS

How to handle your parents —

There's no end to the number of articles written about how to handle teenagers.

Here, as a change of pace, are some suggestions to teenagers on how to get along with their parents:

Don't be afraid to speak their language.

"Try using strange-sounding phrases like, "I'll help wash the dishes" and "Yes".

Try to understand their music.

Play Glen Miller's "Moonlight Serenade" on the stereo until you become accustomed to the sound.

Be patient with the under-achiever.

When you catch your dieting Mom sneaking salted nuts, don't show your disapproval. Tell her you like a fat mother.

Encourage them to talk about their problems.

Try to keep in mind that, to them, things like earning a living and paying off the mortgage seem important.

Be tolerant of their appearance.

When your Dad gets a haircut, don't feel personally humiliated. Remember, it's important to him to look like his peers.

And most vital of all: If they do something you consider wrong, let them know it's their behavior you dislike, not themselves. Remember, parents need to feel that they're loved! National Good Templar, April 1971.

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"Pot Costs Too Much"

At Phillips College in Borger, Texas, the student newspaper offered food for thought about the case of a youth arrested and convicted for the possession of marijuana, a felony; he received a suspended sentence, BUT

"Did he lose anything?

"All he lost was the right to vote, the right to own a gun and the right to run for public office.

"He lost the opportunity of ever being a licensed doctor, dentist, CPA, engineer, lawyer, architect, realtor, osteopath, physical therapist, private detective, pharmacist, school teacher, barber, funeral director, masseur or stockbroker.

"He can never get a job where he has to be bonded or licensed.

"He can't work for the city, county or federal government.

"He can enlist in the military service, but will not have a choice of service and will probably be assigned to a labor battalion.

"If this happened to you, would you think you had lost anything?"

—Houston City
Panhellenic Bulletin

Art Linkletter Speaks To Parents

Drawing from what he has gone through in his own tragic experience, Art Linkletter lists some practical suggestions for parents who are faced with drug experimentation by their children. These are adapted from the article he wrote for "Reader's Digest" February, 1970.

1. Face up to the ugly truth. Sooner or later, in the current state of our society, your child is going to be offered marijuana, barbituates, LSD, or other illegal drugs, under enticing circumstances, most likely by a member of his own peer group.

2. From the very beginning, try to build a relationship with the child that will form a protective barrier between him and this kind of menace.

3. Do more things together. Talk to them more — whenever they seem receptive. Express interest in an aspect of the child's life, and then "listen."

4. Look for the best in your children, praise them, trust them — but don't be complacent.

5. If your child comes to you, and admits that he has been experimenting with drugs, don't overreact with horror or dismay. The panic reaction, the heavy-handed moralistic counterattack, will only breed antagonism.

6. Even if the child won't go along, educate yourself. In a discussion about drugs, if the child knows more than the parent, he will score points and ask questions that seem unanswerable.

7. Watch your children, not like a policeman or a jailer, but with a steady, loving concern. If a child who has been an achiever in studies, in athletics, in any area, suddenly starts being a nonachiever, be concerned.

8. Ask yourself if you are being too permissive. If so, tighten up on discipline.

9. Is someone in your town doing something about drug abuse? Find out who he is, and what he's doing, and offer your help. If no one is doing anything, do something yourself.

10. Do everything in your power to counteract indifference or apathy.

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THE ALCOHOLIC SCOREBOARD

36,000,000 Americans harmed directly or indirectly because of alcoholism or problem drinking.	**$21,700,000,000** latest annual expenditure by Americans for alcoholic beverages according to the Distilled Spirits Institute.
9,000,000 alcoholics or problem drinkers.	**$15 BILLION** annual economic drain because of alcoholism in lost work time, health and welfare costs, property damage etc.
200,000 new cases of alcoholism each year.	**15%** (approximate) of the 400,000 patients in state mental hospitals are under treatment for the problem of alcoholism.
28,400 of the 50,000 killed in traffic accidents each year had alcohol in their blood at the time of the accident.	**OVER HALF** the states report alcoholism the most frequent diagnosis for first admissions to state hospitals.
500,000 disabling injuries are suffered in crashes involving problem drinkers.	**1/3** of all suicides are alcohol-related. **1/2** of all homicides are alcohol-related.
34,800 or more than half of the 60,000 non-highway accidental deaths are alcohol involved.	**STEADY INCREASE** in the number of alcoholics admitted to state hospitals.
11,000 death certificates annually list alcoholism or alcoholic psychoses as cause.	**10-12 YEAR DECREASE** in life expectancy of every alcoholic.
2,000,000 (approximate) arrests each year for public drunkenness = 40% of all non-traffic arrests.	**IMPOSSIBLE** to estimate human suffering related to alcoholism, from broken homes, deserted families and problems of children of alcoholic parents.

--The American Issue

FEDERAL DRUG LAW CHANGE

Among changes in the federal drug law which went into effect May 1 is the change from a felony to a misdemeanor for the charge of simple possession of a controlled substance (i.e. marijuana). Previously the minimum sentence was two years in prison. Ten years to life is provided for traffickers.

DRUG SEIZURES HIT HIGH . . .

Drug and narcotic seizures July, 1970 - March 1971 by the U. S. Bureau of Customs are estimated at $105 million retail value compared with $25 million for same 9-month period the year before. Heroin seizures jumped from 37 pounds to 397 pounds.

WHY KIDS GO FOR DRUGS

Sixth graders say parents can drive children to drugs.

Dr. Eugene Morong, a New York psychiatrist, asked some students for explanations of addiction:

- PARENTS ARE TOO INTERESTED IN THEIR SOCIAL LIFE.
- PARENTS DON'T SPEND ENOUGH TIME AT HOME.
- CHILDREN ARE AFRAID THEIR PARENTS DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM.
- PARENTS SET A BAD EXAMPLE. THEY TELL CHILDREN NOT TO SMOKE, THEN DO IT THEMSELVES.

Dr. Morong admits: "I'm a physician, and I'm still hung up on this habit of smoking." The doctor warns youngsters not to chance drugs such as marijuana and LSD, the effects of which he says are not fully known. He says it is like playing Russian roulette. Dr. Morong tells parents to lift the barriers separating them from their children. "Don't be ashamed of telling them you don't know," he says. "And stay away from the right-and-wrong bug."

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ALABAMA GOVERNOR BANS ALCOHOL

Governor George Wallace of Alabama recently reaffirmed a campaign promise that no alcoholic beverages will be served in the Governor's Mansion while he is in office.

Wallace said that neither he nor his wife drink and "the people of the state may be assured no alcoholic beverages will be served or consumed in the Mansion by me, my wife, or anyone else."

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ALCOHOL IS NO. 1 DRUG

The No. 1 drug problem is alcohol, not marijuana, amphetamines, or LSD, according to Daniel X. Freedman, M. D., director of the American Psychiatric Association task force on drug abuse.

Dr. Freedman says there are between seven and nine million alcoholics in the U. S. and last year drinking drivers and pedestrians accounted for 30,000 auto deaths.

—Listen News

Youth at Iowa United Methodist Church listen to presentation by Father John Peoreo, assistant priest at St. Raphael Catholic Church, during recent Youth Activities Week. Other speakers included the Rev. Robert Townsend, Wesley Foundation director at McNeese State University, Lake Charles; Mrs. Julia Paxton, director of Christian education at Henning Memorial Church in Sulphur; Miss Marge Landshof, director of Christian education at University Church, Lake Charles. Miss Karen Melendy is youth director at First Church, Iowa; the Rev. Raymond Crofoot is pastor.

This group of young men from Livingston Church in the Hammond District recently presented their Christian witness in song at a Sunday evening service at Kentwood United Methodist Church. FROM LEFT: (back row) Brent Bencay, Dale Erdey, Gayln McLin; (front) Lester McLin, Keith Rowe, and Kibler Sibley. The Rev. Vernon Fairley is pastor of the Kentwood-Mt. Hermon Charge.

Promotion Sunday at Centenary Church, Rayne, with Billy Wayne Holstead and Scotty Dupuis (left, front) displaying Bibles received, and Dale and Gary Jennings (right) with perfect attendance pins to which bars have been added denoting additional years of uninterrupted attendance. Dale has 12 years of perfect attendance to his credit and Gary, 10 years. An older brother, Charles, who has recently entered college was recognized for 16 years of perfect attendance last September. Mrs. R. C. Jennings, mother of the three brothers (back, right) is coordinator of the Children's Division at Centenary Church. Shown also are Mrs. Rita Melancon, church school superintendent and Pastor M. C. Cady.

"Paint crew"—members of Aurora United Methodist Church in New Orleans—who painted the trim on the parsonage on a recent Saturday morning in three hours of cooperative effort. Dr. Henry A. Rickey is pastor.

The boys and girls of Hammond's First United Methodist Church shown at Promotion Sunday picnic in Zemurrays' Park. The Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr. is minister.

Boys and girls who took part in "School Daze" puppet show—a feature of the September Family night program at Henning Memorial Church in Sulphur. The Rev. L. Ray Branton is pastor.

HEARD AT WORLD METHODIST MEETINGS

"The church must accept the good things implicit in what we have called the sexual revolution, rather than undertake a massive and blindly Puritanical resistance to all new perspectives."—United Methodist Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.

"Human development and progress has been limited so far to the masculine section of humanity. Many nations refuse to tap the full reserves of feminine talent because of prejudice."—Miss Brigalia H. Bam, World Council of Churches executive.

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Mrs. T. E. (Florence) Kirkpatrick of Shreveport was elected president of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service at the annual meeting, September 24.

Mrs. Louis (Gloria) Bennett of Monroe will be chairman of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. She was elected to that position during the annual meeting held in Baton Rouge.

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Board of Laity votes to continue Lay Retreat after careful study

by Cecil Bland

The Louisiana Conference Lay Retreat, held in late summer at Centenary College in Shreveport for the past fifteen years, came under close scrutiny at the recent Conference Board of the Laity meeting in Alexandria. The number one item on the agenda, in fact, was whether to continue the Retreat in view of dropping attendance and other factors.

Thirty-five of the 215 members of the Conference Board of the Laity tackled the basic question: Is the annual Conference Lay Retreat a valid program? Does it provide a time and place for Christian worship, fellowship and service? Is it a learning and sharing experience of value to the church?

A statement heard often at the meeting, and over the conference prior to the Retreat, was "It was a fine program but it was not for me." In some persons' minds, there were the problems of race, the question of women and youth attending (the retreat was originally a lay**man**'s retreat) and whether or not the Retreat was really needed. Information from other Conferences across United Methodism reveals that failing attendance and lack of interest is a common problem.

It was noted that the next United Methodist Men's meeting at Purdue ("Convocation of the Laity," July 13-15, 1973) will be open to women as well as men.

The Board voted unanimously to continue the Retreat on an annual basis, and instructed the Executive Committee to come up with a definite plan for the next Retreat at the December Board meeting, with the following points resolved:

a. When and where will the Retreat be held?

b. What will be the program?

The Executive Committee will meet in Alexandria Saturday, Oct. 30, at 10 a.m. at the Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church to do this.

The 1000 Club was also discussed. The point was made that this is a former Conference A project which was brought over into the newly merged Conference Board program. That even though there are two former Conference B churches among the three calls this Conference year, that the majority of the black churches, are not informed about the 1000 Club and its purpose. The Executive Committee was advised to come up with a solution to this problem, also.

It was further pointed out that although some persons in the conference were unhappy with the uses the 1000 Club funds were used for, that overall it was a very successful program. The original idea of the 1000 Club was to build new churches in the Louisiana Conference. There has not been a new congregation organized in the Louisiana Conference in five years.

The by-laws of the 1000 Club made allowances for this from the beginning: that in addition to new churches, old churches in a "transitional situation" AND "special projects also were proper calls. (A transitional church is: a. A church located in a dying community; b. Two or three small churches having member and financial troubles desiring to consolidate into one church location, and c. A small church in a small community which suddenly has new and large economic growth, which must enlarge to serve the new community).

Also, "special projects" such as hospital chapels and prison chapels are legitimate calls, as specified by the by-laws. The chapel at the Methodist Hospital in New Orleans is one such call, and the Second Call this Conference year is for the All-Faiths Chapel at Angola State Prison.

The Executive Committee was further instructed to take a complete look at all the projects and programs of both former Conferences A and B and make recommendations as to which to continue, which to change, and which to eliminate. Also, to come up with possible new projects.

Other items discussed included the possibility of having the Lay Delegate Training Sessions (in early May of each year) as part of the District Conferences, which are now held at that time. This would perhaps cut down on the number of meetings, but would shorten the time available for the delegate's training. Also, it was observed

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Centenary Student Forum features for Fall semester announced

Pierre Salinger, press secretary to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, and Grace Thorpe, American Indian activist and daughter of All-American Jim Thorpe, will speak to the Centenary Student Forums during the fall semester, according to an announcement by Cherry Payne, Forums committee.

Salinger, who served as press secretary to President John F. Kennedy for his entire term in office and stayed on with President Lyndon B. Johnson for five months after the assassination of President Kennedy, will address the student body on Monday, Nov. 8.

Miss Thorpe, the youngest daughter of Indian athlete Jim Thorpe, is heading a movement to return surplus lands in the United States to the American Indians. She will speak at Centenary Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Speakers who appear on the Student Forums program are selected by a student committee and approved by the Student Senate and are paid from student activity funds administered by the Senate.

Salinger is presently senior vice president of AMPROP, INC., manager of the USIF Real Estate Fund, the worlds fastest growing international investment fund.

He started his career as a copy boy for the San Francisco Chronicle where he was eventually promoted to night

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"Unto the Least of These," Oct. 10 Laymen's Day theme

Layman's Day, a traditional event in the life of the United Methodist Church, will be the second Sunday in October this year. On October 10, pulpits across the Louisiana Conference will be filled by selected members of the congregations, while the pastor takes a seat in the pews.

This year, the theme is "Unto the Least of These," (Matthew, chapter 25, verse 40). A booklet containing suggestions for the order of worship on this day, along with three special articles on the subject has been sent to all bishops, chaplains, district superintendents, pastors-in-charge, conference, district, and local lay leaders in the United States. Additional copies may be ordered for 15c each from the General Board of the Laity, 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Tom H. Matheny, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader says, "The Louisiana Conference has a long history of observance of this special day. All local churches are urged to continue this meaningful practice . . . to hear the Christian witness of laymen and laywomen from the local church pulpit."

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Participants in Service of Consecration held at Port Barre United Methodist Church Sunday, Sept. 12. FROM LEFT: Dr J. Henry Bowden, former superintendent of Lafayette District; the Rev. Kenneth McDowell, present district superintendent; the Rev. J. D. Strozier, pastor; the Rev. Johnny Zerangue of Slaughter, first full-time pastor (1956); the Rev. Fred Shirley, pastor of Louisiana Memorial Church in Opelousas. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the facility were held on Sept. 6 of 1970 and the first services were held in the new building on April 8 of this year. The cost of construction was approximately $50,000.

ABOVE RIGHT: Here is the long awaited 1971 Louisiana Conference Journal. It is actually three journals in one, containing the final Conference A and the final Conference B journal, in addition to the new merged Conference records and statistics. ABOVE LEFT: Mrs. Nan Lewis and Mrs. Judi Battey, left to right, are shown packaging new Conference Journals for mailing from the Conference Office.

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Dr. Ira Gallaway, superintendent of the Fort Worth East District in Texas, will be the evangelist for a Fall Revival to be held at Southside United Methodist Church in Monroe, Oct. 3-7. Following the theme, "Launch Out For Jesus," services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. daily and again at 7:00 p.m., according to the Rev. Lea Joyner, minister. Jerry Ross, lay leader and choir director of Wesley Church, Shreveport, will direct congregational singing. Dr. Gallaway, began his ministry after a series of outstanding successes in political and business pursuits, when he says, "I came to the place where I felt the necessity of letting God have my life to use as He would." He is well known throughout United Methodism as an evangelistic speaker.

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"PEANUTS" AUTHOR SPEAKS AT CENTENARY

Robert Short, the author of two best selling books, "The Gospel According to Peanuts," and "The Parables of Peanuts" spoke at Centenary College Thursday, Sept. 16 during a regular Chapel program.

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HORSESHOE PASTOR PREACHING IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Rev. Warren Blakeman, pastor of the Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria, left Tuesday, Sept. 28 to fill preaching engagements in Coventry and London, England.

Blakeman's host in Coventry will be Dr. Robert Clements, the district superintendent. Blakeman said that although his primary purpose in making the trip will be to preach and meet with British Methodists, he expects to visit many of the traditional sites known to American tourists.

His itinerary will include in addition to historical sites in England a visit in Edinburgh, Scotland and a brief trip to Amsterdam.

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LAY RETREAT

that the information contained in the Pre-Conference Reports given at the training sessions are not always correct or complete, and that the various boards and agencies need to provide additional information prior to the meetings, if changes or additions are made.

Tom Matheny, Conference Lay Leader, who presided at the meeting, pointed out that the Louisiana Methodist, the official Conference newspaper is not subscribed to by all the churches. This cuts down on the spread of information over the Conference. Mr. Matheny distributed to the District Lay Leaders a breakdown on the subscriptions in the various Districts, and urged them to try to get the local church lay leaders, and other church leaders, to take the paper. He stated that although the Conference Office sends various informational mailings on a continuous basis to pastors and others, that these persons do not always share the information with their church members.

The next meeting of the Board of the Laity, at which time the wives and husbands of the Board members are invited, will be held in Alexandria the weekend of Dec. 4-5, at a place to be selected later. This will be an overnight meeting.

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FORUM

city editor. He also worked for Collier's Magazine as West Coast editor. Appointed press secretary to the then Senator John F. Kennedy in 1959, he followed Kennedy into the White House.

When he left the Johnson administration, he ran for the United States Senate as a Democrat from California, but was defeated by Republican George Murphy.

He is the author of the best seller, "With Kennedy" an account of his life with President Kennedy.

Miss Thorpe was a successful real estate broker in Arizona until 1969 when she joined a movement to regain public lands for the Indians.

She spent three months on Alcatraz where she undertook fund-raising and public relations duties for the Indians who were seeking to better their substandard living conditions, reduce soaring unemployment, and gain more educational opportunities.

In her new found career, Grace Thorpe looks to her father, considered by many to be the world's greatest football player and all-round athlete, for her inspiration. She says of him, "He never left the field in all his years of competition." And she vows she will not leave the field until her fight for a better life for the American Indian is won.

Annual Conference study committee endorses Project Equality

PROJECT EQUALITY: one answer to discrimination in employment
by J. Philip Woodland
Pastor, Slidell United Methodist Church

At the Annual Conference sessions of 1970, Louisiana Annual Conferences A and B authorized a committee to study Project Equality. The new merged Conference of 1971 continued the study committee. The Study Committee, meeting September 11 in Alexandria, voted to endorse Project Eqality and initiated a program of information education concerning it. Comments and questions about the program, and the participation of the Louisiana Annual Conference are requested. Comments and questions should be sent to T. L. Ward, 500 Walker Street, New Orleans, La. 70124. The study committee hopes that informational meetings on Project Equality may be held throughout the Conference.

The proposal to be considered by the 1972 Annual Conference is Methodist participation in a Louisiana Project Equality Office, in cooperation with Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Lutherans and others. Presentations are now being made before various denominational groups throughout the state. The Archdiocese of New Orleans, Roman Catholic Church, through Archbishop Philip Hannan has indicated a willingness and readiness to participate in a Louisana Project Equality. Other denominations are now facing the question of participating in Project Equality.

The Methodist Study Committee estimates that the annual Budget for a Louisiana office of Project Equality would range between $27,000-$35,-000. If the denominations currently participating in the Louisiana Inter-Church Conference were to share in the Project Equality of Louisiana, and the budget were prorated on a per capita basis, the Methodist share of the Annual Project Equality budget would be approximately $5,000.

The 1968 General Conference endorsed Project Equality in these words: "In consideration of long established support, by the United Methodist Church for fair employment practices; in consideration of national policy for fair employment practices in the United States, which policy embraces legislation against employment discrimination; in recognition of the United Methodist Church's responsibility to make ethical use of its own financial resources; in conviction that 'Project Equality; a voluntary cooperative inter-denominational enterprise of churches, synagogues, and related institutions provides a responsible, consistent, ethical, practical, effective and positive means whereby the United Methodist Church and other churches can support fair employment practices in the United States, The United Methodist Church endorses 'Project Equality' and recommends cooperation, both through participation and financial support, on the part of all United Methodist Annual Conferences, local churches, local or national institutions, agencies, and organizations."

Twenty-three annual conferences have become sponsors of Project Equality in almost as many states, and eight general boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church are full fledged members.

Delegates to the 1972 Louisiana Annual Conference will determine whether United Methodist Institutions in Louisiana will participate in "Project Equality."

"Project Equality was conceived in 1965 as a program which would promote access to equal employment for minority group members through use of the enormous purchasing power of the churches. Fathered by the National Catholic Conference on Interracial Justice, a few short months after conception the program was made interreligious and is now supported by more than 27 denominations."(1)

"Though job discrimination became unlawful with the passage of the Civil Rights Law of 1964, studies indicate that minority group workers have real-

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Editorial

AT A HUGE COMMUNION TABLE

With ever-increasing innovations in the construction of church buildings we have grown accustomed to seeing many different sizes and shapes of communion furniture. Most of these have added new dimensions to this meaningful service. However, it seems that there is no more dramatic way of renewing our concept of the Lord's Supper than to picture ourselves kneeling at a table that stretches all around the world. This is the picture that comes to our mind as we envision the observance of World Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 3.

Dr. Hoyt L. Hickman, Central Pennsylvania United Methodist pastor, who serves as executive secretary of the Commission on Worship, said in a recent article in The Interpreter: "No act of worship is more crucial to the ongoing life of any congregation than the Lord's Supper. And nowhere is the contrast between our biblical and Wesleyan heritage and our present neglect more evident than in the case of the Lord's Supper." He urges that we all seek to reinterpret the meaning of this worship service and be willing to try some of the new styles of conducting the service.

He also says: "This emphasis on the meaning and value of the Lord's Supper should in no way take away from the other World Communion Sunday emphases."

Dramatically underscored by this observance in our churches are three major causes – Crusade Scholarships, the work of the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries, and scholarships for minority group members. Because of our traditional ties with the service of Holy Communion and because of the wide possibilities which open to us through participation in a special offering, World Communion Sunday, 1971, has a powerful appeal.

This sentence from a recent issue of The Interpreter seems to express our meaning effectively: "It is not the millions of participants, nor the breadth of the observance, but the very act itself which has the most sense of drama. The idea that man, through this act, can come to God for forgiveness and cleansing, as a sign of faith and renewal, has in itself the highest of dramatic possibilities. That is part of the meaning behind this year's theme — 'draw near with faith.' "

In the 25 years since it was established in 1945, 1,882 persons from 56 countries have attended school with help from the Crusade Scholarship program. For many of them, this grant offered the only means to obtain the training needed to serve where they are. One has only to travel in the developing countries to discover the vast number of leaders who were prepared for their responsibilities and for Christian stewardship by Crusade scholarships. A shift in emphasis is being made this year as 50% of the money you lay on the altar next Sunday will broaden the opportunities for such training. We can have a share in placing a larger number of scholarships in the hand of students who will be tomorrow's world leaders.

The only financial support received by the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries comes from the World Communion offering. One-fourth of the amount received becomes the budget which provides for the operation of this important agency and furnishes it with funds to undergird our Methodist chaplains in the Armed Services, in Veterans Hospitals, as well as providing the staff which directs this important work. One cannot read the stories that are coming out of the chapels around the world and not have a keen appreciation for the involvement of the members of the Armed Services and their families through the challenge of dedicated chaplains. More than 750 United Methodist clergymen are at work as military and civilian chaplains, and they look to you to join hands with them on World Communion Sunday.

Another 25 per cent of the offering is dedicated, by action of the 1970 General Conference, to scholarship aid to minority students. Dillard University, Philander Smith College, and the other ten colleges serving Negro student bodies are in need of an ever-increasing amount of scholarship assistance. The economic realities of the day make this so. These schools are being helped to provide an exciting academic experience for students who must have a great deal of financial assistance.

One of the directors of the Negro College Advance is Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, former president of Paine College, Augusta, Ga. He has said of the challenge involved in this portion of the World Communion offering: "It is a question of what is an educational institution; what is a college? This is an exciting educational enterprise and anybody who gets inside one of these colleges will find that the educational process going on is an exceptionally exciting business. The training given in these colleges makes a tremendous difference. It makes a difference in the income potential of the student and in his outlook on the whole of life."

These challenges go with you to the Communion table next Sunday. "Draw near with faith."

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the Editor's Corner

THE COMPLETION OF MERGER IN LOUISIANA

Mrs. Knox and I spent three days last week in Baton Rouge sharing in the exciting experience of the merger meetings of the Women's Societies of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guilds of former Conferences A and B into the similar units of the new Louisiana Annual Conference.

On Thursday afternoon the Women's Societies met in their separate final sessions in Wesley United Methodist Church and in First United Methodist Church. That evening Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr. spoke to a joint session in First Church to an overflow crowd. Mrs. Edward Brandhorst of St. Louis, president of the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild, was very much in evidence at the meetings in Baton Rouge. Her messages were most inspiring and she officiated at the installation of the new officers.

On Saturday morning the Wesleyan Service Guilds of former Conferences A and B met for their final sessions before the merger ceremony on Saturday afternoon. I met with the Conference B group at the Capitol House Hotel as they conducted their closing business and paid tribute to those who had been their leaders.

The merger ceremony used by the Women's Society on Friday morning and the Guild on Saturday afternoon emphasized the theme "Teach Us to Build," utilizing the visual technique of moving stones from a wall into a new structure.

The women planned well for these services marking their merger. One thing we observed was the extreme care they used in expressing appreciation to those who have been their leaders in their separate groups. This Christian thoughtfulness will be a great force in implementing the success of the new organization.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Alan Walker, president of the New South Wales Methodist Conference, commented upon his return to Australia from the 12th World Methodist Conference in Denver that "we are quite clearly passing out of the spiritual depression of the 60's, and the church rather tired of reacting has decided to act." He said the Jesus Movement among America's youth was "the most startling development overseas on the religious scene."

The Wycliffe Bible Translators broke ground in Duncanville, Tex. for a $4 million International Linguistic Center. The independent mission organization and its Summer Institute of Linguistics will use the suburban Dallas facility for research and training in techniques of translating oral languages into written form. Wycliffe personnel go to little known tribes throughout the world, develop written language out of oral communication and prepare Bibles in those dialects and tongues.

A new monastery and farm of the Benedictine monks of Subiaco Abbey (in Arkansas) has been established in British Honduras in Central America. "Prayer and work" will be the aim of their project. The three monks who have gone from Subiaco to oversee the farm said they will offer assistance to the local people with their spiritual, educational and agricultural needs. Religious and secular leaders of British Honduras, who have given their approval for the project are said to consider a strong agricultural economy as a stabilizing and necessary element for their country as it moves toward modernization and independence.

An "extraordinary change" has come about in religion in the Soviet Union since the mid-1960s according to British Author Sir John Lawrence, an Anglican layman and former press attache for the British Embassy in Moscow. Lawrence noted that "for the first 40 years after the revolution, the only religious people in Russia were uneducated and of simple faith — the educated had turned against the church — but now they're becoming interested again." "Intellectuals in increasing numbers, especially students, are turning to religion," he said.

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the 6.3-million member National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., addressing more than 10,000 conventioners in Cleveland, Ohio, issued a warning to Presidential candidates on Vietnam policies. "We must make it known to all future candidates for 1972 that many of us shall question any candidate who runs for the Presidency on a Vietnam program which seems to be pro-Hanoi," he said. "While we want peace and want our soldiers to return home, we do not wish this nation to bow at the shrine of international communism or to grovel in the dust before any totalitarian state," Jackson continued.

Mankind is a "temporary visitor to earth" and the visit may be cut short if people continue to ignore ecological realities, an international authority on nutrition told a United Methodist ecology group meeting in Nashville. Dr. George Borgstom of Michigan State University expressed regret that modern man seems to think civilization is "immortal" and that technology can cure all ills. "We seem to have forgotten that man is a temporary visitor to earth and that we have the duty to guard the riches of the earth," he said.

"Worldwide inflation and the deterioration of American economic power whittle away at the buying power of our mission dollar," said Dr. David M. Stowe, top mission executive of the United Church of Christ, at that denomination's annual missionary conference. "We shall have to rediscover the Christian graces of poverty and sacrifice," he said. He told the missionaries that mission work must press "toward conversion, beginning with our own, toward that proper and Biblical kind of conversion that means the turning around of the self, the returning of allegiance to a covenant of love and justice and brotherhood."

The American Baptist Convention plans to build a $30 million, 1,000-unit housing complex for families having low or moderate incomes and for the elderly, plus a nursing home on an eight-acre site 19 blocks from the White House. The site for the project on which the former "Henderson Castle" stood from 1888 to 1949 was once the center of Washington's social life. The reported cost of the tract is $2.7 million, pending federal approval of the Baptist proposal a project of the American Baptist Service Corp. of Valley Forge.

Evangelist Billy Graham will conduct a crusade in Rome next May, according to George M. Wilson, executive vice-president of the Minneapolis based Billy Graham Evangelistic Assn. Italian evangelicals invited the evangelist to Rome to conduct a crusade at a sports arena with a seating capacity of 25,000. The evangelist has also agreed to conduct an Upper Midwest crusade, probably at the Minnesota State fairgrounds, during the Summer of '72.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (Ore.), in a press conference called by Word Books of Waco, Tex. publishers of his latest book, "Conflict and Conscience" branded church lobbyists as "rank amateurs" in their efforts to influence public policy. The 49-year-old senator complained that church lobbyists calling on him see him as "an object to be lobbyed." A more successful approach, he suggested, would be for church lobbyists to "see the senator or congressman as a human being and working with and through him as an individual rather than as a corporate entity, confronting him with a lobbying approach."

Lineman Norman Evans—offensive player for the Miami Dolphins, founder of the team's chapel group says what the church needs even more than ministers is dedicated laymen. The author of the upcoming book, "On God's Squad" said, "More doors are open to laymen than to ministers." Evans said he considered entering the ministry several years ago, but was led to believe "the Lord has given me the opportunity to share my faith through playing football."

"Christians in an effort to protect and defend the claim that Jesus is God, have so stripped Jesus of his full humanity that most of us actually think that Jesus was without temptation, despair, weariness, sorrow, and frustration," Dr. Ben Haden, told a recent White House worship audience. The Presbyterian clergyman from Chatanooga, Tenn. noted that the New Testament proclaims many incidents from the life of Christ, which point to the fact that He was indeed subject to many of the same problems facing the people of His day and those of the present time.

The pastor of the Japanese Baptist church in Seattle, Wash., has been elected chairman of the newly-formed Asian American Baptist Caucus. Dr. Paul M. Nagano was elected to the post by about 50 delegates of Japanese, Chinese and Korean ancestry. The associate executive secretary of the Home Mission Societies of the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, said he believes the function of the Asian American Baptist Caucus is similar to that of any other minority group caucus, namely to allow persecuted, oppressed people a means of expressing how they feel, to help them develop a sense of ethnic pride, and to aid them in determining their own destiny within the denomination.

The Vatican is reported to have rejected a request by a group of lay Roman Catholics and Protestants in Worms, West Germany, to rescind the papal order of excommunication issued against Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther almost five centuries ago. Leaders of the appeal to Pope Paul are said to have expressed regret that encouragement for their ecumenical work, which they had expected from the Vatican, had not been forthcoming.

ARNHEM LAND, Australia – In Arnhem Land, a 37,000-square-mile special reserve for aborigines in Australia's Northern Territory, there are airstrips that have never appeared on a map and are known only to a few. They were built by the Rev. Harold Shepherdson who has been flying since 1927 in his work as a Methodist missionary among the aborigines of northern Australia. Now 68, the "flying parson" still flies almost daily ferrying supplies to lonely outposts, transporting aborigines and mission workers around a network of Methodist missions and providing an air link with more populated centers. Here, two aborigines from Elcho Island, off the Northern Territory coast, watch as Shepherdson loads his aircraft.

–RNS Photo

NEWS and NOTES

THE ISTROUMA YOUNG at Heart Club held the annual picnic at Audubon Park in St. Francisville, Wednesday, September 22.

THE DMA (Don't Mention Age) Club of First Church, Lake Charles, celebrated the 17th anniversary of its organization on Wednesday, September 22. Mrs. John A. O'Neal was in charge of the program.

CARROLLTON CHURCH honored Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cahal with a farewell reception following the Sunday evening service, September 19. The Cahals are moving to Texas. They joined the Carrollton Church in 1937 and have been church leaders in many capacities, local, district and conference.

THE REV. BEVERLY BOND of Crowley preached for special services at First United Methodist Church in Coushatta on Sunday, September 19, marking the beginning of a centennial celebration in Red River Parish. In his absence the Crowley pulpit was filled by the Rev. R. M. Bentley at 11 a.m., and by the Rev. Van Horn.

AURORA CHURCH of New Orleans has purchased a new parsonage. It is located four blocks from the church, in Bocage at 3561 Rue Mignon. Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rickey expect to move into the $41,500 home by October 15.

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODISTS of New Orleans held a family night supper on Friday, September 24. Dr. Henry A. Rickey, Aurora Church minister, showed slides of Hawaii, taken during a recent trip. The Rev. Charles Walker is pastor of St. Paul's.

AN ESTATE PLANNING Seminar is being held this week, September 29 and 30 at Rayne Memorial Church in New Orleans.

ON MINISTRY SUNDAY, September 19, the Rev. J. B. McCann, retired, brought the message in First Church at Pineville. The Pineville bulletin noted that First Church had given three men to the ministry: the Rev. McCann, the Rev. Jolly Harper of Natchitoches, and the Rev. Tommy Dunbar, now in training at Candler School of Theology, Atlanta. Host pastor was the Rev. Richard Walton.

THE XYZ CLUB of First Church, Baton Rouge, had a program on First Aid and Home Safety presented by Roger Morgan of the Red Cross at the September 8 meeting. District Superintendent Douglas McGuire led a devotional period.

CHARLES CRAFT and Marion Walker are co-chairmen of the Every Member Visitation for St. Bernard Church at Chalmette. This church has set seven nights, October 17-23, for "Spiritual Life Emphasis." The Rev. James Evans is pastor.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Eight hundred forty-five volunteers are needed throughout Metropolitan New Orleans in child development centers, hospitals, schools, health agencies, agencies working with the handicapped, etc., according to The Cable, publication of the Greater New Orleans Federation of churches.

Volunteers use their talents to extend the services provided by staff. The clients are encouraged with the knowledge that someone cares enough to give a half day per week for them.

Community Volunteer Service, the United Fund supported central volunteer bureau, is appealing to all concerned Christians to become involved in service to others in the community. Call Community Volunteer Service at 525-7131 for help in determining the place where you can best serve and times most suitable for serving. One half day a week can help make someone's life richer and more worthwhile!

GLENDA WHITMAN COLLINS is the new church organist in First Church, Shreveport. Mrs. Collins is a native of Shreveport and a graduate of Byrd High School. Her undergraduate work was done at East Texas Baptist College, and she has just earned the Master of Music degree in organ from Southern Methodist University, studying with Dr. Robert Anderson. She will assist Dr. Will K. Andress, minister of music, in the operation of the choirs as music secretary.

THE YOUTH OF ST. PAUL U.M. Church, Monroe, held a retreat on Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, at the T. L. James Camp on James Lake. Adults accompanying them were Sue and Bynie Breard, Linda and Larry Rushing, counselors; Pat and Joe Hoover, coordinators, and Wayne Evans, youth director. Their pastor is the Rev. Clyde Frazier, Jr.

CYCLE OF CELEBRATIONS

The thirtieth anniversary of University Church, Baton Rouge, will be observed in a cycle of celebrations.

The first was held on September 19 with the Recognition of Charter Members. Dr. J. Henry Bowden of Lake Charles and Dr. Benedict A. Galloway of New Orleans were guests.

On October 10, there will be an Appreciation of Lay Workers. Dr. Jack Cooke of Shreveport and the Rev. Charles Humphreys, Gonzales, will lead in honoring chairmen of the Administrative Board and presidents of the Women's Society.

October 24 and 31 will be Loyalty Sundays. Pledges for the budget and for a renovation of the sanctuary will be made.

Dr. W. E. Trice of Dallas will be guest speaker on November 21. Visiting speakers are all former pastors. Dr. Ben R. Oliphint is the present pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 3—Sunday	**Psalms 88:1-12**
Oct. 4	**Isaiah 58:3-12**
Oct. 5	**Matt. 17:22-27**
Oct. 6	**Mark 7:1-13**
Oct. 7	**John 8:28-32**
Oct. 8	**Acts 22:25-30**
Oct. 9	**Rom. 5:12-15**
Oct. 10—Sunday	**Rom. 6:11-18**

TRINITY CHURCH OF RUSTON plans a Family Festival of Fun and Faith this weekend, October 2 and 3. Highlight of the two-day observance will be the moving and re-locating of the church cornerstones. On Saturday evening, the Asbury Crusaders Choir from Lafayette will entertain. The Rev. Merlin Merrill is pastor.

P.K. KORNER

KEVIN JAY KILPATRICK was born on September 1 to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kilpatrick, Jr., in Louisville, Kentucky. He is the grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. John F. Kilpatrick, Sr., of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport.

P.K. ELECTED PRESIDENT KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Paul McDowell of Lafayette, La. was recently elected president of Key Club International for 1971-72 at the Annual Key Club Convention held in Anaheim, California.

Key Club is a high school service organization for young men and is sponsored by Kiwanis International. The present membership is 85,000, with clubs in the U.S., Canada and the Bahamas. Major emphasis for 1971-72 include drug abuse, ecology and minority group relations.

Paul is a senior at Lafayette High School, a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and is the son of the Rev. Ken McDowell, Lafayette district superintendent, and Mrs. McDowell.

Open House was held at the Raymond United Methodist Church, Sunday, September 12. Approximately 225 persons called to see the new sanctuary. Shown above are some of the ladies who assisted. Serving refreshments were (from left): Mrs. Glenn Litteral, Sr., Mrs. Robert Hine, Mrs. Inez Bryan and Mrs. Frank Marshall. At right, Mrs. E. M. Brown presides at the guest book as Mrs. Roy Jester of Elton registers. The Rev. Leland D. Wade is the pastor.

Brenda Mae Crofoot, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond M. Crofoot of Iowa, was married to William T. Bridges of Ruston in the Iowa First United Methodist Church, August 26.

Louisiana women c

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, left, presiding over her last conference, was presented a Sustaining Membership by Mrs. George Dameron, a past president, on behalf of the conference.

Excitement concerning the possibilities of the future and a touch of nostalgia were in the air at Baton Rouge as women of former Conferences A and B held final meetings for Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds and organized new structures last week.

First United Methodist Church was host to the merged meetings, September 23-26. Earlier sessions were held in Wesley United Methodist Church and Capitol House Hotel.

A look toward the future of missions was brought by guest speaker, Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., general secretary of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, jurisdiction president of Society/Guild, emphasized the present and future role of women in the changing society.

Old Structures Are Merged

The merger ceremony, written by Mrs. George Chastain, chairman of spiritual growth, was made more meaningful by the placing of bricks for a symbolic foundation. Corresponding officers of both conferences laid the bricks together. The processional kept officers separated by race, but the recessional merged the groups in the meaningful ceremony. Nearly 700 women were involved in both merger ceremonies.

New Officers Named

All officers of all groups were re-

Dr. Tracey Jones, executive secretary of the Board of Missions, was the Thursday night speaker. Dr. Douglas McGuire is seated at left; the Rev. David Dykes is at right.

Dr. L. L. Haynes, pastor of Wesley Church, B.R., brought the opening worship. Miss Ethel Alston, seated, president of Conference "B", WSCS, presented him.

Conference treasurers presented the budget for 1972. Mrs. Alvin W. Bynum, at left, is with Mrs. W. B. Gardner. Both will retire at the end of the fiscal year, but monies should be sent to them (through district treasurers) until December 31. McGowan at right.

Retiring officers of Conference "B" WSCS: Front row, left, Mrs. Fletcher Dixon, Mrs. Ardella Scott, Miss Ethel Alston (president), Mrs. George W. Carter, Mrs. Alvin W. Bynum. Back row: Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Mrs. Elbert L. Pulley, Mrs. Ardessie C. Prophet, and Mrs. Albert E. Stevenson (Mrs. Prophet is the vice-president and Mrs. Stevenson is chairman of Christian Social Relations in the new organization).

Special Memberships are being awarded to WSCS officers of Conference "A" by Mrs. G. W. Dameron. Those retiring included, from left: Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Mrs. George Chastain, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. Edgar Cayard, Mrs. T. L. James, Mrs. R. E. Carter, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. L. C. Aycock and Mrs. Carl Gallaher. The memberships represented gifts to missions to the amount of almost $3,000, given by local societies in honor of retiring officers.

All officers of both conferences participated in the merger ceremony of Women's Societies on Thursday. A similar ceremony on Saturday merged guilds of both conferences. The bricks on altar were symbolic of the foundation of new organization.

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tired. Due to tenure, only a few were eligible to be officers of the new organizations. Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick of Shreveport was elected president of the Women's Society; Mrs. Ardessie Prophet is vice-president; Mrs. Naomi Pulley, secretary; and Mrs. J. T. Spencer, treasurer. Chairmen of work areas are: Mrs. Azalea Stevenson, Christian social relations; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, missionary education; Mrs. George Chastain, Jr., spiritual growth; Mrs. Martin Wagnon, program materials; Mrs. Mabel Manning, nominations. Mrs. Edgar Cayard was chairman of nominations this year.

Some of the officers named above serve the Guild also. Conference chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild is to be Mrs. Louis Bennett of Monroe. Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas is secretary, and Mrs. Lillian Kennedy is chairman of nominations. Miss Arlene Tyler presented tthe Guild nominees.

The necessary business of adopting and amending the constitution and by-laws consumed a major share of the program.

The six Louisiana projects which are agencies of the Board of Missions were represented by board members and staff personnel. Their reports were mimeographed and made available to delegates. These reports will be printed (in part) in this paper, when space permits — as will the messages of presidents.

Pledges For 1972 Total $163,056

The pledge ceremonies lived up to the tradition of inspiration reached by former annual meetings. Presided over by treasurers of Conferences A and B, Mrs. W. B. Gardner and Mrs. Alvin Bynum, tthe needs of home and foreign missions were lifted through readings and appropriate slides. District treasurers, dressed in national costumes, made pledges for their districts. A total of $163,056.00 was pledged by both groups.

Special offerings to missions were in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton by thte Women's Society, and in honor of Mildred Evans and Elizabeth Thomas by the Guilds.

The meeting next September will be held in Monroe at First United Methodist Church.

"Teach Us to Build" was the theme of the merged meetings. This shows the theme above the head table at Guild dinner in the gym.

District Guild chairmen participated with the treasurers of both conferences in making the annual pledge. The representatives of two districts are not shown. (This was taken during rehearsal while Conference "B" was still in session. All were dressed in costume for the actual presentation as slides depicted where the money goes.)

Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, jurisdiction president of Society/Guild, was the guest speaker at both conferences. She is shown at left. Miss Mildred Evans, right, presided at the Conference "A" WSG meeting, and the merged business session.

Mrs. Inez Chrisenterry, at left, presented a section of the amended Constitution by-laws. She is with Mrs. McGowan.

AT LEFT:

Zola McGehee, standing at right was Guild registration chairman. Istrouma WSG members assisting her were Grace Bankston, standing, and, seated from left, Vera King, Dorothy Horton and Ruby Pritchard. Marjorie Longsdorf, at left, of First Church, B.R., is being registered.

Miss Minza Rabun, at left, presented Special Memberships to retiring Guild officers: Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Miss Arlene Tyler, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Miss Mildred Evans and Mrs. W. B. Gardner.

Retiring officers district chairmen of Conference "B" Guilds: Front row, left, Miss Mildred Edinburgh, Miss Ethel Alston, Mrs. Alvin W. Bynum, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Mrs. Owinda Taplette, Mrs. E. Mae Calvin. Back row: Mrs. Azalee Stevenson, Mrs. Mary Helen Leslie, Mrs. Lueburda Myers, Mrs. Hazel Webster, Mrs. Ardessie Prophet and Mrs. Bessie Porter.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 10: God Creates a Community

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 19: 1 Peter 2:1-10

MEMORY SELECTION: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand how God called Israel to be a community of faith and to emphasize the covenant relationship which made them a community; to see how the church is the community of the faithful and all this means in obedience and faithfulness.

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One of the "establishments" which is coming under severe attack in our time is the church — the community of the faithful. If the church is to be understood and renewed in our time we must have an appreciation of the reasons that prompted God to call such a community into existence. Thus we will come to see what is required of the church in our time.

This is a remarkable story which we are studying today. It tells us how a nation of slaves could wander in the wilderness for 40 years and then emerge as the people bearing the mark of God's favor. As one has said: "They came from nothing to everything. When God created a community of his own people, he did not choose the smartest, most prosperous, most cultured people he could find. Rather he chose those who had nothing to offer: no land of their own, no culture, no education, no rich heritage of national power and prestige."

The Hebrew people were to be more than just another cultural strain living in the same geographical area. As Dr. Charles Laymon says in International Lesson Annual: "They were to be God's 'own possession among all peoples.' They were to share a common purpose: 'You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' (Exodus 19:5-6) This was the source from which was to flow the stream of the Judeo-Christian faith."

The importance of community cannot be overstated. The need to experience a sense of belonging is a universal human characteristic. We are social creatures. Something about us cries out against separateness and isolation. The fellowship within the community is undergirding and reenforcing.

Exodus 19 describes for us the dramatic time of the creation of the Hebrew community. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob may be referred to as the fathers of the Hebrew nation, but we see in this lesson the real birth of the community from which emerged so much of our spiritual heritage.

A brief passage from the New Testament — 1 Peter 2:9-10 — is included to help us take a look at the Christian church as the "new Israel" — the continuation of that community which God created to be his agent in making his will known. We will be trying to help each other understand God's purpose for Israel and for the church and to see if we can met the conditions for being included among the people of God.

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THE DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL

Moses, following his call about which we studied last week, went back to Egypt to inform the Israelites of God's concern for them and his commission to lead them out of their bondage. It was not an easy task Moses undertook. Aaron had been assigned to make the public utterances for him — they had met in the wilderness east of the Red Sea to plan their strategy.

Together they stood courageously before Pharaoh and delivered their ultimatum: "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness'." (Exod. 5:1) Pharaoh let them know quickly that he had never heard of their god, and that, if he existed at all, he could not be regarded as very important.

An awesome series of confrontations followed between Jehovah and Pharaoh. Ten terrible plagues were visited upon the land of Egypt, after which Pharaoh decided to let the Israelites go. However, following his agreement and the hasty departure of the Hebrews, the Egyptian ruler changed his mind and sent an army in pursuit to recover this valuable group of laborers. This army was destroyed in a dramatie fashion after the Israelites marched across the dry bed of the Red Sea. For a brief time they sang victoriously of their deliverance, but before long they were complaining of the hardships of the desert. Many of them wondered if it would not be better to be back as slaves in Egypt where they were fed and sheltered than to be free with an uncertain future before them in the wilderness.

God again showed his presence and his concern by providing them with food and water and leading them victoriously against the Amalekites at Rephidim. With many evidences of his providential purpose for them, the people of Israel came at last to their period of sojourn in Sinai. They came out of Egypt a disorganized group with very little in common; during their stay there God made a community of them.

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THE COVENANT WHICH MADE THE COMMUNITY

In Exodus 19:5 we read the conditions under which their unique relationship as a "chosen people" came into being. Moses left the people in the valley about Sinai and went up into the mountain where he heard the voice of God again saying, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine."

We should note that the basis for asking Israel to enter into this covenant relationship was what God had already done. A little bit later during the Sinai interlude, as Moses was about to receive the Ten Commandments, the Lord told him to remind the people that "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Throughout all of this, God speaks of his divine judgment against his enemies in sharp contrast with his grace toward those who were objects of his love. We read in Broadman Comments: "He had humiliated the Egyptians, but, as an eagle carries and protects his young, so the Lord has cared for Israel. Note that his purpose was to bring them to himself in intimate relationship and for glorious purpose."

Not only did God dwell on what he had done for Israel in the past, but he gave further inducement for faithfulness in the promise of a wonderful relationship to come. He said they would become "an holy nation," suggesting both separation from other nations and separation to God in service. This is what it meant to become the people of God, and this is what it has always meant. For us in the Christian community there are the same challenges and the same demands. His grace is still offered freely to those who are willing to meet the demands of the covenant.

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GOD'S COMMUNITY — ISRAEL

From this time — approximately 1300 years before the birth of Christ — the Jewish community has maintained its sense of identity and community. The only possible explanation for their survival is in the fact that they understand themselves to be a people called by God. Although they were under the domination of foreign governments far more than they were free, their particular beliefs and practices set them apart from the rest of the world. Scattered about the face of the earth, they separated themselves from those about them and guarded the uniqueness of their conduct, beliefs and worship.

It was the Law of Moses, received at Sinai, that became the central force around which the community revolved. It was far more than the Ten Commandments. The "Law" meant all that God had revealed about himself. It became the adhesive element which bound this community together against all kinds of adversity. For a brief period in their history, the Temple became the symbol of their membership within the community of God. But after the destruction of the Temple the eommunity survived, because it understood that in a special way God had revealed himself to them.

Dr. Lawrence C. Hay says in Adult Bible Studies: "The Jewish community was sustained also by the hope that at some time in the future God would vindicate his people. Like most people of their age, they came to believe that the world was ruled by demonic powers who could be defeated only by God himself. They looked forward to the coming of an ideal ruler, descended from David, who would reign over the entire world in peace and righteousness. How eagerly they longed for his coming!"

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THE NEW COMMUNITY OF GOD

We have seen how God brought a community, a people bound together under covenant with him, into existence through Moses. It was composed of one people. But God was yet to create a new community to be known as the church, composed of many peoples.

Just as the privileges of membership in the Hebrew community had carried great responsibilities, so it became apparent that membership in the "new Israel," the Christian church, involved an agreement to keep a covenant. Life always must be lived within a circle of ordered conditions — this is especially true of life under God.

The First Epistle of Peter was addressed to a group of Christian people who were told: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." (2:9) These sound like the words that were spoken to Israel in the days of Moses, but here they are directed to the Christian church. The writer of this New Testament letter was referring to those Christians who were willing to become wholly God's by entering into a covenant relationship similar to that which had been put before Israel.

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HOW DOES THE NEW COMMUNITY RESEMBLE THE OLD?

In some respects the new comunity resembles the old. The old community was made up of those who were delivered from bondage to the Egyptians; the new is composed of those who have been delivered from bondage to sin. Each member of the old community pledged obedience to God's law; each member of the new pledges faith in Christ and faithfulness to his will.

God called Israel into being; he also called the church into being. In an earlier lesson we have spoken of the way in which God called people into his service. We know he did not determine to make any his children against their will, but he did determine that those who would accept the gift of his Son should be his children and belong to his family.

This community we call the church maintains that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus fulfilled Old Testament promises and that the covenant promise passed from Israel to the Christian community. This community further maintains that the revelation of God through Jesus Christ continues through the witness of the Holy Spirit.

This we know — as we work together within the church, we grow both as individuals and as a community. Each contributes to the upbuilding of all the rest, and wc become far more than we ever could alone.

Council on Youth Ministry plans regional emphasis for LAP

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(UMI)—The emphasis will switch to a regional program in the United Methodist youth Legislative Action Project (LAP) this year, according to new plans by the Council on Youth Ministry.

Still hampered by reduced resources from the Youth Service Fund, LAP is starting the new year with one coordinator rather than last year's three. But the one will be a veteran rather than new on the job, for Larry Ekin was one of the past year's coordinators. He is from Galesburg, Ill.

Ekin said the project will move largely from being an information clearing house on national legislation of interest to church youth to an emphasis on programs of action at the annual conference level. This will include regional seminars and expanded interest in local and regional efforts.

The project went on a reduced basis last January, when contributions to the youth funds showed a decline. The three coordinators continued then on a no-salary basis. Now, one of the trio, Martha Crawford, of Dallas, Texas, has moved to a research assignment here with the Women's Division of the Board of Missions, and the other, Lee Ferguson, of Boylman, Mont., has returned to studies at University of Montana.

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NEW UNITED METHODIST ASIAN-AMERICAN MINISTRIES PROGRAM BEGUN

NEW YORK (UMI) — A minister of the United Church of Christ of Japan (Kyodan) will be the first Asian pastor to come to the U. S. to serve under a new United Methodist Asian-American ministries program, principally in his own language, among recent immigrants and other Japanese-speaking people.

The Rev. Akio Tsukamoto is expected to arrive in the U. S. this fall to begin service on the staff of Simpson United Methodist Church, Arvada, Colo. He will minister primarily in the Japanese language to church and community. Simpson pastor is the Rev. Paul Hagiya, a member of the United Methodist Advisory Committee on Asian-American Ministries. Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of United Methodism's Denver Area has appointed Mr. Tsukamoto to Simpson church.

He is the first of what Asian-American United Methodist leaders expect will be several Asian ministers, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, perhaps others, as well as Japanese, who will be brought to America to minister in their native tongue to a growing number of new immigrants and other people speaking Asian languages. The plan for bringing Asian ministers to the U. S. was developed at a Convocation on Asian - American Ministries last March; it is being implemented by the Advisory Committee, thte World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions (which pays transportation costs for the ministers and their families), and the U. S. areas and conferences involved.

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RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING ON TELEVISION IN OCTOBER

The television networks regularly schedule special programs of a religious nature, usually on Sunday. The following programs are listed on two of the networks for the month of October:

CBS — "LOOK UP AND LIVE" — 9:30-10 a.m., Sundays.

Oct. 3—Images of man.

Oct. 10—A presence in the Delta (the Delta Ministry).

Oct. 17—Program on Stewardship (a church in Minnesota).

Oct. 24—Program on Stewardship (another local church situation).

ABC — "DIRECTIONS" — 12 Noon-12:30 p.m., Sundays.

Oct. 3—Christ and the Contemporary Music Scene.

Oct. 10—Women in the Church.

Be sure to check with your local television station as to time of broadcast, since these programs may be scheduled at a different time.

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LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (UMI) – The emphasis on both history and the future that was built into the Asbury Bicentennial observance here Sept. 3-5 is depicted by this "circuit rider" and some of the many youth partipants. At left is the Rev. William Quick of Durham, N.C., bicentennial chairman. Dressed as a pioneer preacher is the Rev. Marvin L. Napier of Salem, Tenn. Behind them are members of the folk choir from Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Louisville, Ky., who brightened several phases of the week-end program.

(UMI Photo)

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

At the end of the summer, I cannot resist writing a word about that typically English game of cricket. We have come to the end of the cricket season. And for those of you who possibly have not the faintest idea of what I am talking about, to whom cricket is as strange as baseball is to the average Englishman, perhaps I had better explain a little.

There is a story of an African chief who was taken to Lord's cricket ground in London, the very cathedral of cricket. When he got home he told his people he had seen the greatest piece of magic ever.

On the green grass, he said, there were erected six pieces of wood — three at each end of a twenty-two yard stretch in the middle of the area. Then two men in white coats walked solemnly out, and placed four small pieces of wood on top of them—two at each end. Then eleven men with a red ball ran out, all dressed in white, and began to throw the ball to one another. Finally two more men, attired in white this time with pads on their legs, and with cudgels in their hands walked out . . . and it began to rain.

"And," said the chief "if we could find rainmakers like that we should have the finest crops in the world." Well, it's a story we like to tell because the ritual of cricket is something which many people even in this country find hard to take. The county game, lasting no less than three days seems to belong to another age. But recently we have introduced a new style of cricket—the one-day game for a cup award. The Gilette Cup competition has been won by one of the most famous countysides—Lancashire —this year to accompaniment of crowd scenes more representative of football than the gentle art of cricket.

Many critics have suggested that this one-day game with its forced fast pace might ruin the game. It was, they said, something to spoil the very image of the game. But crowds have appeared like nothing that has been seen for many years. And now it looks as though cricket will have a new image in spite of the English weather next year.

JESUS PEOPLE

The latest invasion from your side of the Atlantic is that of the Jesus people. The Rev. Arthur Blessitt and his family have arrived to bring the hippie message of the Jesus people to Britain. Where once the comparatively sober Salvation Army were seen in the street, Mr. Blessitt intends us to nail together a piece or two of wood for a cross, go out in the streets, and start a pop-revival for Jesus.

Whether he will have any success here it is hard to say. At least one quite violent reaction came from the **London Evening Standard** writer, Janet Street Porter, who says: "I was in the Young Conservative West London quiz team at 11, reading avant-garde poetry with the Young Socialists at 14, squatting with CND at 16, and supporting the Yellow Star movement shortly afterwards. So I'm ripe to be converted to something. But just don't tell me that the prototype love-ins started on the Mount of Olives, and Jesus was the first Man to wear a kaftan. That sounds like a very lukewarm gospel to me."

The point about this pop-opera-using movement is that apparently it has made an appeal to young people in America—I have met Ralph Wilkerson of Melodyland in Los Angeles who works with the Jesus people—and they think that some of the "turned-on" generation may be caught up with this movement in this country.

It may be so, but one of the facts with which we have to come to terms is that whatever the package, the gospel is the same—it means finally the true joy which comes not from freak-outs but from sacrifice and meaningful stewardship of time, money, and talents. If this is not so, then however superficially attractive, the message is not the gospel. It may be a good thing, to be, so to speak "on the side of the angels" but it may not be the gospel.

One of the difficulties is that the world is now being divided into those who accept spiritual values and those who do not. While we need to watch that we do not sit in judgement upon people who claim spiritual values, we also need to know whether what we say when we use the word "Christian" means what other people say when they claim to be of this faith.

UMCOR designates funds for emergency needs

SEATTLE (UMI)—Grants totaling $531,766 for emergency needs in more than 15 countries were voted by the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) at its meeting here Sept. 13-14.

Included in the special grants was $100,000 for East Pakistani refugees and $50,000 for earthquake rehabilitation work in Peru. As a member agency of Church World Service, UMCOR had already sent substantial gifts previously to each of these causes. The recent allocation authorized by the 25-member national committee cover a four-month period from September through December.

The committee voted to phase out small emergency grants to Hungary and Yugoslavia, countries UMCOR has aided for 25 years, because such assistance is no longer needed. UMCOR took action for the first time to assist in an anti-poverty program on the island of Mauritius, where approximately 80 per cent of the work force is unemployed.

Bishop Ralph T. Alton of Madison, Wisconsin, UMCOR chairman, pointed out that, for the first time, the entire One Great Hour of Sharing fund has gone for world relief. As of July 31, $813,286 had been received and leaders expect that, by the end of the fiscal year 1971, the total will approximate a million dollars.

While rejoicing over increased receipts through One Great Hour of Sharing, leaders pointed out that UMCOR no longer shares in the income from World Communion Sunday — a fact that apparently is not yet fully understood across the church.

The Rev. J. Harry Haines, committee executive secretary, said that UMCOR encounters "the constant drumfire of emergency appeals averaging one every 11 or 12 days." He said many of these relatively small appeals can be answered quickly, but the real problem arises "when a small brush fire emerging turns into a wide conflagration and necessitates greater resources than we have in hand."

Referring to the East Pakistan refugee situation, Dr. Haines told the committee: "The world has developed an immunity against statistics. No one knows what eight million refugees look like. UMCOR's job is to sensitize our constituency because the nature of the gospel compels action in compassionate response."

In partial response to some of the world's vast needs, UMCOR voted $294,900 in special grants ranging all the way from aid in such major catastrophic situations as Peru and East Pakistan to the Vietnam Christian Service project and supplemental food and nutrition aid in Ghana.

The committee heard full and comprehensive reports from its treasurer, Gerhard Hennes, and upon his recommendation voted to allocate $214,966 for relief purposes through interdenominational agencies and $21,900 through United Methodist channels in addition to $294,900 voted in special grants to some 15 countries.

Next meeting will be held in Tyler, Texas, Jan. 17-18, and the May 15-16 session is set for Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The group meets three times a year.

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Pension participants to receive increased benefits

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Increased distributions from earnings and realized appreciation to participants in United Methodist pension programs was voted here September 15 by the denomination's General Board of Pensions.

For the past several years, a total of 6 per cent has been credited to the accounts of individuals, conferences, boards and agencies. By this latest action, the distribution will now be increased to 6½ per cent.

The increase will mean distribution of a total of about $13,000,000 to the accounts in 1971.

"These distributions in one way or another either increase pensions, reduce costs, or reduce the unfunded liability of the participating individuals, conferences, boards and agencies," said the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary of the Board of Pensions. Dr. Hoyt said the increased distribution was made possible by a favorable investment and earnings record.

Donald R. McKee, treasurer of the board, reported that as of June 30, market value of all assets managed by the board totaled $337,900,000, and that about $2,000,000 per month is paid to pensioners.

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Revised, enlarged voluntary service program recommended

NEW YORK (UMI) — By the end of 1972, it is likely that 1,000 persons will have served in United Methodist Voluntary Service (UMVS), a thrust of the United Methodist Church's 1968-72 Quadrennial Emphasis, "A New Church for a New World."

That figure is an estimate by UMVS leaders and is in the September "Lend a Hand," occasional progress report issued in New York. UMVS is a major project supported through the Quadrennial Emphasis $20 million Fund for Reconciliation.

Lodged for adminstration in the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, New York, UMVS has finished its third year with 775 persons either having completed a term of service (usually at least 12 months) or presently serving, "Lend a Hand" reports. It points up the program's emphasis on use of indigenous community people, especially those of ethnic and language minorities, as volunteers. Of past or present volunteers, 364, or 46 per cent, are from ethnic minority groups, the progress report says, adding:

"Looking ahead into the fourth year of UMVS, there are plans for relating to at least another 200 persons. It is likely that 1,000 persons will have been in the program during the quadrennium. The innovative approach of UMVS has made this number possible. The traditional concept of voluntary service would have meant the UMVS budget could provide for no more than 100 volunteers per year, or 400 volunteers for the quadrennium. Traditional voluntary service programs also have small percentages of ethnic minority peoples involved."

This recommendation of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee is reported: "Inasmuch as United Methodist Voluntary Service has demonstrated its value and usefulness for ministry and reconciliation during this Quadrennial Emphasis and inasmuch as voluntarism is an increasingly important issue for the nation in the future, we recommend that a voluntary service program built upon the experience of UMVS . . . be planned for the United Methodist Church beginning with the new quadrennium, to be funded at least at the rate of one million dollars per year."

The Rev. Randle B. Dew, UMVS executive secretary, said: "We are not requesting that the present UMVS program be continued, but that a new and enlarged program based upon the UMVS experience become a part of the ministry of our church. Our experience of the past three years reinforces our convictions that a creative relationship with young persons in innovative work initiated by the young is a key to national and world reconciliation."

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1972 General Conference seating of delegates determined

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Delegates from eight states and three countries outside the United States will be on the front row of voting members when the 1972 United Methodist General Conference opens April 16 in Atlanta, Ga.

Seating for the even 1,000 delegates was determined here September 15 in a drawing conducted by Dr. J. Wesley Hole of Los Angeles, Calif., secretary of the denomination's top lawmaking body.

First drawn of the 114 conferences to be seated in the assembly was the Mindanao Conference of the Baguio Area in the Philippines Central Conference. Next in order drawn were the South Dakota and Oklahoma conferences.

It was also determined that in 1972 the first two rows in the Atlanta Civic Center will be reserved for members of the Council of Secretaries, representatives of the affiliated autonomous churches and the provisional annual conferences outside the United States, and jurisdictional conference secretaries.

Voting delegates from Mindanao, South Dakota, New Hampshire, Northern New Jersey, Denmark, Oklahoma, West Michigan, Southern Illinois, Wyoming, Georgia and North Georgia and Czechoslovakia conferences will occupy the third row. Fanning out behind them will be the remainder of the delegates.

For the delegates elected by the Georgia and West Michigan conferences, the favored position will be a repeat of their location in the 1970 General Conference session in St. Louis.

Less fortunate in the draw this year were New York, Minnesota and Louisville conference delegates. Among those on the front row in 1970, they will join delegates from Iowa and Detroit conferences and four from the British Methodist Church at the rear of the Atlanta auditorium.

Presence of the four delegates from Britain will mark a first in the General Conference. Under legislation initiated in 1968, the United Methodist and British Methodist churches now exchange voting members in their top legislative bodies.

The addition of the four Britons brings to exactly 1,000 the number of delegates, the maximum permitted by church law, Dr. Hole said.

RETIREMENT OF FOUR UNITED METHODIST AGENCY EXECUTIVES ANNOUNCED

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Retirement plans for four executives of United Methodist general agencies here have been announced.

William B. McPherson, assistant general secretary of the Board of the Laity for the Section on Lay Ministries, retired in early September. A school administrator for many years, Mr. McPherson joined the board staff in 1962.

Retiring within the next few months will be three staff members of the General Board of Pensions, the Revs. Versile D. Bentley, Edge W. Gamble and W. Henry Shillington.

Mr. Bentley, a native of Michigan, has been with the pensions staff since 1961. He will retire December 1, but continue in board employment until after the 1972 annual conferences.

Mr. Gamble's retirement is effective November 1, but he also will continue to do some work for the board. He came to the pensions staff in 1956 from the Louisville (Ky.) Conference.

Mr. Shillington will retire early in 1972 and become business manager of the Evanston Ecumenical Action Council. A native of Massachusetts, he came to the Board of Pensions in 1959 after pastorates in New England and councils of churches executive posts in Ohio and Chicago, Ill.

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The action of the World Methodist Council condemning anti-Semitism and supporting the moral and human rights of 3,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union has been "welcomed with appreciation" by the American Jewish Committee.

The youths shown here—all members of the Raymond United Methodist Church—have been elected to offices at McNeese State University, at Lake Charles. FROM LEFT: Pam Compton, elected a senator; Bobby Marshall, vice-president and Kathy Jester, secretary-treasurer of the Wesley Foundation. The Rev. Leland D. Wade is pastor at Raymond.

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PROJECT EQUALITY

ized only small gains. In September 1966, the U.S. Department of Labor noted that 'the ratio of Negro to white unemployment continues at 2.4 to 1, a considerable rise from the 2 to 1 ratio which has been prevalent in recent years.' "(2)

"Project Equality has become one affirmative private effort—an ecumenical nation wide program in which major religious faiths have banded together to work for equal employment in a unique program. It is a vigorous approach; its impact has been strongly felt; it does get results.

"In one major midwestern city Project Equality claims to have opened up 550 new jobs for minority group employees during 1967. In another city Project Equality employers hired 1,373 minority-group members out of 1,628 new employees in one year."(3)

"Estimates of church spending for goods and services run into billions of dollars. It is said that U.S. churches are second only to the government in the amount of money they spend annually. Project Equality is based on the premise that by spending this money morally the churches can exert a significant impact on institutional racism.

HOW IT OPERATES

Religious denominational bodies in a city, region or state agree to purchase goods and services where possible from firms offering equal opportunity in all aspects of employment. The affiliated churches, parishes, synagogues and institutions then send to their suppliers a commitment form asking their suppliers to pledge that:

1. They will maintain policies that will promote equal employment.
2. The policies will be communicated throughout the company and to the public at large, particularly the minority community.
3. Affirmative steps will be taken to recruit and hire minority-group persons.
4. Statistics on minority group employment—broken down by job classification will be provided to the local Project Equality office.
5. On request, the firm will participate in discussions with Project Equality employment specialist in an effort to assess and upgrade, where needed, its fair employment practices.

Upon receipt of the signed commitment form, Project Equality sends the supplier a report form (similar to that required by the Federal Government) requesting a head-count of minority-group employees and a breakdown by job classification. The report form also asks the supplier to describe his equal-employment opportunity program and to outline the steps he plans to take to fulfill it in the coming year.

When a supplier has filed his report form with Project Equality, he becomes eligible to appear in the P. E. Buyer's Guide. The guide is an annual published list of cooperating suppliers. All churches, synagogues and institutions participating in Project Equality use it to guide their purchasing by favoring those suppliers whose names appear. Finally a compliance reviewer will meet with the supplier to assess his personnel situation and offer aid in upgrading minority employment.

Through this basic program—one which helps religious organizations spend their money in a moral manner—the churches are involved in a vigorous program to eliminate job discrimination.

(1) United Methodist Health and Welfare News, June, 1970.
(2) Lee Rank, The Interpreter, July-August, 1969.
(3) Ibid.

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From small beginning to waiting list

Eleven years ago—in September of 1960 — the First United Methodist Church Pre-School and Day Care Center in Lake Charles opened its doors with an enrollment of 18 children, six of whom stayed all day. Today, 91 children are enrolled, forty of whom are involved in the day care program under the direction of the original director, Mrs. George Moriarty, who also serves as a kindergarten teacher.

Assisting Mrs. Moriarty are five teachers, a secretary-treasurer, and four attendants. Activities begin at the school and center as early as 7:30 a.m. when the children of working parents arrive. The children are greeted by two attendants who begin supervision of play in what is called "the early room." At 8:30 a.m. the children go to their respective school rooms to begin nursery and kindergarten activities which last until 11:45 a.m.

A hot lunch is served children staying all day, followed by a two-hour rest period. A mid-afternoon snack of juice, crackers and cookies is provided.

According to Mrs. Moriarty, the nursery program is geared to the three and four-year-old child giving him a well-rounded curriculum which includes music, dramatic play, art, social studies and other topics of interest and value to his age level.

The kindergarten class for children who will begin school next year, offers reading readiness, science and numerous activities correlated with the holidays. Activities are carried out in six schoolrooms—two for three-year-olds, three for four-year-olds and one for five-year-olds. Each room is well-lighted with a carefully planned learning environment.

Mrs. Moriarty stated that the aim of the school is to provide each child with happy surroundings, loving care and a feeling of security that will foster Christian growth and development and emotional stability.

To be eligible to attend the school and/or day care center, children must be three years of age before Jan. 1 of the school year or not older than six years of age. Parents who desire day care may enroll their child and specify the hours child care will be needed.

Today, as has been true for the past four years, the center has a capacity enrollment—and a waiting list.

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Mission accomplished at Broken Arrow

Twenty-ane yauths (shawn abave) fram Centenary Church, Franklintan, accompanied by three counselors and Summer Yauth Director, Charles Simmons, traveled by bus ta Braken Arrow, Okla. ta participate in a summer work camp. The Rev. Lee Chupca, district superintendent in the Oklahama Indian Mission Canference, makes arrangements far the wark camps in his district and his wark is supported by the Franklintan Centenary and Fisher United Methadist churches.

The team effort af the young falk from Centenary Church resulted in the painting of the exteriar of Broken Arraw Indian Missian in record time.

The newly-laid cancrete slab will be used far a recreational area at the Missian.

AT LEFT: Left ta right– Susan Brawn, Marsha Jenkins, Debra Brawn, (counselar) and Hally Greer share respansibility of caaking-clean up detail.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Lavan Welch, Chuck Simmans (yauth director), Ben Garrett, Breaux Tageant and David Brawn make certain the tile they are cutting will be the carrect dimensian ta finish the floar cavering far Fellowship Hall at Braken Arraw Indian Missian.

"QUOTES"

"It is essential to remember that, from the context of our Christian heritage, it is clear that we must live with a 'vertical line' to God, as well as to live in a world that has the horizontal line of man's politics. This vertical line to the will of God must be lived by even in defiance of the polarity that disidents have too often tried to thrust upon us." –Rev. Dr. Russell R. Robinson, Southern California-Arizona Conference, United Methodist Church.

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"I think it is a springtime of the Church and somehow there will soon, be in her midst, surprising the bishops and the left, a new tribe of novelists, poets, theologians (they are already around), bishops, philosophers and politicians who will make the Church sane and whole again, or perhaps make the Church sane and whole for the first time since Pentecost."—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York Conference, United Methodist Church.

The young falk af Saint Paul United Methadist Church in Shrevepart, alang with church schaol teachers, recently went by bus on an educational taur which included stops at United Methodist institutians. Here, several members of the party are shown with children at Sager Brawn School.

Members af Saint Paul Church, Shreveport, shown after visit at Lafan Hame, as they prepare ta embark for Pantchartrain Beach. The graup was conducted an a taur af Peaple's Community Center during the day's auting. The Rev. Abraham E. Davis is the minister at Saint Paul's Church.

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LSU Presbyterian, Methodist campus ministries unite

The United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. have united their campus ministries at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. The new ministry, whose official name is, "The Uniting Campus Ministry," will be based in the former Wesley Foundation building on East Chimes Street.

The merger results from five months of discussion and planning by the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors and the University Presbyterian Church Campus Christian Life Committee. The plan for a united ministry has been approved by the responsible authorities of the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. Agencies of each denomination and local churches will contribute funds for the operation of the new united ministry.

A director for the united ministry is currently being sought. Meanwhile, the program is continuing under student leadership with guidance from the new Board of Directors for the united ministry. All LSU students are invited to participate in the activities of this ministry.

The Chairman of the new Board of Directors is Mrs. Earl Redding, formerly Chairman of the Wesley Foundation Board, Vice-chairman is Dr. David E. Haskins who is chairman of the University Presbyterian Church Campus Christian Life Committee. Other Board members are appointed by the United Methodist and Presbyterian, U.S. Churches. The Board also includes some LSU students.

The members of the united ministry Board are enthusiastic about the possibilities for the new campus ministry. They see in this merger a basis for an even more united declaration of the Gospel on campus.

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■ February 13-16 Mardi Gras period

Board of Education plans "Young Adult Weekend"

As part of a series of special "Young Adult Weekend" events, the General Board of Education is planning such a happening during the Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans, to take place Feb. 13-16. This is one of four such events planned between now and next summer.

Some 50 young adults are expected to take part. The basic thrust of the Mardi Gras event will be a laboratory for a seminar on the dynamics of mass celebration, according to the Rev. Don Cottrill, Young Adult Ministries director on the Program Council Staff. The Rev. Lander Beal, director of Young Adult Ministries at the general Board of Education in Nashville, asked that the Louisiana Conference co-sponsor the Mardi Gras weekend and design a program of interest to young adults.

The participants will be given ample free time to explore and participate in Mardi Gras. The seminar will also provide them with input in such areas as the psychological, theological and political implications as well as time to reflect on their own reactions to the experience.

Any young adult who is interested, may obtain information from the Rev. Lander Beal, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202, or the Rev. Don Cottrill, P.O. Box 4325, Shreveport, 71104.

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Planning session for Young Adult Study Seminar to be held during the Mardi Gras season in New Orleans. FROM LEFT: the Rev. Lander Beal of General Board of Education, sponsors of event; Dr. Russell Pregeant; Barney Wright, US-2 at St. Mark's; the Rev. Raymond Nash, and Mrs. Susie Graham.

Hereford Board of Laity representative to Louisiana

John Hereford, business manager of the General Board of the Laity of the United Methodist Church with offices in Evanston, Illinois, has been assigned as staff repreSCntative to the Louisiana Conference, according to an announcement made recently by Dr. David W. Self, General Secretary.

Dr. Sclf said, "In an cffort to assure more effective and widespread service to the annual conference leadership served by the General Board of the Laity, we arc assigning staff members as contact or liaison persons to specific conferences. Each conference in the United States will have a person from our staff that has the responsibility of seeing that the services of the Board are known, understood and utilized if possible."

Mr. Hereford formerly served as an associate director of the Program Council in the field of Lay Activities. He retains membership in the Henning United Methodist Church in Sulphur, Louisiana, and two years ago was consecrated as a Lay Worker in the United Methodist Church. He is married and has two children.

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CHRISTMAS MONEY AVAILABLE FROM LAMECO

The Rev. James Poole, chairman of LAMECO, the Louisiana Conference Credit Union, announces that there are now funds available for making loans for Christmas needs. For full information, contact LAMECO, P. O. Box 5473, Shreveport, La. 71105. †

Latin American report before annual Board of Missions meeting

NEW YORK (UMI) — Issues related to the role of the missionary, a Reformation Sunday service based around "people in mission," and Latin America issues are on the agenda for the United Methodist Board of Missions at its 1971 annual meeting Oct. 21-30 at the Hotel Leamington in Minneapolis. About 500 persons are expected to attend.

The Board has about 1,150 missionaries at work in Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America. There are more than 2,000 deaconesses, home missionaries and other mission workers in the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Meeting concurrently with, and before, sessions of the full Board of Missions will be its five major units: Women's Division, National Division, World Division, Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.

President of the 145-member Board is Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, episcopal leader of the United Methodist Church's New York Area. The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, is general secretary.

Opening session for the Board — and one to which all United Methodists and the general public in the Twin Cities area are invited—will be Sunday evening, Oct. 24. It will be a Reformation Sunday service starting at 8 p.m. at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. The service is to be based around the general theme of "people in mission" and is being planned by the Board's missionary personnel staff. Among scheduled features:

A presentation by Bishop Wicke, including a review of the Board's work in the first three years of the 1968-72 quadrennium and an assessment of "where we are now"; a commissioning service for new United Methodist missionaries and deaconesses, led by Bishop Wicke; recognition of various other "people in mission" related to the Board, such as already-commissioned missionaries and deaconesses, and Twin Cities workers in the United Methodist Voluntary Service program; a "Cantata of Peace," newly composed by Dr. Daniel Moe of the University of Iowa music faculty and featuring statements from Saint Francis of Assisi as well as imprisoned Roman Catholic priests Daniel and Philip Berrigan.

On the business agenda, and for particular consideration by the World Division, say Board leaders, are reports of two major task forces that have been at work for two years. One is the Latin America Task Force report, which is expected to deal comprehensively with U.S.-Latin American issues, secular and church, some currently in the news. The task force comprises not only Board members and executive staff but also Latin American churchmen, Roman Catholic and Protestant, pastors and laymen, and leaders in the Hispanic-American community in the U.S., Board leaders point out.

The other task force report is on a "Study of the Continuing Involvement of Missionaries Overseas." The report is expected to focus on the role of the missionary today, and it is said to include new data on missionary and national churchmen's attitudes, and depth studies from several parts of the world. The task force is composed of Board members, executive staff, missionaries and overseas church leaders.

Budgets for the Board and its units for 1972 will be major agenda items, and with them determination of program and fiscal priorities for the coming year. Board officials say financial decisions will be made against a background of continued apparent decline in income affecting many church agencies, and Board budgets are expected to be under 1971.

Among other probable agenda items are: reports and possible action on

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New audio-visual resource available at Conference office

"IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK" . . . a 35 minute, 16mm color movie of an Australian Methodist Youth Rock Festival.

This film is a study of a contemporary innovation, the rock festival. This particular festival has a new twist in that it is centered around the Christian gospel. The participants, both Christians and non-Christians, are involved in an experience of rock music, discussions on contemporary issues, and sharing of religious experiences in a large gathering of other persons.

This film could be used best in a situation in which discussion would follow the viewing. Such discussion could be centered around rock music and its meaning, mass gatherings, evangelism with youth, and even the "whole bag" of the new culture. It could be utilized effectively with either youth, young adults and adults or a combination of any of these.

To reserve this for your church, write to Conference Audio-Visual Library, P.O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104.

—Donald C. Cottrill,
Associate Director for Youth

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OLIPHINT ON REGIONAL CONVOCATIONS PLANNING STAFF

Dr. Ben Oliphint, pastor of University United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, has been invited to be a member of the Planning Staff for Regional Convocations on Christian Education to be held in 1973. The Convocations will be planned and carried out by representatives from the Annual Conference Boards of Education and the General Board of Education. The first meeting of the group was held Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Nashville, Tenn.

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Donald Clayton (above) of Lafayette has recently returned with his family after completing a 15-month assignment in Port Elizabeth, Union of South Africa. Clayton, a district engineer with Superior Oil Company, recently showed some 150 colored slides of African life and culture at a supper meeting of the Lake Arthur Wesleyan Service Guild, at which the Jennings WSG and WSCS were guests. Members of the speaker's family (also guests) are shown here. They are: his son John; mother, Mrs. Dewey Clayton of Lake Arthur; wife and daughters, Gethyn and Ann. The Rev. Lester Nance is pastor at Lake Arthur.

Representatives of United Methodist Men's Club of Golden Meadow Church present check in the amount of $200 to the Rev. Kenneth McDowell, Lafayette District superintendent, to be used for ministerial education. FROM LEFT: Vernon Brumfield, Jason Griffin and Superintendent McDowell.

Jurisdictional reorganization proposed

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMI)—A preliminary proposal calling for the elimination of all program boards of the South Central Jurisdiction will be released soon, according to a report at the recent meeting of the Jurisdictional Council.

According to the Rev. S. Duane Bruce, Lubbock, Tex., chairman of the special Ad Hoc Structure Committee, the preliminary draft to be mailed soon to Jurisdictional leaders for comments and suggestions, calls for the abolition of all jurisdictional boards and agencies. There would be a representative Jurisdictional Program Council and an Administrative Council.

The plan has not been finalized and suggestions are being requested by the committee before it meets again May 10, 1972. The final proposal will be presented to the quadrennial Jurisdictional Conference meetings in Houston next July.

In other action the Jurisdictional Council, headed by Dr. Alva H. Clark, Omaha, Nebr., approved general plans for 1972 Jurisdictional leadership training events. Proposals for these events came through the Committee on Coordination, Research and Planning headed by Dr. Sidney Roberts, Dallas, Tex.

Because of expense and distance, Dr. Roberts said the Committee is strongly supporting regional training events as well as those held at Mt. Sequoyah.

The Rev. Robert Robertson, Dallas, Tex., chairman of the jurisdictional Communications Committee, reported that the Rev. Dr. William A. Holmes, pastor of University United Methodist Church, Austin, Tex., will be the radio preacher for the 1972 series of the Protestant Hour.

Representatives from several United Methodist institutions within the Jurisdiction also spoke before the Council. These included the Rev. Noe Gonzales, president of Lydia Patterson Institute; Bishop Paul V. Galloway, president of the board of Mt. Sequoyah Assembly; Dr. Don Holter, president of St. Paul School of Theology; and Dr. J. D. Quillian, Jr., dean of Perkins School of Theology.

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SIXTH LOUISIANA YOUTH UM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Gary Robertson of Ruston, La., is the recipient of a United Methodist Scholarship, according to an announcement received from the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church. Robertson is a student at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.

An earlier announcement from the Division of Higher Education had listed five other young persons from Louisiana who have been awarded similar scholarship grants for undergraduate work.

UMCYM chooses four priorities

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A "statement of purpose" calling for greater participation by youth in the Unitcd Methodist Church has been released here by the denomination's Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM).

The statement notes that the UMCYM has chosen four priorities to receive "the major portion of the council's energies and resources"—minority empowerment, draft education and resistance to militarism, reconciliation of value systems and life styles, and hunger, over-population, and environmental stewardship.

At a session in Denver, Colo., this summer, the UMCYM re-affirmed an earlier decision that income from the Youth Service Fund would be used primarily to support work in the priority areas, even at the cost of staff and other administrative needs.

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DOMINIC A. ALBANO

Dominic A. Albano, 50, director of personnel for Jefferson Parish and a lay leader and adult teacher at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Metairie, died in a New Orleans hospital, Sept. 20 after a lengthy illness.

The funeral service was held at St. Matthew's Church on Sept. 22 with the Rev. James L. Stovall, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Garden of Memories.

Mr. Albano, a native of New Orleans, was former chairman of the 14-state Southern Region of the International Public Personnel Association, past president of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, a member of Pi Sigmi Alpha, honorary academic fraternity in political science, and Pi Kappa Delta, academic forensic society.

In 1969 he received the Charles Dunbar Career Service Award of the Louisiana Civil Service League.

He held a master's degree in political science from Tulane University.

He had served the Methodist Church as an associate lay leader of the Board of Laity of the New Orleans District, as a member of the executive committee of the Board of Missions of the New Orleans District and as a lay member of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Survivors include his widow, Selita Moore Albano; three daughters, Gail, Karen and Laureen Albano; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Albano; and a sister, Gloria Caldarera.

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MRS. C. F. GOLDTHWAIT

Mrs. Charles F. Goldthwait died on Sept. 27, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh. She is survived by her husband, 2112 Ridge Road, Raleigh, N.C., and by two sons. Former residents of New Orleans, the Goldthwaits were active in St. Luke United Methodist Church. Mrs. Goldthwait had served as president of Church Women United in Louisiana.

Editorial

GOD, MAN AND EARTH

At a service club a few days ago the word "ecology" was brought into the conversation and a man at the table said, "I wish someone would define that word for me." We made a bold attempt to define it as "a balance between the forces of nature." That same day we received a new little book from The Upper Room entitled **God, Man and Earth,** and have found it to be the sort of thing we wish we could have had in our pocket to hand to our friend at the service club.

Written by Dr. Norman W. Clemens, pastor of Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Baltimore, this is the first in a new series of publications called "The Jesus Comes Today Series." As it points out, "Ecology has become almost overnight, everybody's issue." Small enough to fit into your shirt pocket, very readable in print style and format, this initial publication of a new series promises to apply the teachings of Jesus to the complex questions of our time and to furnish us with a tool for dealing with the gap which some feel divides Christians today.

May we share with you some of the contents of this first in the "Jesus Comes Today Series?"

"Our marvelous technology has created so many things to be used and thrown away, that pollution of the air, land and water seems inevitable. Former Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, sums up our dilemma: 'America today stands on a pinnacle of wealth and power, yet we live in a land of vanishing beauty, of increasing ugliness, of shrinking open space, and of overall environment that is diminished daily by pollution and noise and blight.'"

The author then raises the question of the relationship between such problems and the Christian faith. He contends that theology has something to say about the solution of the environmental problems. He said: "I see an intimate relationship between ecology and theology. God, man and the earth—these form a trilogy of interrelationship, and the understanding of these relationships is the key to the solution of our current crisis."

The writer affirms that there are four biblical principles which are pertinent to this contemporary issue—stewardship, partnership, interrelationship and citizenship. As Christians "we have a vocation given by God to take care of the earth on which we live . . . It is time that we gave the earth some tender loving care." He tells us that this is where ecology meets theology, because one's belief in God profoundly affects his ethics. "The principle of stewardship, thus applied, means to conserve natural resources, to maintain the balance of life. Man's right to use, to consume, to reproduce must be in balance with the needs of the rest of creation."

The concept of partnership goes beyond stewardship in affirming that man works with God, rather than simply for God. This principle was clearly stated by Paul, "We are laborers together with God." He said, "In our industrial and technological age we have largely lost sight of this principle of partnership, both with God and with nature."

The third principle is that of interrelationship. Ecology is rapidly calling this to our attention. Our very existence depends on how we treat the life of nature around us. "It is all interrelated. Our water supply, without which we cannot live, depends upon the forests high in the watershed. The water that we use for our homes and our industries must later be returned to the rivers, etc." In a most significant statement, Dr. Clemens said: "A broadened interpretation of Christian theology supports ecology in affirming the principle of interrelationship in dealing with our environment."

Christians have long recognized that responsible citizenship is one of the demands of their faith. "The problems we face are not only ecological problems. They are economic, social, and religious problems as well because they have to do with human attitudes, personal value systems, and public priorities."

Having so clearly established the fact that a consideration of ecological problems is a legitimate concern of contemporary Christians, the author then moves on to tell us what we can do about them. He said, "We must become communicators, motivators and personal participators in the preserving of our environment." We need to acquaint ourselves with some of the steps being taken and motivate decision makers to lead out in those next steps that are most apparent for our own localities.

This book speaks of an important part of our Christian witness. It leads us to presume that we can have a share in helping "Jesus come today."

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the Editor's Corner

CHAPLAINS' OBJECTIVES FOR THE 1970's

In a recent newsletter, Army Chief of Chaplains (Maj.-Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt gives additional evidence that he intends to challenge those who serve with him to understand the wide range of possibilities their ministry affords them.

Chaplain Hyatt pointed out that the objectives he is suggesting are intended to give opportunity for innovation and for variety.

The guidelines cover five areas:

Under "religious activities," the chief of chaplains states he aims to "provide a variety of religious activities designed to encourage individual and social change within the military community in order that people may more fully express their individual identity, achieve group cohesiveness and be a witness to God." Included under this heading are diversity of religious services and worship forms, ecumenical activities and the "professional team" concept under which the commanding officer, the chaplain, medical and social elements may be seen to serve the needs of the "whole man."

Also encouraged are specific programs to encourage lay leadership within congregations, organizations and communities, and ways to increase the scope of the religious education program "to include such things as experimental approaches in religious education schools, the development of creative programs in such areas as coffee house ministries and the use of religious drama, dance, music, etc."

Under the ruberic of "Personnel Operations and Manpower," the army chaplains are urged to "enhance the harmonious relationships existing with denominational endorsing agencies, encourage their assistance in placing retirees/resignees in civilian pastoral positions, and invite good will toward the chaplaincy as a ministry."

Chaplain Hyatt also calls on the ministers under him to use imagination in thinking of "greater flexibility in design and construction at chapels."

We continue to be excited about this man's ideas.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Presbyterian and Reformed church missionaries in Mexico plan to leave that country by the end of 1972 when the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico becomes autonomous. Following a three-day retreat at Cuernavaca, 25 missionaries notified their sponsoring denominations in New York that the Mexican Church's autonomy, coming at the centennial celebration of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico, would be an "exciting time of new responsibilities and new challenges." "All of us now feel that Christ has established his church in Mexico, and that the Holy Spirit is working through her," said a statement from the missionaries.

In the immediate aftermath of the Attica prison rebellion, the N.Y. State Council of Churches sent a letter to Protestant Church leaders of the state declaring that it would not be "helpful at this point" either to condemn or defend actions of prisoners or state officials. The Rev. Robert T. Cobb, director of institutional ministries, said "We are collecting the evidence on which to base a responsible statement." He went on to say, however, that the events at Attica were "symptomatic of the underlying problems within penal institutions and that the Council was urging New York State to "push ahead" with penal reforms.

Jewish leaders from throughout the nation gathered in New York last week for a hastily-called one-day conference on religious and political challenges to continued Israeli control of Jerusalem. The Synagogue Council of America which embraces Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregational and rabbinical bodies, called the conference out of concern over such religious pressures as the Vatican's call for internationalization of Jerusalem, as well as an upcoming meeting of the United Nations Security Council called by Jordan to deal with the city's status. Rabbi Irving Lehrman, president of the Council, announced that he had sent invitations to Protestant, Catholic and Muslim leaders to participate in a conference on the associations of the respective religious groups with Jerusalem.

Anglican worshippers may soon be calling God "You" instead of "Thou" as they have done for for centuries. A new Order for Holy Communion has been issued in London in updated language. Released by the Church of England's 22-member Liturgical Commission, the liturgy in which contemporary idioms prevail is scheduled for debate in November at the General Synod. The "Thou form" — a highly intimate mode of address in the 16th Century — has become generally obsolete. In the newest translation the Lord's Prayer would begin: "Our Father in heaven, holy be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done . . ."

Dr. Thomas C. Campbell, has been named president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, an institution affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Campbell, a UCC clergyman, was a professor of church and community at Yale University before accepting the new post. CTS is said to be the oldest institution of higher education in Chicago. Chartered in 1855, the school which is non-denominational in its curriculum, is located on the campus of what is now the University of Chicago.

"The present trend in America seems to be an overemphasis upon the things that are wrong within the nation," said Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, recently re-elected to the presidency of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., for his 19th term. "It is true that self-criticism up to a point is wholesome for individuals and groups," Jackson continued, and added, "it is also good for a nation. The recognition of the errors and evils of a social order can be beneficial if these negatives are not over-emphasized."

"My Lai merits lengthy coverage in the U.S. press, but the world outside Vietnam seemingly takes little notice of continual and persistent rape of South Vietnam's villages and hamlets by the Communists," Southern Baptist Missionary Rondal D. Merrell, Sr. wrote his mission board in Richmond, Va. The Saigon-based missionary said "newspapers in Vietnam rarely miss a day printing a column listing the murder of civilians attributed to an enemy terrorist activity."

Dr. Cecil Northcott, religion correspondent for the London Daily Telegraph and a well-known Churchman, reported that Methodists, who have already approved union with the Church of England, will study the Anglican-Roman Catholic statement on the meaning of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). (Methodism split off from Anglicanism in the 18th Century; the church of England left the Catholic Church in the 16th Century.) Anglicans of the so-called "Anglo-Catholic" tradition remain close to the Roman Catholic doctrine of the "real presence" of Christ in the sacrament. The Anglican-Methodist scheme of union describes the sacrament as a "sign, and an occasion, and a means, of the saving presence of Jesus Christ with his faithful people . . ."

The Israeli Museum in Jerusalem has obtained a copy of a rare cuneiform record inscribed around the year 700 B.C., telling the story of an attack on Palestine by the Assyrian King Sennacherib. The valuable object, a six-sided prism of clay, was long held by an Armenian collector until its recent sale at an auction in London. Two other copies are known to exist — one in the British Museum and another in the Oriental Institute of Research in Chicago. The text has been available in English since at least 1926. (The Sennacherib story is told in the book of II Kings in the Old Testament).

World leaders of the Salvation Army holding their international Commissioners' Conference in Ocean City, N.J. in a policy document condemned the spread of drug addiction, illicit sex and pornography and said, "Whilst condemning the sin, we must continue to love the sinner and intensify our efforts on behalf of the victims of these evils, bringing them into a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior." Army leaders proposed an international disaster network with an around-the-world "hotline" to enable quick, efficient response to world crises.

More than two decades ago, the famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright drew up plans for the construction of a chapel on the campus of a proposed Southwest Christian Seminary on an 80-acre tract north of Glendale, Ariz. The project was subsequently scuttled and the plans laid aside. First Christian Church of Phoenix organized in 1952 has decided to use the Wright plans, recently updated by William Wesley Peters, head of Taliesin Associated Architects — and husband of the former Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin. Architecturally, the building plan is said to show a strong Indonesian influence. One of the striking features will be a slender spire with "Sawtooth" sides; another will be the pulpit mounted on a hydraulic lift which as occasion demands can be dropped below the chancel floor level. A turquoise-color carpet will rise as a continuous fabric, from the floor over the pew seat, then up and down its back to the floor of the next pew aisle (eliminating the cost of expensive hardwood for the pews).

Pope Paul has given Duke University (Durham, N.C.) a facsimile copy of the Codex Vaticanus, a Fourth Century Greek manuscript of the Old and New Testaments. The Codex will be kept in the rare book room of the Methodist school's library where it will be available to scholars. The ancient manuscript is one of the most complete copies of the scriptures dating from the early days of Christianity.

Women and girls will be accepted as members of Britain's Young Men's Christian Assn. for the first time in its 127-year history. The conference also reaffirmed the YMCA's role as a Christian movement by rejection of a national commission's recommendation that the association drop the word "Christian" from its title.

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IRVING, Texas – Former President Lyndon B. Johnson (left) chats with evangelist Billy Graham on the speakers' platform shortly before the evangelist addressed the Greater Southwest Billy Graham Crusade at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were among dignitaries attending the Crusade. (RNS Photo)

FROM LEFT: the Rev. W. O. Lynch, Mrs. Lynch, the Rev. W. R. Wendt, the Rev. James Beasley, Mrs. Beasley, Mrs. Nolan and the Rev. W. E. Nolan.

Four ministers honored at Lakeview

Lakeview Church, Shreveport, observed Ministry Sunday, Sept. 19, by honoring their minister, the Rev. W. E. Nolan and his wife, Barbara, and also the three retired ministers and their wives who attend Lakeview. Orchid corsages were pinned on all of the wives and boutonnieres on the men. A brief sketch of the ministry of each of the retired preachers was given.

The Rev. James Beasley entered the ministry in 1930 in his hometown, Hazelhurst, Miss. One of the high points in his ministry was serving three years in the South Pacific during the war. Mr. Beasley helped with the planning and building of Lakeview and was its first minister.

The Rev. W. R. Wendt began his ministry as a student in Perryville, Missouri in October, 1922. While he was minister of the First Methodist Church in New Iberia his Sunday morning service was on radio each week and he had two short programs during the week. He was minister at Wynn Memorial, Shreveport, before his retirement.

The Rev. W. O. Lynch was in the ministry for 43½ years. He began in Birmingham, Ala. in 1919. He with Mrs. Lynch came to the Louisiana Conference in 1935. He has been retired for eight years. Lynch was a minister at Park Avenue Church from which Lakeview originated.

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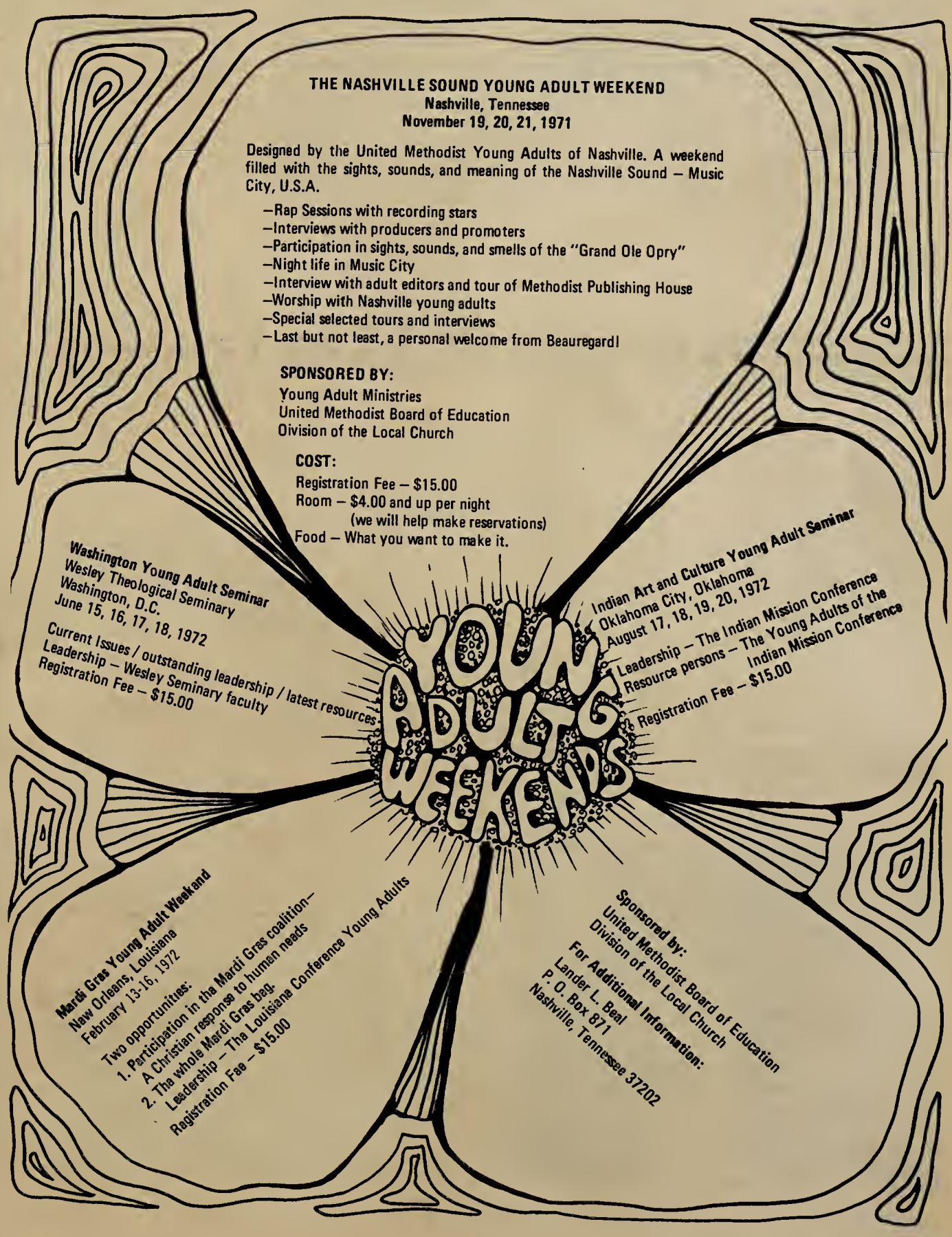
Senior high production staff for new church newspoper at Wesley United Methodist Church, Sulphur. A "name the paper" contest is in progress; the winner will receive a year's subscription free. The first issue wos delivered the morning of Oct. 3. The Rev. Walter Clarke is pastor.

The Rev. Robert Townsend, director of Wesley Foundation ot McNeese State University, Lake Chorles, was guest speoker for the recent Iowa United Methodist Church picnic and vespers held ot Lake Chorles District Camp.



NEWS and NOTES

MISS DOROTHEA PFEIFFER left in her will a gift of $4,000.00 to the Napoleon Avenue United Methodist Church in New Orleans. The Rev. D. W. Poole is pastor.

SEVIER MEMORIAL CHURCH of Ferriday plans a Lay Witness Mission for the weekend of October 15-17. The Rev. Arthur M. Baker is the pastor.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS of Trinity Church, Alexandria, had 29 members and guests present to enjoy the barbecued chicken and home-baked bread of the E. B. Raleys at the September social. The Rev. Dave Corley is pastor.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION in Marksville, October 22, 23 and 24, will involve the Baptist, Nazarene, and United Methodist Churches. A Roman Catholic Bible study group will also participate. John Tubb of Pineville will be the coordinator. The Rev. John M. Lee is the pastor of the Marksville United Methodist Church.

DAN UNDERWOOD, director of the physical fitness program in Asbury Church, Lafayette, has inaugurated a Saturday morning gym program for children of first, second and third grades from 9-10:15 a.m., and for those from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Skating classes are held twice a month.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT Camp near Kinder was the setting for an outing by 47 young people and 21 adults from Vinton United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19. The group enjoyed recreation and fellowship at the new camp facilities and held a brief worship service before returning to Vinton. The minister, the Rev. W. W. Bevill, said that the church hopes to do this again in the spring.

JOE L. ROUNDTREE, JR., from the Ingleside United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, was the guest preacher on September 26, at the St. Francisville and Tunica United Methodist Churches, of which the Rev. Jesse L. Means, Jr. is pastor.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS in the Haynesville Church recently were Dr. Paul D. Ware speaking on the Problems of Drug Abuse, September 9, and Dudley Snow of Shreveport, speaking on the Problems of Alcohol, September 23. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor.

THE WELSH UNITED Methodist Church held Laymen's Day on October 3. Hubert Blanchard of Sulphur, lay leader of the Lake Charles District, was the guest speaker. The Rev. Bob Lawton is pastor.

TWO YOUNG MEN have been added to the staff of Trinity Church, Ruston, to work with youth on a part-time basis. James Goudey, graduate student in botany at Tech, will be director of senior high students. Richard Cain, son of the Rev. Ralph Cain, district superintendent, will be director of junior high students. They will be working with the Rev. Merlin Merrill.

BOB NEWCOMER of Monroe was the coordinator for the Lay Witness Mission held in the Columbia United Methodist Church the weekend of September 17-19. Host pastor was the Rev. Edwin House, Jr.

TEACHER APPRECIATION Family Night at First Church, Pineville, featured Dr. Woodrow Hearne, Program Council director, as guest speaker. The Rev. Richard Walton is pastor and Mrs. Wayne Fallin is educational assistant at Pineville.

MRS. MAURICE FARRON became the educational assistant of First United Methodist Church, Slidell, on Oct. 1. She served last year on the faculty of the kindergarten of that church. She is a graduate of Huntington College and worked at one time on the public relations staff of Scarrit College.

Jim Pichoff, at left, chairman of the Oak Grove Administrative Board, recently presented a plaque to the Rev. Fred Schwendimann as Mrs. Schwendimann looks on. Oak Grove Church members honored their pastor at a "Fred Schwendimann Day."

THE XYZ CLUB of Alexandria's First United Methodist Church marked the sixth anniversary of its organization in September. Members invited everyone to see their Hobby and Art display last week.

L. L. HINES, a member of Ingleside Church, Baton Rouge, was guest speaker on Laymen's Day in the Live Oak United Methodist Church. The Rev. Albert A. Collins was host pastor.

CHILDREN OF CADDO HEIGHTS Church, Shreveport, have been enjoying a sharing time on Sunday mornings since last April. They have gone into the assembly room the last 15 minutes of the church school hour for a period of singing, saying Bible verses, and talking about their class experiences. On a recent Sunday these children presented an early morning service for their parents and friends. Later, the group presented the service in the sanctuary for the church at large. They are now planning to visit nursing homes. The Rev. Rupert Coles is their pastor.

CHARLES H. WATTS, chairman of Evangelism of the Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church in Bogalusa, was guest speaker in Mangum Memorial Church of Shreveport on Laymen's Day, October 10. Mr. Watts is a businessman and active in lay witnessing. Bill Wagner is the Mangum lay leader. The Rev. Roy Mouser is pastor.

THE WILHITE UNITED Methodist Church of Route 1, Downsville, in Union Parish will hold its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 10 with the worship service at 11 a.m. and dinner following. All former pastors, members, former members, and friends are invited to attend. The Rev. Terral T. Lowe is the present pastor.

METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES of New Orleans needs college people who will give one hour a week to tutoring at Walter Cohen High School.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK in St. Bernard Church of Chalmette will have as guest speaker Dr. Lionel Capers of Chalmette. Dr. Capers is a Biblical scholar and translator of Aramaic Scrolls of the first century. He is living in Chalmette since retiring. Members of all denominations are invited to hear him the week of October 17-24. The Rev. James O. Evans is pastor.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER Service, sponsored by the New Orleans United Fund central volunteer bureau, is appealing to all concerned Christians to become involved in service to others in the community. Metropolitan New Orleans needs 845 volunteers in child development centers, hospitals, schools, health agencies, and with the handicapped.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 10—Sunday	Rom. 6:11-18
Oct. 11	Rom. 8:1-10
Oct. 12	I Cor. 9:1-2
Oct. 13	I Cor. 12:7-14
Oct. 14	Eph. 6:1-8
Oct. 15	Gal. 3:27-29
Oct. 16	Col. 3:1-15
Oct. 17—Sunday	John 8:33-42

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE HELD AT FRANKLINTON

A missionary conference in Centenary United Methodist Church of Franklinton, October 1-3, has been designated as "Faith Promise Weekend." Guest speakers included John Seamonds, who has worked in India, Stella Taylor who worked in Central America, and Francisco Bauzon from the Philippines.

A 24-hour prayer vigil preceded the Sunday sessions. A potluck family supper was held on Friday evening, and coffees and luncheons were on the agenda. Each member was given an opportunity to make a "Faith Promise" to support the missionary work of the church. Miss Emma Burris and Mrs. Herbert A. Sisson are mission coordinators at Franklinton. The Rev. Jerry A. Means is pastor of Centenary Church and also of Fisher Church, which participated in the mission.

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YOUNG ADULTS of North Highland Church, Shreveport, finalized plans for a discussion group during a meeting held at Chuck Dyer's cabin on Lake Bistineau, September 25.

DR. KEITH MASON of Shreveport will be the lay speaker in First Church, Alexandria, on Sunday morning, October 17, at both worship services. Charles White, lay leader, arranged the program. Dr. Bentley Sloane is pastor.

THE REV. LEWIS OVENSHIRE, pastor of the Haughton-Love Chapel Charge, was a counselor and an advisor at the Billy Graham Crusade in Dallas from September 20-24. Mr. Ovenshire counselled with those making decisions for Christ during the Crusade meetings. He also attended the Billy Graham School of Evangelism each morning and afternoon. The School was led by members of the Billy Graham Crusade Team and by pastors and evangelists from all over the United States. One night, Mr. Ovenshire sang in the 5,000 voice Crusade Choir. "Working in the Crusade and attending the School of Evangelism were spiritual mountain-top experiences," Ovenshire said.

COMMENT

With the election of officers, some of you are new to the opportunities that await you as secretary of Program Materials. You are a vital link in helping the members of your Society and Guild know about and secure the resources for their tasks.

Be sure to send your name to Service Center, with your Society number to receive the materials; also write for a Catalog, as they do not send them unless requested.

A Program Planning Kit has been prepared to assist the Committee on Program. It emphasizes total programing to fulfill the purpose of the Women's Society and Guild.

You, as secretary of Program Materials, realize that the members are looking to you for information about new materials and for their use as you participate in the Executive Committee and the Committee on Program.

You carry the responsibility for promoting the Reading Program with enthusiasm. I have two of the books which I would share with you, if you wanted to read them: "A Life Full of Surprises" and "The Life of the Soul." I recommend both of these books for your reading.

You may find it revealing to "test" the "information level" awareness and effectiveness of your group by seeing how widely the information, program and organizational materials are really used by members: e.g. response, new/World Outlook, Prayer Calendar, Annual Report, program resources, organizational helps—just to mention a few. You can change the image of your office from simply the one who orders materials as requested and keeps tabs on magazine subscriptions to that of the vital link in helping members and officers know about, secure, and utilize effectively the resources for their tasks.

Become thoroughly acquainted with the materials and promote them with enthusiasm; use your own creativity.

Mrs. Robert Compton, secretary of
Program Materials, Louisiana Conference A

(At the recent Annuol Meeting of the Conference Women's Society in Baton Rouge, Mrs. Martin Wognon was elected to succeed Mrs. Compton as chairman of progrom materials.)

New officers of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild are, from left: Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, secretary (formerly chairman of Conference B WSG); Mrs. Gloria Bennett, chairman; and Miss Lillian Kennedy, chairman of nominations.

Ruston District Parsonettes took new offices at the September meeting in Arcadia. Newly elected are, seated from left: Mrs. Jack Winegeart (Haynesville) president; Mrs. Ed Parks (Simsboro) vice-president; standing: Mrs. W. O. Lynch (Ruston) program chairman; Mrs. Clyde Averett (Downsville) secretary; and Mrs. Leon Scott (Farmerville) treasurer.

It Only Takes a Spark

(Mrs. C. B. McGowon is the retiring president of the former Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service.)

Mrs. McGowon

For me, this is the point of no return. This is the last Annual Meeting over which I shall preside. My tenure in office has been one of joy, of stimulation and challenge, of growth and service. I owe so much to so many — the loving cooperation of my husband, the ministers and staff of this church, my own Women's Society and Guild, the District Society and Guild, the Conference Executive Committee, to each of you, and to Conference B women.

The many opportunities that have come my way through the years as your president may be likened to the weaving of a pattern in a piece of cloth. I could not see what would happen as it was woven, for it was woven on the wrong side of the loom. As I have come to the end of my term of office, the design becomes visible and only needs the finishing touches of the threads of this meeting to be completed. There are depths of softly shaded strands of happenings that splashed lights and shadows; there were rich themes from meetings that merged into a beautiful and intricate pattern of thought, reflections and knowledge, an ever widening insight to the complex workings of the general church. Your friendships have been rays of sunshine piercing the rich hues and making them brighter and clearer. Yes,—when I present this gavel to another person, I hope that she, too, may have a cloth of such beauty in memories as mine is.

Picture with me two automobiles parked side by side. The owners get in the cars. One starts, the other doesn't. Have you ever had this happen to you? The man whose car responded to the spark necessary to engage the motor of the car in action, had a cable booster in his car. A booster only costs a dollar. With this, he uses the power from his own car to get the motor of the other car started. There is a spark—and it only takes a spark to release the power of the motor of the second car.

How often are we the spark that brings Hope, Joy, and even Life itself to another?

Through the years many of you have set the spark burning for me and have given me the energy, purpose and desire to carry on the program of the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. Sometimes it has been a note, a postal card, a telephone call, a spoken word, a prayer that has released in me the power to redirect my thinking and actions.

Winds of change for renewal

Around the world the winds of change are softly but persistently and insistently battering old structures which are familiar to us. These winds are swirling through the church. Many predicted changes have come to pass and probably more will come. Some of us have been pessimistic, some optimistic, but few of us have questioned the church's ultimate survival. Today, many are reaffirming that faith. Some are viewing these changes as renewal and others are viewing it as apostasy. Our disagreement seems to hinge on whether persons see the church and the Women's Society/Guild as a body or organization at rest, or as a body in motion. It hinges, too, on whether they define it as a comfortable edifice, or what happens in the hearts of persons who gather inside; whether concentration should be on the individual's spiritual growth or on efforts expanded to active involvement with pressing social problems.

In our Women's Society/Guild, change is necessary. Sometimes it is for good; sometimes it has proven a detriment, but often there has been in this change a spark that has set ablaze a fire in our hearts and a desire to achieve great things that would not have happened if an idea had not been implanted which caused a change.

When we think of the great program of missions which started from the interest of a few women 102 year ago, we see what can happen from a spark of interest in sending women into the mission field, —such as women who went from America to start the Clara Swain Hospital and Isabella Thoburn School in India.

How will we meet the challenges of our times? Will it be with apathy, with courage and risk, with faith that God is at work in our midst, wth joy and celebration?

Harvey Cox in "Feast of Fools" says that we have lost the joy of celebration; that there is an unnecessary gap in today's world between the world changers and the life celebrators. He has said that there is no reason why those who celebrate life cannot also be committed to fundamental social change, and that world changers need not be joyless and ascetic. He went on to say that St. Francis of Assisi the most life affirming of the Christian saints, was a revolutionary at heart. His prayer which we use over and over is one in which change is the motif.

Women have spirit of concern and celebration

Perhaps one reason why the organizations of Methodist women have spread across the world is that there has been at the heart of the purpose a concern for other people, a spirit of celebration, and a joy that often springs from our little spark in the world. Big things do not come to pass because of the bringing into being of an idea by a great number of people. It starts with an individual, then a few, and then grows as these few spark the interest in others.

We have our doubts sometimes that we are moving in the right direction. Perhaps we have been looking into the wrong eyes. Dr. Paul Scherer, beloved Lutheran pastor in New York City, wrote once of the day when one of his laymen, greatly perturbed, burst into his study and began to enumerate the troubles in the world that had reduced him almost to distraction and despair. He was alarmed by what seemed like the irresistible spread of communism, merging nations out of control, the church expelled from countries that had once been her most fruitful mission fields, the ever present threat of thermo-nuclear war, the rapid growth of secularism, the moral deterioration at home, racial tensions, crime, the generation gap. Finally, looking with great emotion into Dr. Scherer's eyes, he blurted out: "Pastor, I see no hope at all." Dr. Scherer sat silently for a few moments, and then replied: "I don't blame you, John, for you're looking into my eyes. But I am looking into the eyes of Jesus—and that's the difference."

If we look into the eyes of Jesus, instead of assuming that we are the source of power, we'll have no more doubts, but will continue to move in faith, —to be the spark that will set the world afire with his message. May he continue to bless us in our endeavors as He gives us the power to be a spark in this world. It only takes a spark to get things going.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 17: God Responds To Prayer

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:7-12; Romans 8:26-27; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Hebrews 11:6

MEMORY SELECTION: This is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (I John 5:14)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To examine our own faith concerning communication with God through prayer; to seek to gain new confidence in prayer as a means of discovering God's will for our lives.

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It is difficult to point out one passage of scripture which spells out the manner in which God responds to prayer. Someone has said that the entire Bible serves as a background for a study of prayer. However, our lesson material today speaks from four brief passages to undergird the words from our memory selection: "If we ask anything according to his will he hears us."

Prayer is the logical outgrowth of a consideration of the deity in any religion. Certainly we believe that if God is, and if he does the other things about which we have studied, he will want to keep in touch with his people. He has placed in the man he has created a yearning to reach out toward him in order that he might be in a position to respond.

Phillips Brooks once said, "A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned heavenward." So frequently prayer is asking. But Henry Ward Beecher once pointed out that prayer includes more than asking. He said: "Prayer covers the whole of man's life. There is no thought, feeling, yearning or desire, however low, trifling, or vulgar we may deem it, which, if it affects our real interest or happiness, we may not lay before God and be sure of sympathy. His nature is such that our persistence does not tire him. The whole burden of the life of every man may be rolled on to God and not weary him, though it has wearied the man."

Although our subject today is prayer, let us not lose sight of the fact that we are still studying about God. We are seeking in this series to learn truths about him as they apply to and change our lives. No truth of the Bible is more important than the one which affirms that God wants his people to pray to him and promises both to hear and to answer. We want to help understand the relationship between God and prayer and so deepen their appreciation of and stimulate their practice of prayer.

Keeping in mind our lesson title, "God Responds to Prayer," we find in the four passages selected for study information on the circumstances under which God responds and the manner of his response. Out of this study should come a great appreciation of the importance of prayer in God's sight and in man's.

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THE FIRST STEP IN PRAYER

In Hebrews 11:6 we read: "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is." This is a chapter that both defines faith and shows it in action in the lives of many people. There are two fundamental facts concerning prayer in this verse: you cannot please God without faith, and anyone can draw near to God.

God is within reach of all of us, and he is intimately concerned about all that we do. He wants each of us to know that he can be pleased. Sometimes we seem to believe that we have to do something quite outstanding or dramatic to draw God's attention to us. Someone has said, "One of the greatest encouragements we have as Christians is the fact that in the everyday work we do and in our family experiences we can bring happiness to God."

The kind of world we live in with its many scientific and technological advances has made it hard for many people to maintain a sense of dependence on God. We cannot assume that everyone believes in a personal God. Many subscribe only to the idea of a blind, impersonal force behind the universe. As Christians we need to communicate to others about us our real confidence in the existence of God as person.

A basic idea in the Book of Hebrews speaks of prayer as coming into God's presence. According to the writer the purpose of any religious system is to make such fellowship between God and man possible. Man must not only believe that God is, but he must also believe he is anxious to respond to those who love him. Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston has said, "Without such belief prayer would seem a senseless, not to say absurd, practice."

The faith we are talking about is not a blind thing. It is based on our store of knowledge and experience. On these foundations we direct our prayers to a someone out there in whom we believe and have confidence.

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JESUS ENCOURAGED PRAYER

If we want to broaden our knowledge of prayer we turn to Jesus who had such deep convictions about the changes that could be brought about by addressing his father. In Matthew 7:7-12 and in a parallel passage in Luke 11:9-13 Jesus speaks of two methods of encouraging his followers to pray.

First, he used three simple words to define prayer — "ask, seek, knock." We do normally seek something when we turn to God in prayer. It is on a higher level that we move into more sophisticated forms of communication with God. We do ask for many things—our daily needs, guidance in finding the answers to the complex problems of life. We ought not to be ashamed to ask God for things—Jesus promised that when we directed such petitions to our heavenly father he would give them serious consideration.

The Sermon on the Mount is one of the greatest collections of teachings about discipleship found anywhere. The verses from Matthew 7 are a part of that collection. We are encouraged by Jesus' words and also his example in prayer.

Then, we find a second encouragement to prayer in the comparison between our earthly father and our heavenly father. Jesus recalled that human fathers are pleased to do what their children ask of them. Praying to our heavenly father can be just like that, but with one important difference. His answer will be so much more than a human father's could ever be. When we lack confidence in our prayers it reflects a mistrust concerning what God is like and what he wants to do for us.

Jesus chose to emphasize God's fatherly nature and to stress our relation to him as children. Here is love, warmth, and care, as well as obedience, respect, and trust. Here is the true basis for prayer.

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GOD SOMETIMES SAYS "NO"

Although Jesus implied in the previous passage that there are times when God's answer will be "no," the main emphasis was not on our asking but on God's giving. Paul speaks in 2 Cor. 12:7-9 of his own frustrating experiences in seeking to get rid of what he called his "thorn in the flesh."

We do not know exactly what Paul's impediment was. It must have been some kind of serious physical ailment—some have suggested eye disease, malaria, or epilepsy. Paul had a very sound philosophy concerning it. He had such great spiritual riches that he saw this limitation as a means of keeping him from becoming too proud. We can be sure from reading this passage that he prayed about it often —and yet it still remained.

What Paul did discover was that God does not answer in bold negatives, but that he speaks of the strength sufficient for the bearing of such loads as the "thorn in the flesh." He told Paul his grace would be sufficient for him in his trying ailment, and his power would be perfected in Paul's weakness.

Paul tells us then that he did not go on begging or arguing with God. He accepted the answer gladly, and decided it was a great thing for him to have such power resting within him. This is the way to take a "no" answer from God. Is this not the ultimate goal of everything in our lives, the strengths as well as the weaknesses, that the Lord Jesus might be seen in us? Great numbers of individuals are rediscovering the power of prayer in their lives today. This could be the greatest "movement" of our time.

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PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

Our fourth passage for today is from Romans 8:26-27. We are told there the Holy Spirit comes into our lives to help and encourage us. These two verses open an area of truth regarding the Christian's prayer life that is not often discussed. The writer said that there are three ways in which the Spirit becomes our ally in this activity.

First, we are helped in our prayer weaknesses. So many of us do not really know what is best for us, even though we try to keep our lives in tune with God's will. In this dilemma we have a divine helper.

Then we are told that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, according to the will of God. This kind of praying is a costly exercise. We are told that the Spirit intercedes "with sighs too deep for words." He moves in to fill the void in our lives so that our wants can be brought more closely in line with what God wants.

Finally, God the Father knows the mind of the Spirit and the hearts of men. Through this helper we are brought closer to God and our limitations are more than compensated for.

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AN ANSWER TO DESPAIR

All of these passages have been trying to tell us that the true incentive, the most powerful drive toward prayer, is found in the character of God. As we said earlier, we pray because it is natural for children to talk to their father about their problems and their needs. Too often, this communication is not taking place between earthly fathers and their children. More frequently it is not taking place on the heavenly level.

As we face this fact we move beyond praying in terms of just making a petition for things. We begin to long for fellowship and crave to draw near to God. We may not even say much more than the name of God as we think of his love and feel his presence.

As we have indicated, there are evidences of a sincere quest for greater understanding of prayer in our complicated world. This is one of the ways we develop spiritual maturity and find a greater confidence in deciding the issues of life.

In this lesson we have progressed from the basic beginnings of spiritual life—belief that God exists and that we can know him—to the deepest assurances that our prayers will be pleasing to God. While we may not be able to explain how the Spirit intercedes for us, we know it is a fact that we can count on. We have seen two fundamental aspects of prayer: asking and receiving, and asking but receiving a different answer than we asked for. It is by this route that we discover a deeper relationship with God.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

The Young Men's Christian Association, that world-wide fellowship which reaches into so many places, is in an agonising dilemma. Meeting this week in Britain, the Association had a significant question on its agenda. To keep or not to keep the C. in YWCA? That was the question — and it arose because only seven per cent of the membership claim active and committed membership of the Christian Church.

Is it fair or is it honest to talk about the YMCA or should they just leave it at YM? It is not an uncommon kind of question for people to face, and it brings to light one of the tensions which face the Christian church in the changing society of the day.

There is one sense in which Christianity has become part of the establishment — so that people who never see the inside of a church still regard their community as Christian. In another sense we are all too aware of the fact that the Christian is a part of a minority movement and always was. The first Christians, by Paul's own description were 'not many mighty' and the most astonishing thing about these insignificant followers of an apparently insignificant carpenter was that they literally changed the face of the Roman Empire in three hundred years.

When Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of his great Empire was he really doing us a large favour? That is a question Christians have often asked since. For it was then that "establishment" Christianity really began to be. The concept of a Christendom which lasted through the Middle Ages and was not finally abandoned until comparatively recently has not always been a very great advantage to Christians.

The links between Church and State in Britain which have always been so valuable are also double-edged in their benefits. And in the New World there are many people who wonder how true to life the faith can be when it is mixed up in the State.

There is always this tension of course. In one sense, we want to be accepted by officialdom. In another we find ourselves over against authority, because authority can be so un-Christian. The relatively easy acceptance of the State as God-given — once so simple, seemingly to accept—disappeared when men began to question whether in fact the King was divinely ordained. And there is no automatic authority for the Christian — his is always a higher reference-point.

The problem of ordering society is one which the church should share with the legislature, truly, but there is an open danger when the church becomes identified with the legislature. For people to equate secular authority with spiritual authority is to devalue the spiritual authority. And despite this, the Christian is also aware that he needs the support of the State in the sophistications of modern society.

So, when the YM wonders about its Christian content, it is only voicing the problem that many organizations have who claim to have Christian foundations. Honesty would compel many of them to say that they are trying to maintain Christian standards, yet they are having to do with a diminishing number of truly committed people.

Not a new debate, this. Ever since the Reformation and the Renaissance, it has been one of the hottest potatoes both Church and State have had to face. But in the fast-changing face of society as we know it, there is need to try to get the whole thing into perspective.

To give up your establishment standing is a very hard thing to do and may involve genuine sacrifice of very good things. But we cannot forget finally that Christ is the original outsider. He was born outside an inn and died outside a city wall. He is not contained too easily by the constrictions we put upon Him. And maybe if we trusted His spirit more and our institutions less, we might get nearer to first-Century Christianity in the 20th century than we often dare to hope.

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"News in Brief"

Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis, Ind., received the Order of Merit from the Federal Republic of Germany Sept. 20 at a dinner in his honor. The award was presented to the bishop for his service to the people and the churches of Germany from 1954 to 1968 when he had episcopal supervision over the work of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church in that country.

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The Rev. Daniel C. Steere, minister of youth at First United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, has received a national award from the American Legion Auxiliary for producing what the group termed "America's best local program in the interest of youth."

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Indonesia has been chosen as the site for the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held in 1975. Exact dates and place will be announced later.

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Challenge of cable TV placed before leaders

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Recognition of the potential of cable television (CATV) and the church's opportunity to cooperate in the best use of this important new means of communications are emphasized in a policy statement adopted here Sept. 22 by a unit of the United Methodist Church.

The statement, adopted by the Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO) of the Program Council, and later by the whole council, urges that pastors and churches study the granting of franchises for CATV in their communities "in order that each community may realize the greatest potential of this important new means of communications."

The resolution points out that the Federal Communications Commission's "letter of intent" regarding proposed regulations of CATV "seems to embody the most realistic approach to the setting of CATV minimum standards" but authorizes the TRAFCO staff "to continue aggressive research and investigation into the potential of CATV, always keeping in mind the advocacy of the public interest."

"The primary concern of TRAFCO is that the public interest must be served," the policy statement declares.

The statement urges that "pastors and churches also should consider cooperation with cable operators in providing local programming which speaks to the religious, moral and social needs of their communities" and calls upon the TRAFCO board of managers and staff to develop and provide training resources through regional conferences and/or ecumenical agencies.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of New Orleans, La., is chairman of TRAFCO, and the Rev. Harry C. Spencer of Nashville, Tenn., is its executive. TRAFCO also maintains offices in New York and Dayton, Ohio.

In an address on CATV, Donald V. Taverner, Washington, D.C., television executive, said that broadcasters "have to throw away a lot of old ideas and face a new era in communications."

Religious broadcasters, the speaker stressed, must work for a stronger place in CATV than they hold in the present open television system.

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Convocation for key leaders planned for next year

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Plans for a national convocation for key leaders of the United Methodist Church were announced here Sept. 23 by Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of Denver, Colo.

The convocation, to be held Sept. 19-22, 1972, in Cleveland, Ohio, will bring together about 850 national and regional leaders of the denomination to brief them on plans for the 1972-76 quadrennium.

Bishop Stuart, who is chairman of the denomination's Division of Interpretation of the Program Council, heads a 30-member committee which met here to make plans for the Cleveland meeting.

In contrast to previous convocations which have featured addresses and platform presentations, Bishop Stuart said that the 1972 meeting will have no speeches but will instead concentrate on workshop sessions and helps for organizational planning.

The Rev. Frank McRae, Memphis, Tenn., district superintendent, is chairman of a task force to coordinate committee plans for the Cleveland convocation, and Tom Bennett, a Chicago planning consultant, has been engaged to assist in setting up the program.

Bishop Stuart emphasized that all general boards and agencies of the church will have an integral part in the meeting and will be asked to provide "resource centers," to which participants may come for the help they need.

Those who will attend the conference will be the denomination's bishops, district superintendents, annual conference program directors, and representatives of general agencies of the church.

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General Program Council meets in Chicago, discusses restructuring

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Discussion on proposed restructuring of the church's general agencies and preparations for the quadrennial General Conference in 1972 dominated the semi-annual meeting of the United Methodist Church's Program Council here September 20-23.

The body also heard major addresses on the importance of support for the denomination's predominantly-black colleges and the potential of cable television.

In a series of discussion groups, many members of the council approved in a general way the direction that the Structure Study Commission is taking in relation to a proposed Council on Ministries, but voiced reservations about the proposed voting membership of 170 persons and another 84 ex officio members.

There was also reported tentative support for the direction the study commission is moving in relation to the rest of the structure, including a separate board of communication for the denomination.

Bishop W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse, N.Y., president, presided at plenary sessions of the council.

The Rev. Paul V. Church of Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of the Program Council, reported on a research project which summarized opinions of church leaders on leadership and orientation experiences for area and annual conference leaders.

In brief, the findings emphasized that "fewer and better training events are needed," and that national agencies need to exercise a greater amount of cooperation in their approach to regional training events. The study also pointed up a need for better communication and closer cooperation at all levels in planning for training events.

One evening was devoted to the concern for black colleges with Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, giving a major address on the history and development of Negro higher educational facilities in the denomination during the past 100 years.

Donald V. Taverner, a Washington, D.C., television executive and former head of the National Cable TV Association, addressed a dinner meeting sponsored by the Program Council's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO). Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of New Orleans, La., presided at the dinner meeting and other sessions of TRAFCO. The Rev. Harry C. Spencer of Nashville, Tenn., is associate general secretary in charge of TRAFCO division.

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Multi-racial group on evangelistic mission to Chile

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A multi-racial group of 23 United Methodists left the United States Oct. 5 for a month-long evangelistic mission in Chile and brief visits to mission stations in Brazil, Argentina, Peru, and Panama.

The multi-racial composition of the group was a specific request of Chile Bishop Raymond A. Valenzuela who invited the team to "share with our church in proclaiming the good news of salvation in Christ and in calling persons to become His disciples."

The Rev. George Outen, Nashville, Tenn., assistant general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, is leader of the mission team. In Chile the mission will be under the direction of the autonomous Methodist Church and will be guided by the Rev. Tomas Stevens, Santiago.

Mr. Outen and the Rev. Woodie White, Washington, D.C., executive secretary of the Commission on Religion and Race, will represent the American black community.

Hispanic Americans on the tour will be the Rev. Finees Flores and the Rev. Jose Velazques, Jr. of Chicago and the Rev. Hector M. Navas, Tampa, Fla.

Three main factors will make the mission a "complicated challenge," according to Mr. Outen: "the internal variety within Chile, the high Protestant affiliation (10 percent), and the dynamics connected with the move to autonomy by the Chilean Methodist Church in 1969." The Church was previously a central conference of the United Methodist Church.

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MISSIONS BOARD

such centers of world concern as China and Southern Africa; consideration of social and economic development issues; discussion of theological topics such as the "aim of missions"; exploration of relationships and communication processes of the Board with varying constituencies; reports and possible action in regard to Boardwide task forces on Planning, Development, Leadership and Theological Studies; discussion of possible new church structure.

Also scheduled are reports by top officials of the Board including Dr. Jones, Stephen F. Brimigion, general treasurer, and the Rev. Harry B. Gibson, Jr., new ombudsman. A special event will be a luncheon October 28 honoring Board members who will be leaving in 1972 under the United Methodist Church's rule limiting tenure on national agencies to 12 years. Meetings of the five major Board units will precede and be interspersed among sessions of the full Board, which will meet October 24-30. The units:

Meeting Oct. 21-24, in advance of the full Board, will be the Women's Division. It is the national policy-making body for the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, the women's organizations of the United Methodist Church. They have a combined membership of about 1,600,000 in 36,500 local units in the 50 states. President of the Women's Division is Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr. Miss Theressa Hoover, New York, is associate general secretary. The Women's Division hears reports and takes actions in such fields as Christian social relations (peace, racial justice, welfare, etc.), leadership development, mission education, spiritual growth, ecumenical relations and finance.

The Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, which enlists, approves and trains persons for United Methodist missionary and deaconess service, will meet October 24. Bishop J. Gordon Howard, Philadelphia, Pa., is chairman, and the Rev. Dr. John W. Johannaber, New York, is executive secretary.

The Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, the Board's interpretive and communications arm, will meet October 27. Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn., is president, and Dr. Lois C. Miller, New York, is associate general secretary.

The National Division will meet Oct. 25, 26, 28 and 29. It has responsibility for many types of work in the U.S., including church extension, a fund-raising service for churches, urban mission, anti-poverty programs, town-and-country work, deaconess service, community centers and a variety of mission institutions. Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., is president; Miss Betsy K. Ewing, New York, is associate general secretary.

The World Division, unit for overseas mission work, will meet October 25, 26, and 28. It works with United Methodist and United Methodist-related churches in 53 countries. Encompassed in its scope are evangelistic, social, educational, medical, agricultural, industrial, literacy, mass communications, community development and other types of work. The president is Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Houston, Texas. The Rev. Dr. John F. Schaefer, New York, is associate general secretary.

Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

"Anything that God makes is worth looking at. We live in no chance world. It has been all thought out. Everywhere work has been spent on it lavishly – thought and work – loving thought and exquisite work. All its parts together, and every part separately, are stamped with skill, beauty, and purpose."
(Henry Drummond)

DAWN

The dawn is not
A rosy-fingered maiden's hand
That stretches 'cross the new-lit land,
And searches shy
The heart-beat of awakened man,
And bid him rise.

The dawn is bright
With symphonies of red and gold,
That tell their joys to mountains old.
Her hymns of light
Are sung with colors rich and bold,
That bid men rise, and seize, and hold
The new-born day.

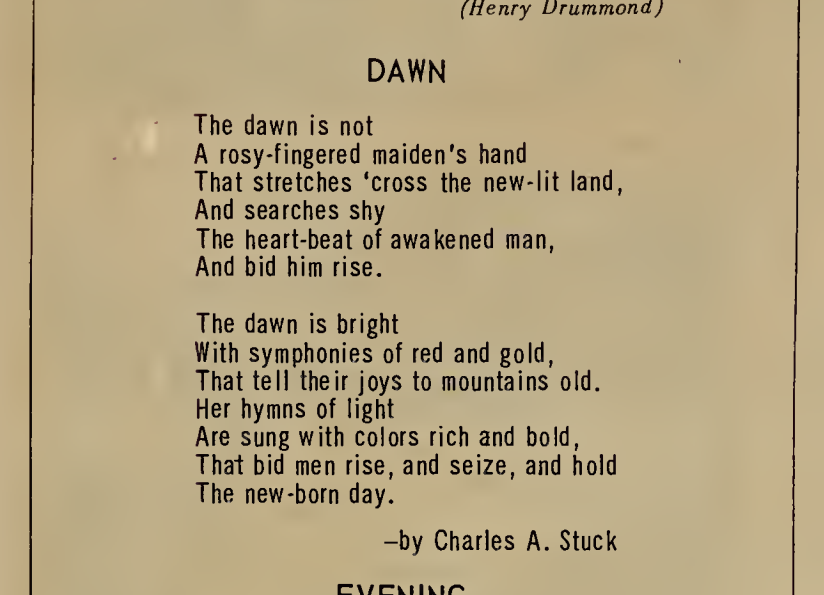
–by Charles A. Stuck

EVENING

The sun creeps down the tractless sky,
And meets the level of the eye.
But now it cannot linger long,
For it's begun the even song.
The shining orb glows fresh, anew,
And leaves the earth a golden hue.
No gold in any mortal mint,
Can match the warm and yellow tint,
That bathes each needle of the pine,
And warms the soul and melts the time,
Till one must see the great sun die,
And passing, leave the painted sky.

No artist in an inspired dream,
Could hope to match the pastel scene,
Framed by the purple mountainside,
Of once plain sky's now glowing tide.
The sky now claims a golden glow,
And is afire, and indigo
Blends in with rose and orange shade,
But finally this last glow fades.
And then all color one can see
Is azure from a darkening sea.
Now day must end its heedless flight,
And dies . . . and is reborn as night.

–by Michael Hughes



Two members of Shongaloo United Methodist Church photographed in the act of painting the new carport recently built as an addition to the parsonage. The painters are O. G. Armour and Hervis D. Haynes. The Rev. James M. Carter is pastor.

Principal speakers at recent Feast of Beginnings at Aurora United Methodist Church in New Orleans. FROM LEFT: Donald L. Lilly, chairman of the Council on Ministries; Dr. Henry A. Rickey, pastor; Marvin Kiel, chairman of Stewardship; Les Reeves, chairman on the Mission of the Church.

The Chancel Choir of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, attended a two day-workshop at the Holiday Inn, Ruston, on Sept. 18-19. Under the direction of Dr. A. C. (Cheesy) Voran, the choir rehearsed and studied new music for the next season. This is an annual affair for the choir and a time for relaxation and fellowship.

WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN

COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
R. BRYAN BRAWNER Treasurer 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois

BENEVOLENCE FUNDS	MONTH			FISCAL YEAR		
	August 1970	August 1971	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Thru August 1970	Thru August 1971	Percent Increase (Decrease)
World Service	1,082,141.13	1,048,696.05	(3.09)	11,195,593.57	10,386,170.05	(7.23)
General Advance Specials						
World Missions	444,889.53	331,847.95	(25.41)	4,651,197.32	4,379,152.68	(5.85)
National Missions	75,175.54	103,165.03	37.23	1,139,696.25	1,212,368.28	6.38
Overseas Relief	162,425.11	74,007.65	(54.44)	860,466.12	851,766.33	(1.01)
One Great Hour of Sharing	13,013.62	20,112.31	54.55	618,383.44	833,397.93	34.77
World Communion	7,226.39	7,700.28	6.56	131,252.09	116,176.22	(11.49)
World Service Specials	6,548.08	3,624.30	(44.65)	151,539.52	47,095.16	(68.92)
Temporary General Aid	37,164.59	36,684.63	(1.29)	394,826.07	391,366.88	(0.88)
Fund For Reconciliation	79,907.75	58,926.25	(26.26)	1,147,051.82	717,602.47	(37.44)
Ministerial Education	140,240.42	207,499.90	47.96	1,571,357.93	2,211,638.51	40.75
Race Relations	25,381.52	16,477.42	(35.08)	539,505.16	685,680.49	27.09
U. M. Student Day	43,674.02	40,394.05	(7.51)	122,088.18	125,742.24	2.99
Youth Service Fund	11,963.29	9,501.70	(20.58)	99,213.17	124,884.14	25.87
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS						
Episcopal Fund Receipts	135,394.03	154,718.20	14.27	1,469,903.36	1,560,394.44	6.16
General Administration Fund Receipts	65,960.05	65,987.09	0.04	688,133.83	761,030.92	10.59
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	26,778.07	23,680.20	(11.57)	305,176.27	305,915.22	0.24

During the first nine months of the year we received 41.26% of our World Service apportionments. To say it another way we must receive 58.74% of the World Service apportionment during the last one-third of the year to be paid in full for 1971. Last year we received approximately 30% of the total for 1970 in December, which suggests what a special effort will do when it is made—even though quite late in the year.

The Division of Interpretation in the October issue of *The Interpreter*—out about September 15th—has an excellent section on the General Benevolences. Reprints are available together with other materials—printed, films, tapes, etc. Use these helps now. Don't wait for December, please. You will be glad you did and we will certainly be grateful for your help.

Wesley Foundotion deputotion teom members from Louisiono Stote University who formed o ponel to discuss their orgonizotion ot North Boton Rouge United Methodist Church on Sundoy, Sept. 19. FROM LEFT: Joe Cruthirds, Collie Winn, Dovid Kidder, Condoce Pickering, Stephen Fleming ond Jeonne Bingham. Mrs. Groce Beodle is Wesley Foundation representotive ot the host church; the Rev. Robert C. Carter is postor.

Porticiponts in recent Loy Witness Mission ot University United Methodist Church, Loke Chorles. LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Jomes Groves, Shreveport; Mrs. Don Rooch, Guymon, Oklo.; Dr. Dick Thomoe, Jonesville; Bill Ford of University Church. Mr. ond Mrs. John Tubb of Pineville directed the mission ottended by 55 witnesses from Louisiono ond Oklohomo—20 of whom were young people. The Rev. William P. Froser is postor ot University Church.

Sixth ond seventh groders who entertoined (ond tought) o recent Family Night oudience ot Mongum Memoriol Church in Shreveport with skits from "The Gospel According to Peonuts," produced under the direction of their teacher, Dovid Culbertson, senior ot Centenory College. FROM LEFT: Don Culbertson (Schroeder); Lisa Savo (Linus); Corol Burress (Lucy); Becky Love, ond "Snoopy" ployed by Tricia Burress. Mongum's new members were honored guests. The Rev. Roy E. Mouser is minister.

Church school officers ond teochers ot Love Chapel who took part in o service of consecrotion on Sept. 26 as they begon their vorious responsibilities for the year. Joe Pot Keeton is superintendent of the church school; the Rev. Lewis Ovenshire, postor, conducted the speciol service.

Officers ond teochers in the Houghton United Methodist Church School who were consecrated by Postor Lewis Ovenshire in o speciol ceremony, Sept. 26. Mrs. W. E. Cole is superintendent of the school.

A "get-ocquointed" odult choir porty ot which new members were welcomed was held ot Wesley United Methodist Church in Sulphur recently. Mrs. Larry Whotley (front row, right) wos presented os the new director; Mrs. Rayburn Fugott (second from right) is church orgonist. The Rev. Wolter Clorke is postor.

Jeff Kroemer (obove), who served os summer youth minister ot Moplewood United Methodist Church, hos enrolled in the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Tex. Shown with him is his wife, Mary, ond their 18-month-old doughter. Kroemer grew up in Maplewood and groduoted from McNeese State University; Mary is the doughter of Mr. ond Mrs. Brull Von Oven of Loke Charles. The Rev. Tom Crosby is pastor ot Maplewood.

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TODAY'S YOUTH RUN TOMORROW'S WORLD

Methodist Children's Home Harvest Day Offering

Sunday, October 17

This is just one of a flood of similar studies. A worthwhile child caring agency today MUST keep itself informed and MUST provide a meaningful program of care to meet this situation in today's world. For this has become our job!

We at your Children's Home are making every possible effort to understand and to meet this need. (See full page display—this issue). It is hard, nerve straining, exhausting, exhilerating, and highly rewarding work.

It Is Highly Expensive Work

It requires a great deal of highly professional service. It requires intensive 'in-service' training to help the campus staff become professional. It requires deep Christian dedication by all the staff members. It requires far more expenditure per child than was required ten, or even five years ago. This is universal with Children's Homes or any other people service organization.

- Income first nine months of this year is up ten thousand over the same nine months last year.
- Expenditures for the same nine months are up nine thousand plus.
- Deficit for the year 1970, $18,000.
- Dollars buy less this year than last.
- Deficit for 1971 will probably equal or exceed that of 1970 unless income goes on up during the last quarter of this year.

The Home needs the help of EVERY Methodist in providing the services that may decide whether today's troubled youth will become tomorrow's stable adults.

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Dr. Kenneth Mitchell (left), head of the Department of Religion and Psychiatry at the Menninger Foundation with the Rev. Cleburne Quaid, president of the board of managers of Pastor's School.

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New Orleans church executive retires

The Rev. George H. Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, announced his retirement to the Board of the organization at its regular meeting on September 28. Mr. Wilson came to his position on July 1, 1954. His retirement is to become effective Dec. 31 of this year.

Wilson

In his prepared statement given to members of the Board, Mr. Wilson stated "The seventeen years spent with the Federation of Churches have been wonderful ones, the most satisfying period of my ministry. Neither Mrs. Wilson nor I can express adequately our gratitude for the privilege of working with the people of the churches of greater New Orleans area.

"A review of these past years shows that through the blessing of our Heavenly Father, the cooperation of Church and community leadership, and the support of member churches and consecrated Christian people, the Federation has enjoyed physical growth and spiritual health. It has been involved in many religious and social enterprises through the short two and one-half decades of its life. The development of a center in the downtown business district was climaxed in 1958 by the acquisition of The Church House. Initial costs including the purchase price and alterations were liquidated within a three year period.

"Since that time further improvements in the building and equipment have amounted to an additional $50,000. Presently the undeveloped portion of The Church House is being altered to provide a prayer chapel, a library-reading room, offices for the Housing Development Corporation and the Department of Senior Citizens. This has been made possible through a bequest of $10,000 by a long time friend of the Federation.

"Three spin-off corporations, Stanton Manor, Delachaise and the Housing Development Corporation, have been high water marks in the program of the Federation.

"Through the Federation, the Church has kept up the pressure for better law enactment and enforcement, justice in race and labor relations, honesty in government and better schools. In cooperation with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the City of New Orleans, a sound chaplaincy program has been established at the Orleans Parish Prison. A continuing program of fellowship, education and worship has welded church groups together in common purpose and service. All this, and much more, has been accomplished because of the willingness of numerous Christian men and women who served as officers and chairmen of departments and divisions.

"The rapport between the community, the Churches and the Federation, under the guidance of the Spirit of God, will be strengthened in the future, and with that increased vigor we can all bring the Kingdom nearer reality."

Shreveport layman an associate chairman for National Bible Week

NEW YORK — Dr. L. Keith Mason, Shreveport, La. physician and surgeon, has been named an Associate Chairman for National Bible Week, Nov. 21-28, 1971, according to an announcement by Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, National Chairman.

Mason

Dr. Mason, a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches, is a prominent Methodist layman, having held numerous positions with the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, the Louisiana Annual Conference, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church and the World Methodist Conference.

He is on the board of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, La. and is chairman of the Department of Public Relations, Louisiana Council of Churches. He was recently elected to the board of the Methodist Publishing House.

In 1959 he spent six weeks doing surgery in four Methodist hospitals in Africa and in 1963 he spent his vacation on the island of Utila off the coast of Honduras. A graduate of Tulane Medical School, he interned at Schumpert Sanitarium in Shreveport and studied at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Bible Week, an interfaith effort to motivate the reading and study of Holy Scripture is sponsored by the Layman's National Bible Committee in cooperation with the American Bible Society, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of the Laity, Jewish Committee for National Bible Week and the U.S. Center for the Catholic Biblical Apostolate.

President Nixon is Honorary Chairman. Honorary Co-Chairmen are Mrs. Earle Brown, president, General Federation of Women's Clubs; Hon. James A. Farley; Jerome Hines and Richard Tucker, Metropolitan Opera Company; Greek Orthodox Archbishop Iakovos; George Meany; Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale; and the Rev. Dr. M. L. Wilson, chairman, National Committee of Black Churchmen.

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First Church, Lake Charles observing Centennial

The week of Oct. 10 is being observed as Centennial Week at First Church, Lake Charles.

On Sunday morning, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton preached at the 10:50 worship service, and the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, Lake Charles District Superintent, preached at the 8:25 service.

On Sunday evening the congregation enjoyed on Old Fashioned (Indoor) Family Picnic with a program planned by Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton.

On Monday evening, Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., former pastor and district superintendent, was the guest preacher. On Tuesday evening the guest preacher was Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Sr., former pastor who is now pastor of First Church, Monroe.

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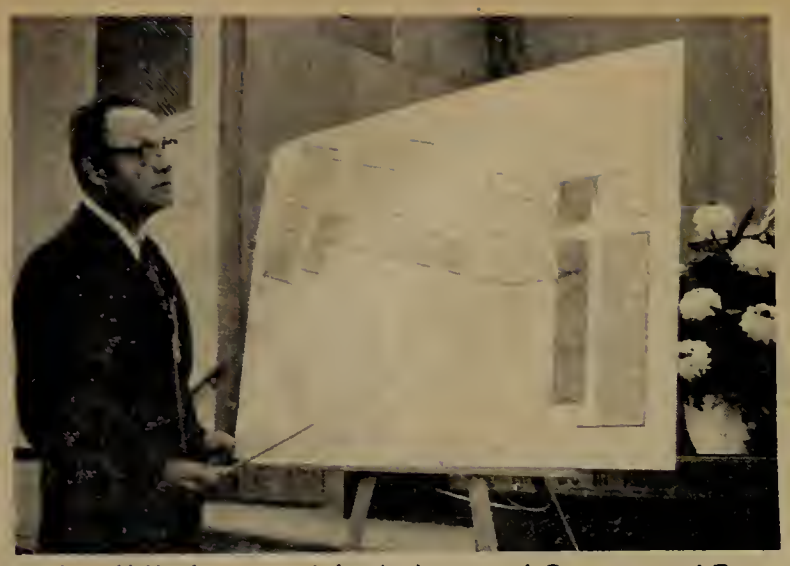

Robert Hill, chairman of the Architectural Committee of First United Methodist Church, Bossier City, is shown as he presented preliminary building plans to the congregation on o recent Sunday. On Oct. 3, a Church Conference approved these preliminary plans and authorized the Building Committee to proceed with the development of final building plans. The Rev. K. G. Rorie is the pastor.

Pastors' School "close-ups"

The Rev. John Winn, dean of Pastors' School, held ot Centenary College.

Bishop Wolton speoking to pastors ossembled ot Bishop's Banquet mentioned thot this would be his final appeoronce at Pastors' School becouse of his plan to retire at Jurisdictionol Conference next year in Houston, Tex.

Three members of five-man teom from the Department of Religion and Psychiatry of the Menninger Foundation of Topeka, Kons. who deolt with the theme of the School—"Coping With Change ond Conflict." FROM LEFT: The Revs. Earl A. Hackett, Charles C. McNeer, and J. A. Mosbrucker.

Visitors ot Postors' School from out-of-stote: The Rev. Bill Whaley, pastor of Jefferson Street United Methodist Church in Notchez, Miss. and Maj. Howard Ellzey, chaplain ot Ft. Bragg, North Carolino.

A small group session at Postors' School attended by around 165 ministers.

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Couple representing Conference on Indian Seminar

The Rev. and Mrs. Garland C. Dean, Jr. of Shreveport are representing the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions at the National Division Seminar to the Indians of Arizona and New Mexico, Oct. 2-17. The Deans will join with a party of 24 others from over the United States on this special tour.

Mr. Fred Yazzi, chaplain to the Navajo Reservation in northwest New Mexico and southern Arizona, will lead the Seminar.

The itinerary of the group is as follows:

Oct. 4—Meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Orientation period, followed by visit to Anthropology Museum there and meet with Professor Leroy Condie and the Rev. Thomas Cloyd, a former director of the Navajo Indian School in Farmington. Then a trip to Gallup, N.M.

Oct 5—Visit Rehabilitation Center operated by the Bethany Christian Reformed Church in Gallup, followed by trip through the Reservation to Bisti, where they will visit the Community Center and Project Concern Clinic.

Oct. 6—In Farmington visit Aztec Ruins and the Navajo Methodist Mission High School. Drive to Window Rock, and view reservations along the way.

Oct. 7—Fort Defiance: Visit the Good Shepherd Mission and the Migrant Field Director, followed by visit to Headquarters of the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Oct. 8—Visit Navajo College, Mini Farms Elementary School, and Extended Care Facility at Chinle. Make a trip to Canyon DeChelle.

Oct. 9—Visit Keams Canyon to see Hopi Agency (3 mesa villages in the Reservation).

Oct. 10-11—Grand Canyon.

Oct. 12—Visit Cook Christian Training School in Tempe, and Phoenix Indian School.

Oct. 13—Drive to Yuma, for special program.

Oct. 14—Return home.

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Pete Wood (left), business manager ot Millsops College in Mississippi, ossists Boyce Monk and Cloudius A. Mayo of First Church, Lake Charles with loading of bell. A special rigging wos devised for transporting the bell to its destinotion ot First Church, Loke Charles, where it is on loan for the Centenniol observonce.

Old bell returns to Lake Charles for Centennial celebration

The old bell which hung in the belfry of First Methodist Episcopal Church, South in Lake Charles from 1900 until the destruction of the church in the 1918 hurricane which hit Lake Charles, returned on a month's loan from Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss. for the Oct. 10-13 Centennial celebration of First Church, Lake Charles. Special music for the celebration was composed by Director of Music Donald E. Allured, according to the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., the present pastor of what is now First United Methodist Church.

On April 21, 1919 the Sunday School of First Church voted to give the bell to Millsaps College.

The 1919 American Press (April edition) stated that "The old bell is intimately connected with the lives of many people, and its tones implanted on the memory of many who heard its doleful tolling during the August storm. The wind rocked the tower for over an hour, causing the bell to toll in a dirgelike way, until it finally gave way, toppling to the earth." The bell was later used in the Peace Day Parade in Lake Charles on Nov. 11, 1918.

In use at Millsaps College since 1919 the bell has called students to class and worship and has tolled out the melody of victory during sporting events at the campus.

During the period of loan the bell has reposed in the sanctuary of First Church, Lake Charles, and once again its tolling during the celebration brought feelings of nostalgia to some who heard.

Editorial

Accent on EVANGELISM

We would like to share with you this week some of the material included in the current issue of **Street 'n Steeple,** publication of the General Board of Evangelism. It seems appropriate to call your attention to a number of significant developments which indicate an intensification of interest in evangelism in the church around the world.

The lead story tells of the decision of the World Methodist Council to emphasize evangelism during the next five years. Following one of the largest debates at the Denver meeting in August, the council approved the program presented by its Committee on Evangelism, chaired by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Ohio. This program of "intensified mission to the world" calls Methodists to "emphasize the reality and necessity for the inward personal experience of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit and the necessity to fashion a just social order in which all people, especially those who hitherto have been deprived, may live a truly human experience."

The council named an 18-member steering comittee to develop and correlate the global program in keeping with the six-fold purpose adopted: "To affirm the relevancy and adequacy of the Christian faith for this age; to initiate a worldwide mission and evangelism offensive; to lead persons into a personal experience of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to encourage within Methodism the unity of the entire Christian church and a global consciousness; to stimulate new strategies and forms of ministry to persons and society; to give mutual encouragement to the body of Christ."

The resolution emphasized that "every effort shall be made to work in concert and cooperation with other communions and churches." However, it said, "the human need is so urgent and the divine compulsion so great that Methodism must respond immediately." Those making the presentation at Denver emphasized that where possible the evangelistic efforts would be within an ecumenical context. It was pointed out that a major thrust in the United States will be through the interdenominational Key '73 evangelism movement.

In answer to some criticisms of the resolution, those presenting it said the worldwide Methodist effort would not "set personal salvation over against social salvation."

The council did adopt an amendment which calls on Methodist churches everywhere to make efforts to "study and understand the phenomenal revival of religious interest and expression" among people, especially youth, around the world, in order to claim this religious enthusiasm for Christ," become open to the "astounding changes" in life style; accept all people "regardless of what they look like and how they speak." This was an appropriate emphasis as the world Methodists urged all of their member denominations to give special attention to reaching youth.

The **Street 'n Steeple** article echoed the voices of a number of global leaders as they endorsed the program.

Dr. Alan Walker of Australia, who received The Upper Room Citation for 1971 during the Denver meeting, pointed out some interesting global statistics concerning the broadening challenge for evangelism. He said that 32 per cent of the world population was Christian in 1900. This had dropped to 30 per cent by 1960 and, he asserted, if present trends continue, the proportion by the year 2000 will be 15 per cent. For this and other reasons, he maintained, "the world and the church are facing their greatest challenge, and now is the time for worldwide action."

Dr. Leslie Davidson, general secretary of the Home Mission Department of the British Methodist Church, pointed out that the only time a rather steady downward membership trend was broken was in 1953, the year of a previous world Methodist evangelistic effort. However, he emphasized that the motive for the new program was not statistical — "not more people who will give more money, but a movement for Christ and the Holy Spirit."

Dr. Joseph Yeakel, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, spoke for the programmatic aspects, saying structure as well as commitment to evangelism is important. Referring to the significance of Methodism's participation in Key '73 and its possible meaning for the program adopted by the World Methodist Council, Dr. Yeakel said, "Although it is not possible to say at this time exactly what will carry over from Key '73 into the World Methodist emphasis, it is unlikely that the programmatic designs and experiments being tried in Key '73 will have no effect on the World Methodist design. In fact, it is highly possible that Key '73 will be the primary contribution of the American Methodist bodies to the world emphasis."

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the Editor's Corner

Some Suggestions for Our Correspondents

We are indebted to a great number of our readers who serve us as formal and informal correspondents, channeling the news of the local churches and the districts into our office. We would not be able to provide the wide coverage of local activities without this help, and we hope you will continue to render this service.

We would like to make suggestions about the preparation of your material in order that we might serve you better.

If at all possible, we would like to have your material typewritten—double-spaced with the margins rather wide in order that we may make notations to the printer. When copy comes in single-spaced we simply do not have room for the routine editorial notations and the corrections that must be made.

Then, there are some who have developed the habit of writing all of their material in capital letters. This is a great inconvenience to those who are editing it and for the printers. We do hope that those who have been following this style will change to the normal format in which the material will be set.

Occasionally we receive material which bears the notation, "Please print this without changing it." Your staff must have the right to decide just where stories will go and how much space they will occupy. Local stories must be seen in relation to other local stories and must frequently be rewritten to preserve the style which your paper has chosen to follow. Often we must climinate long lists of names, thinking in terms of the appeal of the material for those beyond the local church from which it comes.

Finally, it is often necessary for us to delete comments of evaluation concerning events and personalities. We have been criticized for being too objective in this connection, but we feel that this is an obligation of our editorial responsibility.

Please keep the news coming, understanding we will use it as best we can.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"Stop apologizing for the Christian message," Dr. Peter Berger, a Lutheran, said while speaking to a Consultation on Church Union plenary session in Denver. The Rutgers University professor called for the repudiation of those who seek to subvert the Christian faith and lashed out at "phony" campus ministers with "insane enthusiasm for the counter culture." Dr. Berger insisted that the church should speak out and act against injustices, but from its own perspective and not that of the culture.

Nigeria has made "a remarkable recovery" since the Biafran surrender ended that nation's civil war in 1970, according to the Rev. Richard B. Griffis, who coordinated Quaker Service rehabilitation work there for 15 months. The United Church of Christ clergyman praised efforts made by the Nigerian federal government to unify the country, adding that observers believe no nation has better handled the aftermath of a civil war. Two successful planting seasons have helped to improve the health of the war-ravaged people, however, the minister said that the susceptibility of people to disease will remain high because of starvation and inadequate nutrition during the war.

A "mix-mill" machine that is expected to prevent thousands of Congolese infants from dying of starvation has been donated by the Ralston-Purina Co. in St. Louis to the Presbyterian Church of the Congo. William Lane, vice-president of the company, authorized the gift following a series of coincidental encounters. Valued at $25,000, the equipment produces soybean meal and prevents it from spoiling. Detailed instructions concerning its use and maintenance, provided by the donor, will accompany the gift.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Bd. and a former missionary to China, described the Chinese mainland as a "colossus" from the standpoint of size, natural resources and human capabilities. Addressing a Southern Baptist Communications Conference, he quoted Historian Arnold Toynbee as saying, "The 21st Century may be the Chinese century." Commenting on Red-China-U.S. relations, Cauthen advised taking "the long, long look—wait, watch, listen and address ourselves to the people, the masses, with love and concern . . . We should be slow to make any agreements, for when a Communist makes an agreement, it is a step toward an objective out in the future."

Evangelist Billy Graham, addressed his comments to the younger generation during his recent opening night sermon of the Dallas Crusade. He said of the rock opera, "Jesus Christ, Superstar," "There are a lot of things about the rock opera I don't like . . . But one thing I do like, it's asking the right question, "Jesus Christ, who are you?" "

One-quarter of the South Pacific's million people are still unevangelized according to the Rev. W. Selwyn Dawson, a New Zealand Methodist clergyman. Reporting on a meeting of the Pacific Conference of Churches, he said that the unevangelized people include the Indian population in Fiji and many in Papua-New Guinea, the Solomons and the New Hebrides. The conference contended that the church should expose witchcraft, strengthen its own pastoral ministry, and encourage governments to provide better health services.

More than 1,000 Lithuanian Roman Catholics protested in an open letter to Soviet authorities in Moscow that freedom of worship is being denied by Communist leaders in Lithuania. Viewed as part of a growing effort by religious groups to pressure the Soviet government and the ruling Communist Party to implement constitutional guarantees, the Lithuanians' letter said "newspaper and radio tell us, there is freedom of religion in the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, but in reality this is not so."

Augsburg Publishing House, a division of the American Lutheran Church, has been placed on the Minneapolis tax rolls for 1972 by City Assessor Gordon Moe. A 1965 decision by Hennepin County District Court held that the publishing house is tax exempt because its activities of printing and distributing religious materials are within the legal definition of church property. Albert E. Anderson, general manager of Augsburg, said the question of whether it must pay taxes will be decided in the Minnesota Supreme Court. However he expressed the belief that nothing has changed to void the 1965 ruling and said the house prints only religious-educational material.

The recent Presbyterian "Celebration of Evangelism" held in Cincinnati drew overflow crowds and as sessions closed it was announced that $25,000 have been set aside to carry on the effort. Mrs. Billy Graham, one of the organizers of the assembly sponsored by Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, said the celebration was an example of "the contagion of infectious Christianity." The Rev. Robert Pitman, a Dallas pastor, said the joining in common concerns by conservative-evangelicals and liberals in the event could only happen because "God's been in it."

Minneapolis Star and Minneapolis Tribune have announced a new policy which will eliminate illustrations and limit the size of advertisements for sex-oriented films. The newspapers will continue to scrutinize copy for movie ads, said Harold Hughes, advertising director. "In recent weeks, the rules (asking for reasonableness and tastefulness in copy presented by the theaters) have been so flagrantly disregarded that we have decided to adopt a new policy," he said.

Approximately $500,000 for projects in Africa and Asia have been allocated by Lutheran World Relief. The funds will assist agricultural, educational and welfare services in Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The largest grant goes to Nigeria and will help establish oil palm plantations in five villages, purchase canoes for fishermen, dig wells, and establish better medical and health education services.

Former Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, one-time ambassador to the U.N., will join the faculty of American University, United Methodist-affiliated school in Washington, D.C. The former Secretary of Labor has taught at Princeton and Columbia. In January he will become University Professor of Law and Diplomacy at American University's law school. Dean Gordon A. Christenson said the appointment gives support to his plans for training lawyers to play the part of decision-makers in modern society.

Taking note of Layman's Sunday, an annual observance for 24 Protestant denominations, President Nixon said, "Let us rededicate ourselves to working in the interest of others, motivated both by our love of God and our love of the country he has so richly blessed. And let us go forward together in our daily lives, sustained by his generous blessings on us, to build a better world for future generations." The 1971 theme for the annual observance is "In the Interest of Others."

The Methodist Church of South Africa has made no contributions to the World Council of Churches since the ecumenical agency issued grants to "liberation groups" in southern Africa in 1970, according to an announcement by the Rev. C. E. Wilerson, president of the denomination. Most South African churches holding membership in the WCC objected strongly to grants made to African groups which fight apartheid (racial separation). Some recipients are reported to have used guerrilla tactics.

LONDON – A huge crowd estimated at over 40,000 fills London's Trafolgor Square to take part in a Nattonwide Festival of Light. The festival – designed to support love, purity ond fomily life ond denounce pornography ond moral pollution – brought tens of thousonds of "believing Christians" from all ports of Britain to London. In oddition to the London activities, church services were held throughout the country during the festival and beocons were lighted on more than 250 hilltops. (RNS Photo)

METHODIST

CHILDREN'S HOME

Ruston, Louisiana

"Let me express my deep gratitude to the Home for receiving these children in a time of emergency and caring for them in such a magnificent way." Letter from a highly respected minister.

"It is unbelievable the success that they have in working with these children here." Dr. Paul Ware, M.D., Psychiatric Consultant. Dr. Ware also lectures at Centenary College and is prominent in youth work in Shreveport.

"Louisiana Methodist Children's Home has such a fine soul and spirit that work there is a special privilege and a blessing to me." Miss Lena Martin, ACSW. Miss Martin was formerly Child Care Consultant to our General (National) Board. She filled in here for several months during a change over in staff.

"We never had to handle the problems you have to handle (today). I don't know if we could have done it." Miss Eunice Everett, a highly respected staff member for thirty-eight years.

"This summer I have come to see and appreciate the splendid work done at our Methodist Children's Home more than ever before. Since coming to Trinity United Methodist Church, I have had opportunity to see the boys and girls from the Home in their work in our children's and youth divisions and in their life in the Home. I believe that they are given the most normal home life that is possible for any institution to give and that the Home is doing an outstanding work in helping children and youth meet their problems and become useful members of our society." Rev. Merlin Merrill, recently appointed pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston.

HARVEST DAY OFFERING

Sunday, October 17

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. JOE PICKETT, chaplain at the Veterans' Hospital in New Orleans, was the guest speaker for the Sunday Evening Fellowship at North Baton Rouge Church, on October 3. The pastor is the Rev. Robert C. Carter.

THE REV. ARNOLD HOLLEY of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, is leading the Sunday Evening Study Group which began October 3 and will continue for five weeks at Aurora Church. The study is on parent-child relationships. The pastor is Dr. Henry A. Rickey.

HUBERT BLANCHARD, Lake Charles District Lay Leader, was the guest speaker for the Morning Worship Service at First Church, Welsh, on October 3. The Rev. Bob L. Lawton is the pastor.

DR. GEORGE H. JONES, JR. gave an illustrated presentation on "The Reformation: Where and How It Happened" at the Family Fellowship of First Church, Baton Rouge, on October 3. The pastor is Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr.

THE LAYMEN'S SUNDAY speaker at First Church, Jennings, on October 10 was Hubert Blanchard, Lake Charles District Lay Leader. Allan Stackhouse was the speaker for the evening service, and Melvin Allbritton was the leader for both services. The Rev. Eskel L. Tatum is the pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, Bastrop, has announced the addition to their staff of Charles McLain from Monroe as youth and music director. The pastor is the Rev. Cleburne Quaid.

THOMAS MATHENY, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader, of Hammond was the Laymen's Day speaker at DeQuincy United Methodist Church. The Rev. Byrd L. Terry is the pastor.

ED PRICE of the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate spoke on "News Behind the News" at the September meeting of the Couples Club of Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge. Dr. Barry Bailey is the pastor.

THE REV. ANDY JOFFRION of St. George Roman Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, was the UMYF speaker at Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, October 3. The Rev. J. Taylor Wall is the pastor.

MRS. L. B. KILPATRICK, past president of the Louisiana Conference WSCS, was the speaker for the October 5 meeting of the WSCS at Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport. The Rev. Roy E. Mouser is the pastor.

THE REV. BILL HASKELL, pastor of Minter's Chapel United Methodist Church, Grapevine, Tex., and a former member of Asbury Church, Lafayette, filled the pulpit of that church at the evening worship service on Oct. 3. The Rev. George W. Ross is the pastor.

DR. WEBB POMEROY, head of the department of religion at Centenary College, led a Bible study, "An Introduction to the Bible," Sunday, Sept. 26, at First Church, Pineville, as part of that church's observance of Christian Education Week. On Sept. 28, Cecil Bland, associate program director, was the guest speaker for a Church School Workers' Appreciation Dinner. The Rev. Richard E. Walton is the pastor, and Mrs. Wayne Fallin is the educational assistant.

P. O. McLAUGHLIN, a member of Morningside Church, Shreveport, was the Laymen's Day speaker at Blanchard and Belcher United Methodist Churches on Oct. 10. Presiding at Blanchard was Leland Sullivan and at Belcher Floyd Crain had charge of the service. The Rev. Frank M. Stage, Jr. is the pastor.

JOHN BERGSTEDT of Lake Charles was the Laymen's Day speaker at First Church, DeRidder. The Rev. Jefferson C. Wallace is the pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, DeRidder, joined with First Presbyterian Church of that city in an ecumenical Worldwide Communion Sunday service in the Methodist Church. The speaker was George Bradford, a former attorney who is now a Presbyterian evangelist.

THE REV. JAMES W. JONES, Wesley Foundation minister at Northwestern Louisiana University, filled the pulpit of First Church, Natchitoches, on Sept. 19. The pastor, Dr. Jolly B. Harper, was preaching in revival services at New Iberia.

DR. VIVA L. RAINEY, associate professor of history and government at Centenary College, was the speaker for the October 5 business meeting of the WSCS and Guild of Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport. Dr. Sam Nader is the pastor.

ST. MARK'S STAFF MEMBER SPEAKS AT WYNN MEMORIAL

Barney Wright, US-2 serving at St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, spoke at Wynn Memorial Church, Shreveport, recently. He gave a brief resume of the Center's purpose at the morning hour, and conducted a "communication session" in the evening.

The questions ranged from details about him as a young person, a US-2 and a witnessing Christian, to inquiries about the center, its outreach and its needs.

The Rev. H. W. Longfellow, pastor, stated that "This dialogue helped to bridge the gap that sometimes exists between the average church member and 'our man out there.' Our contact with Mr. Wright, a young man who is living and working with people who need to know that God and His church care for them, was a rewarding one."

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CHURCH NIGHT AT BROADMOOR, BATON ROUGE

The first Church Night of the fall will be held at Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, Oct. 20.

Adults and youth will have the opportunity of hearing Art Thiel of Public Affairs Research speak on "A Look at Louisiana Politics," and Patterson Benner, a returned missionary to Japan, speak on "Inside Japan." Movies will be shown for the children. Dr. Barry Bailey is the pastor

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MRS. DRAYTON LEWIS, president of the Lafayette unit of Church Women United, was the guest speaker for the monthly meeting of the WSCS of First Church, Lafayette, October 5. The Rev. Edward R. Haug is the pastor.

DR. MILTON ROSENZWEIG was the speaker for the October 4 meeting of the WSCS of First Church, Shreveport. He discussed "Family Life." Dr. D. L. Dykes is the pastor.

MRS. JANE ROGERS spoke and showed slides on Alaska at the October 5 meeting of the Women's Society at First Church, Leesville. The Rev. Donald M. Risinger is the pastor.

At Slidell, Willie J. Packer, at right, chairman of the Education Work Area, presented Mrs. James Baulch a bouquet of roses in appreciation of her faithfulness and competence in serving as educational assistant. Mr. and Mrs. Baulch are moving to Birmingham, and both will be missed by the Slidell Church. The Rev. Phil Woodland, pastor, stands in back.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 17—Sunday	John 8:33-42
Oct. 18	Gal. 5:1-6
Oct. 19	II Thessa. 3:1-5
Oct. 20	I Pet. 2:11-17
Oct. 21	Hosea 14:1-9
Oct. 22	Matt. 10:5-13
Oct. 23	Rom. 3:19-26
Oct. 24—Sunday	Rom. 8:31-39

MISSION FESTIVAL PLANNED AT FIRST CHURCH, B.R.

Sunday, October 24, will be observed as Mission Festival '71 at First Church, Baton Rouge. A full day has been planned to include talks, exhibits, tours and fellowship.

Guests for the day will include: Dr. Robert F. Lundy, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council and former executive with the Board of Missions; the Rev. Jan Milburn, missionary to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Patterson D. Benner, on furlough from a mission assignment in Japan; Barney Wright, St. Mark Community Center, New Orleans; Miss Emma Burris, retired worker with the National Division, Board of Missions; and Miss Carol Wood, former short term missionary in Korea.

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CHURCH NITE SERIES BEGINS AT FIRST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

The 1971-72 series of Church Nite programs at First Church, Shreveport, got underway on October 6 with the following features included on the program:

—A discussion of "The Jesus Revolution – What's It All About?" with the Rev. Jack L. Taylor, pastor of Castle Heights Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex. and two of the "Jesus People" from the Jesus Community on which Mr. Taylor co-authored a recent book.

—"Everybody Needs a Little Help" with Dr. and Mrs. Fred Marceau.

—"A Concert in Gospel Song" featuring Beverly Terrell and Martha Brannon of the National Baptist Radio Film Association in Dallas.

—A fourth feature was "Meet the Candidates for Governor." All of the candidates were invited to be present and make a brief statement concerning their candidacy.

—The youth feature was "Meet the Jesus People" with two representatives of the Jesus Movement who told the story of their lives and religious experiences.

—For the children there were two features – a movie "A Tiger Walks" and a puppet show, "Jack and the Beanstalk," followed by Walt Disney cartoons.

Table fun featured Father Paul Ceasar, "the singing priest."

Women hear reports from community centers

Board members introduced staff personnel at Baton Rouge as the work of agencies in Louisiana, connected with the United Methodist Board of Missions, was presented to the delegates and visitors attending the Louisiana Conference women's meetings. On this page, excerpts from the reports of two of the institutions are printed.

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER

MacDonell Methodist Ceenter was founded in 1919 by Miss Ella K. Hooper. It began as a school, but approximately 20 years ago it changed to a home for children. We are still struggling to develop that program, providing casework services to families and children as well as caring for children on campus.

MacDonell Methodist Center is a social agency and therefore employs a trained social worker as director. He graduated from the University of Tennessee and is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. The Director of Social Services is also trained and ACSW, and works with the children, their families and those requesting admission. The Director of Group Living is a D.C.E. He directs and coordinates the work of the campus units and plans all special activities for the campus.

G. J. Bridges, executive director at MacDonell Center, Houmo, was introduced by Mrs. Gilbert Bandel af Baton Rouge, MacDonell baard member and canference choirman of missionory educotion. Mr. Bridges hos been with the Center for aver twa yeors.

In September 1970 the MacDonell board of directors made a policy change regarding casework services to children in residence. The Department of Public Welfare had insisted that their workers serve children placed by them rather than allowing the MacDonell social worker to serve all children. We felt that the children placed by Child Welfare were not receiving sufficient, appropriate, and supportive casework service, and in reality, received only room and board. As casework is an integral part of the program at MacDonell, the policy now reads that the social worker employed by MacDonell shall serve all children admitted to MacDonell. The Area Child Welfare Office has fought this change and has removed all but one of their children from MacDonell, thus causing the population to be down temporarily. We do not know where the children formerly placed here by Child Welfare are being sent or if they are being placed. The State Welfare Department has never been willing to pay the full cost of care for children placed with us, and we feel even refuses our help in getting money appropriatd.

MacDonell Methodist Center is now working very closely with some of the other child care agencies in Louisiana. The executives of Associated Catholic Charities of New Orleans, Blundon Home of Baton Rouge, Lutheran Social Service of New Orleans, St. Elizabeth's of New Orleans, St. Joseph Children's Home of Baton Rouge, Family Counseling Service of Baton Rouge, and Family and Children's Service of Shreveport have come together to form the Louisiana Association of Child Caring Agencies (LACCA).

Realizing MacDonell's need for a sound financial foundation, a group of ladies in New Orleans, Mrs. Jean Morris, Mrs. Jean Crow, Mrs. Joann Chumney, Mrs. Kareen Man, Mrs. Bettie Arceneaux, and Mrs. Anne Dowdle, have worked very hard to establish an "Ella K. Hooper Endowment Fund." These women have taken a great deal of interest in the program at MacDonell and recognize that one of our biggest problems is a lack of this secure foundation. In honoring Miss Hooper we hope not only to gently remind people of the lady who gave her entire life to serving children, Miss Ella K. Hooper, but also to benefit children of future generations.

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DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

"I was not a missionary or a radical; I was a trained teacher, and there was a need for a trained teacher. So I stayed." With these modest words, so in character with her life of service to God and her fellowman, Miss Wilhelmina Hooper describes her coming to Dulac in 1932 for a two-week visit. She has stayed for 39 years. Her work, although she retired in 1965, continues as the United Methodist Church through the Dulac Community Center responds today to the needs of the people of the Dulac area.

Dulac, a small fishing village, has changed in many ways since the day Miss Hooper arrived, but discrimination and unequal educational opportunities have left their mark on the Indian community she served. The white schools barred Indian children, and as a result, no Indian entered the public school system until 1954, when an Indian school was constructed. The French-speaking Indians suffer today from this painful legacy of discrimination. Of the 112 Indian children who began first grade 12 years ago, only 6 graduated high school in 1971. Because of the lack of education, Indians —first citizens of the land—lost their land as whites settled in the area and imposed land taxes which the Indians neither understood nor felt were just.

The Dulac Community Center executive director, James Bopp, wos presented by Mrs. Louie Chrismon, baard member, who is olso president af Lafayette District WSCS. Mr. Bapp has been with the center since 1969, and was appointed executive director last Morch, succeeding Jimmy Hebert.

Miss Hooper, with the support of her sister, began a school for Indian children in 1932. It was a ministry of love, as no funds, no facilities, no transportation, and no books existed when she arrived. Often traveling by pirogue and teaching French-speaking students, Miss Hooper labored in an area our society chose to isolate and to ignore. The personal efforts of the Hoopers and their supporters sustained the school until the Women's Division of the Methodist Church began support in 1950.

When public education was opened to the Indians in 1954, the Indian school broadened its program to become a community center. Today the Center's programs show a continuity with the past and an attempt to respond to the present. Educational opportunities — still a number one priority — mean today a kindergarten and day care program for 170 Indian, Black, and White pre-school children. Trained teachers use everything from the traditional phonics instruction and the work of Italian educator Maria Montessori to television's Sesame Street in attempting to prepare and to develop God's gift to us, our children.

The Center is attempting to deal with the medical needs of the community by sponsoring a weekly medical clinic with an emphasis on treatment, referrals, and on preventive and educational medical information. These clinics were planned by a local inter-racial community committee which oversees the operation of the program.

Plans to address a third priority—economic development—have recently been formulated as staff members have met with local fishermen and government officials in attempts to secure loans for the purchase of shrimp boats and related items.

Although the Center concentrates on these three priorities, other services are provided. Last year five homeless children were placed under foster care thru the work of the Center. A weekly clothing sale, stocked by churches throughout the Conference, provide low-cost clothing. Recreation activities, now de-emphasized by the Center because a public gymnasium exists, still occur three nights a week. Other activities are parents' club, boy scouts, summer sewing and swimming lessons and Vacation Church School. Countless forms —Medicare, Social Security, income tax, welfare, insurance—are filled out by staff members who are at times as puzzled by this red tape as the person who cannot read and received the paper.

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WOMEN ELECT JURISDICTION DELEGATES

In addition to electing officers at the recent meetings of Louisiana Methodist women, delegates were elected to attend jurisdiction and regional meetings.

The Women's Society of Christian Service elected four delegates to attend the South Central Jurisdiction meeting at Lakeview Methodist Assembly, Palestine, Texas, March 17-19. These are: Mrs. Ardessie Prophet of Baton Rouge, the new vice-president; Mrs. J. T. Spencer of Farmerville, recently elected treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Baton Rouge, chairman of missionary education; and Mrs. George Chastain, Jr. of Lake Charles, chairman of spiritual growth. Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Gloria Bennett will go as conference president and chairman, respectively.

Three nominees to the General Board of Missions were elected. These are Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. Inez Chrisenterry and Miss Mildred Evans.

The Wesleyan Service Guild elected three delegates to the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission to be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, next June. Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Mary Davis Frank, and the chairman of the new Natchitoches District. Alternates will be Mrs. Velma Thomas, Miss Lillian Kennedy and the new chairman of the Alexandria District. Mrs. Gloria Bennett will go by virtue of being conference chairman of Guilds.

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District WSCS Meetings held

Women's Societies of the Louisiana Conference have been holding district meetings this week.

Scheduled were: Lafayette and Lake Charles on Tuesday, October 12, in First Church, New Iberia and St. Luke's, Lake Charles; October 13, Monroe District in St. Paul's, Monroe, and Ruston at Grace Church, Hammond District at First Church, Hammond; October 14, Shreveport at First Church, Shreveport, and Baton Rouge at University Church; October 15, Alexandria at First Church, Alexandria, and New Orleans at Dillard University. Natchitoches District will meet Oct. 18.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 24: God Heals Broken Humanity

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61: Ephesians 2:11-19; Colossians 1:21-23

MEMORY SELECTION: When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand the ways in which God has healed broken humanity through the centuries, in order that we may appreciate the challenge the church has in our day to be his agents in healing.

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Many people are discouraged and pessimistic about the future of the church today because of the widespread alienation in our world. There is no denying that there are many grounds for pessimism, but only so long as we forget the history of God's dealing with his people.

We do not need to belabor the evidences of brokenness in our world, and yet there are some who would hide their heads in the sand and ignore all that is going on around them. Individuals find it hard to communicate with those who are closest to them, and group stands against group in a world with so many problems that we need all of God's children standing together in order that we might be used as his healing agents.

Just a few weeks ago United Methodist leaders of the South Central Jurisdiction gathered for a training enterprise at Mount Sequoyah using a rather unusual theme: "The Church: An Agent of Change?" The question mark which followed the wording of the theme branded it as out of the ordinary. Why do you suppose the planners of that program put it in the form of a question? Were they implying that the church was not fulfilling its function in this responsibility?

Our lesson today calls our attention to the manner in which God has stepped into his broken creation in other days and pulled the pieces together. In the play "Green Pastures," God is pictured as making periodic journeys to earth to encourage men to return from their divisions and brokenness. "Ole man Adam and his chillun" are pictured as a sorry lot, but "de Lawd" does not give up on them. He will not give up on us in our days. There is hope in the challenges that the church is accepting in our time with reconciliation as its highest priority.

When we talk about the brokenness of humanity, it is so easy to avoid the examples that are close to home. All of us know about the war, and some have felt the agony of it ourselves. We do pray for an early end to the conflict in Vietnam, but while it is coming we cannot ignore our responsibilities for alienated persons and broken lives right at our doorsteps. We must put ourselves into proper relationship to these needs if we are to serve as God's agents of change so that there will be no question marks about our responsibilities and our effectiveness.

Let us see what our biblical material has to say to us.

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"HE HAS SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED"

Isaiah 61 stands out as one of the great passages of the Bible. When Jesus was given an opportunity to read the scripture in the synagogue at Nazareth he chose these words with their very personal note of hope for the people of Israel when they were in exile. The prophet, whom we call Second Isaiah, declared that the spirit of God was upon him commissioning him to be God's healing agent in Israel's difficult days. One cannot read these words without feeling God's power as it flowed into his servant.

This concept of endowment of powers is found at other places in the Old Testament, particularly in Micah and Zechariah. To interpret this passage as exclusively messianic is to deny the important place of this particular prophet of the exile. He felt God's power flowing into his life for the work to be done in his own day—that of bringing comfort and assurance to the captives. He was God's messenger of good tidings to the sorrowing and suffering.

The fact that Jesus chose this passage for his reading in the Nazareth synagogue indicates that he felt it also applied to his mission among men. He said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:16-21). Isaiah's phrase "good news" properly becomes "the gospel" with this reading. He declared to his neighbors and to all mankind that God had given him a peculiar mission—that of revealing God's concern for the sick and deprived.

When Jesus sent out his own disciples, he charged them with two major tasks—preaching and healing. When the church came into being it took over these dual responsibilities. His followers have best discharged their mission when they have combined the proclamation of the gospel with works of mercy. If we understand our responsibilities as church members, then each of us must say with Second Isaiah and with Christ, "He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted."

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CHRIST'S RECONCILING WORK FOR US

In a brief passage from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:21-23) we have a classic statement concerning what Jesus accomplished for men through his life, death and resurrection. The Phillips translation says: "And you yourselves, who were strangers to God, and, in fact, were through the evil things you have done, his spiritual enemies." Paul speaks directly to men concerning their alienation from God. The writer goes on to affirm that what happened to reconcile man to God was the result of God's initiative. At another place Paul said, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (2 Cor. 5:19).

Alienation is an ugly word wherever we see it and the reality it represents is still less beautiful. Although Paul first emphasizes man's need for reconciliation with God, he moves on to remind his readers that there is another variety of estrangement —man against man. He says that God has done that which was necessary to bring man back to him. This was the gift of Christ which someone has called "the cement that holds the world together." As Paul writes to the Colossians to tell them that the great "good news" is that this reconciliation has been made possible.

In verse 23, Paul warned the Colossians that this fellowship with God would continue so long as they remained firm in the faith and held fast to the truth.

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A NEW RELATIONSHIP THROUGH CHRIST

Another background passage, Ephesians 2:11-19, brings us to the reality and necessity of reconciliation among men. Here we learn the reality of a new fellowship of man with man. Ephesians 2:13 says: "But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ." Paul claims that the cross is the instrument whereby man-made divisions are broken down.

The power of the Christian gospel to unify and to break down the dividing wall of hostility between alien groups is amazing. True, there have been times when the gospel divided men, but Paul was affirming that the unifying power of this gospel cannot be ultimately thwarted. New meaning is being given to this passage in our own day as we see the way in which Christians are turning their backs on many old forms and ideas in their concern to be agents of reconciliation.

We are discovering that the brokenness of life need not remain in pieces; it can become whole again. To accomplish this was the mission Jesus felt God had given him to do. Churchmen everywhere are finding new meaning and a deepened Christian experience as they find what God wants them to do about the brokenness of our own time. How wonderful it is to discover that we are no longer enemies of God or of one another! This is the new relationship we find through Christ who was "sent to bring good tidings to the afflicted . . . to bind up the brokenhearted."

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BRINGING THE SCRIPTURE CLOSE TO HOME

This is a lesson which has to be brought out of the pages of the Bible to the needs and hurts of people in our own time. We can hear Jesus speaking in Nazareth and think his words are so exciting. The big question is can we hear him speaking and feel the same kind of excitement about the alienated people who live all about us.

Dr. Lawrence C. Hay says to us in Adult Bible Studies: "We can have little hope that our condition will become better until we take an honest look at ourselves and the world, making a genuine assessment of our present condition and confessing that our condition is of our own making."

A real danger inherent in this lesson is the possibility that we will overemphasize the part God has played in this process of reconciliation and minimize the part we must play as persons. This is a divided world and God wants it back together. But it is far from his spirit to affirm, as some people do, that "The problems of broken humanity will be solved when God wants them solved." How can we read from the Bible and not feel that we must become a part of the great moving tide of reconciliation which is moving through the church and across the world.

The Bible is full of instances of God's use of people to relieve suffering, and out of this lesson comes the feeling that he is again putting out his hand to us and asking that we help bind up the brokenness in our world.

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WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

Out of the United Methodist General Conference of 1968 came the quadrennial emphasis on reconciliation with its challenge for a great offering which would involve this church of ours in many new experiences. Every other church that we know anything about is also engaged in exciting adventures of involving themselves with the alienated. Slowly but surely the church is coming to see that it is not an end in itself, but is a servant of God in this world to complete this task which he feels is so important.

Included in the projects of the Fund for Reconciliation are great numbers of sincere efforts to undergird the efforts of all of the minority groups in our land toward self-determination and self-realization. Out of this program has also come convictions about our task to held restore the brokenness in Vietnam when that war is over. If you have not visited some of these projects you are depriving yourself of a blessing and you cannot fully understand what this lesson is all about. Do not close this lesson today without a determination to find out more about this emphasis on reconciliation. Find out what your church is doing about it, and become concerned yourself.

Crusade Scholarship program in 26th year

NEW YORK (UMI) — More than 2,000 persons have studied under a church-supported program of international education that is entering its 26th consecutive year with the start of the 1971-72 academic season.

Included in the 2,012 are 130 persons studying this year under the Crusade Scholarship program of the United Methodist Church. They are attending colleges, universities, seminaries, medical schools and other higher educational institutions in 19 countries plus the United States and Puerto Rico.

The program is administered by the national Crusade Scholarship Committee of the United Methodist Church, of which Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, Madison, N.J., is chairman and of which Miss Margaret Swift, New York, is full-time executive secretary. Representatives of three denominational agencies — Board of Missions, Board of Education, Division of Interpretation — comprise the Committee.

A principal source of financial support for the Crusade Scholarship program is the offering, taken in United Methodist churches on World Communion Sunday. The Women's Division of the Board of Missions also appropriates funds for Crusade Scholarships. Since the program was started, more than $4,500,000 has been given to educate Crusade Scholars, as those studying under the international program are called.

The 68 students in the U.S. for the 1971-72 academic year are studying in 33 schools in 18 states and the District of Columbia. The 51 Crusade Scholars studying in other countries are in schools in India, Fiji, Mozambique, England, Brazil, Canada, Zambia, Rhodesia, Philippines, Congo, Greece, Switzerland, Germany, Indonesia, Nigeria, Portugal, Argentina, Australia and New Guinea. Thirteen Crusade Scholars are studying at either Evangelical Theological Seminary or the University of Puerto Rico.

As in past years, the U.S. is represented by the most Crusade Scholars studying in America, with 40. The majority are black Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians or members of other minority groups. From an overseas country, Rhodesia has the most Crusade Scholars studying in the U.S., seven, followed by the Philippines with four, Korea and Brazil with three each, Liberia with two and, with one each, New Zealand, India, Japan, Indonesia, Fiji, Argentina and Malaysia.

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The Rev. Homer Noley of the Nebraska Conference has been appointed as a staff executive for American Indian work—a division of the National Board of Missions in the United Methodist Church. Noley, a Choctaw, was born, reared and educated in Oklahoma. After graduation from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City he was assigned by the Nebraska Conference to work among American Indians there. In 1969 when the Conference was considering possible projects to be financed with Nebraska's share of the Fund for Reconciliation, Noley was named to head the American Indian Task Force. The establishment of a special ministry for the American Indian resulted.

BRITISH PASTORS' WIVES MAY WIN RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR OWN FURNITURE

LONDON (RNS)—The wives of British Methodist clergymen may get the right, for the first time in history, to own their own kitchen tables, beds, stoves, parlor chairs and refrigerators.

By overwhelming votes, all but two of the denomination's 34 synods decided that ministers and their families should own manse (or parsonage) furniture. Since the days of John Wesley—Methodism's founder—in the late 13th Century, furniture has been furnished and owned by the churches.

When a "manse family" moves, as they do frequently in the Methodist system, they have only their clothing and personal effects to transport.

"This is what all wives want—a home of their own," said Mrs. F. C. Bond, wife of the superintendent of the Lincoln area, when the vote was tabulated.

Final approval for the change must be given by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church. The synods voted on a report which proposed the transfer of furnishings in homes to the clergymen. In some areas, amendments stipulated the amount of furniture allowance ministers will get and set plans for assessing present manse contents.

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As the earth can produce nothing unless it is fertilized by the sun, so we can do nothing without the grace of God.—Vianney

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Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind, spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies.—Robert Louis Stevenson

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The breeze of divine grace is blowing upon us all. But one needs to set the sail to feel this breeze of grace.—Ramakrishna

Committee stresses interdenominational cooperation for deaconess/home missionary activities

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Increasing cooperation with other denominations' activities in related fields was stressed here recently at the annual meeting of the United Methodist Committee on Deaconesses/Home Missionary Service.

Among other things, the committee voted to cooperate with eight other churches in the U.S. and Canada in setting up and administering an ecumenical orientation seminar for new candidates for the diaconate in the summer of 1972. Action also was taken to support the 11th triennial international meeting of Diakonia in June of 1972 in New York, and funds were approved to support the North American Diakonia organization.

United Methodists comprise almost two-thirds of the almost 1,400 members in the North American group, Miss Allene M. Ford, executive secretary of the committee, reported.

A good portion of the session here was devoted to review of possible legislation for the 1972 General Conference. Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta, Ga., presided as chairman of the committee.

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

At the end of the month of September beacons, many of them on historical sites, were lit all over Britain, as a symbol of protest against the increasing tide of pornography, and the over-permissiveness of society which the organisers of the Festival of Light want to oppose. Returned missionary to India, Peter Hill is the prime mover in the protest, and he says that this movement, which has gained the support of television celebrity Malcolm Muggeridge, pop-singer Cliff Richard, and Bishop Trevor Huddlestone, is intended to offset the "systematic corruption of the young" as he secs it.

The movement got off to a slightly uncertain start at Westminster Central Hall in the heart of London, when the first big meeting of its campaign was almost broken up by organised heckling. Some commentators thought that the meeting failed to strike the right note for the occasion — there was too much "testimony" and not enough facts. This method of organising the meeting played into the hands of members of the Gay Liberation Front and a number of groups who had come just to wreck the gathering.

The proceedings were interrupted by boys dressed as nuns, and white mice were released on the floor of the Hall. This meant that much of the meeting was held in an uproar, but those who came to mock, although they did not stay to pray, might yet find that they did the cause of their own brand of "freedom" not much good.

The Freethinker the Humanist organ, not noticeably on the side of organised Christianity, made an acid comment on the way in which the opponents of the Festival of Light went about their business. It said: "We know that many of those who claim they are concerned about our morals are simply acting in defence of the status quo, and are prepared to censor, repress and discriminate against those whose value and outlook are different to their own. Nevertheless they have the right to make their view known, and if they so wish, to spend their money organising events like the Festival of Light. And while they should be challenged, questioned and exposed, there is no excuse for organised barracking and shouting down their speakers."

While some people see the Festival of Light as the means of shedding the gloom, there is still no doubt that it is time that the debate about the nature of society which can produce the kind of obscenity and pornography which is now so prevalent was taken seriously.

The fact is that there are many people who do not take a repressive attitude to life, and are well aware that there are obscenities like war and want as well as obscenities about sex, who are deeply concerned about the moral tone of the country. The question is whether a really fruitful dialogue can be got going between those who want freedom of a total kind, and those who fear that such freedom simply means licentiousness.

In some ways the Festival of Light goes in danger of over-simplifying the issue — there are deep psychological factors at work here which need to be taken into account. But, at least the organisers want to point in the direction of light and not darkness, true progressiveness and not regressiveness, a positive way of life and not a negative one. What kind of allies can they look for in society? If they can show that they are not fanatics who want to deny life or diminish the warmth and reality of human response, they may well find that very many people who form the not very vocal majority will be with them. The danger is that if they are opposed in the way they were in the Westminster Central hall, they become more fanatical themselves, and one more well-meaning effort will vanish in clouds of over-stated polemic.

Board of Evangelism emphasizes minority concerns

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (UMI) — During its final meeting of the 1968-72 quadrennium the United Methodist Board of Evangelism gave major attention here September 29-October 1 to ministries among black and Hispanic Americans, restructuring possibilities, and several ecumenical evangelistic programs.

The 60-member board also paid tribute to 11 retiring members including Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., Lincoln, Nebr., president.

Featured speaker at a dinner honoring the retirees was Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary for 26 years of the former Methodist Board of Evangelism. The world-known lay evangelist who "has no home, only a mailing address" had not attended a meeting of the board since his retirement in 1965.

A strong plea for the church to implement both personal salvation and social liberation was made during an evening presentation devoted to minority concerns.

The Rev. Dr. Roberto Escamilla, Nashville, Tenn., director of bi-lingual ministries for the Board, said no other mission field is as fertile and responsive to the Gospel as that which is present among Hispanic Americans, 80 percent of whom are not related to any church.

"Besides all the problems of inadequate education, poor housing, lack of jobs, and bad health, it can be categorically stated that their souls are empty," he declared.

Among those joining Dr. Escamilla on the program was the Rev. Josafata Curti, campus minister at Southern Colorado State College, Pueblo. Mr. Curti is president of Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans (MARCA).

MARCHA objectives call for better Hispanic-American representation on church agency membership and staffs and for the election of at least one Hispanic American bishop.

Concerns and ministries of black United Methodists were featured on a "Tonight Show" hosted by Assistant General Secretary George Outen. Other black participants included staff members Cornelius L. Henderson and W. Maurice King and board members Thomas V. Bryant, Jeffersonville, Ind., and Miss Marzena Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.

In his annual president's message, Bishop Moore said the image of the United States and the church could be improved through a greater use of the Christian witness of black and red and brown men. "It is going to take this in Africa and Asia and the Continent south of us to win love, respect and confidence."

The Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Board called for an emphasis on "commitment, renewal and nurture" in future priorities of the board. He reported on several major evangelistic emphases involving the board including: "Key '73", a broad-based, pan-Christian effort in North America and a five-year evangelism program initiated by the World Methodist Council meeting this summer in Denver.

In his banquet address, Dr. Denman, 78, said the greatest mission field today is the United States. "I may be pessimistic but I don't think the United States can evangelize the world. We are imperialistic, we are militant, and we are dropping bombs."

In addition to an analysis of evangelism and the church, Dr. Denman gave his opinions on several current issues:
—condemned abortion.
—said the only thing Americans had to show for Vietnam is a "political dictatorship."
—was critical of President Nixon's interest in China, saying, "the main interest of the U.S. in China is the China dollar, not the China people."
—expressed concern about the pending Supreme Court appointments. "For 15 years the Court has magnified the rights of the individual and now there will be a swing back to the rights of property."
—said bigness may destroy the church "just as it has business." "During the Depression businesses closed but churches didn't. In the thirties individuals went on welfare. Today corporations are going on welfare."
—said he hoped Congress would not pass the prayer amendment to the Constitution. "Why should we want math teachers to teach our children to pray when there is the home, the family?"

Retirees honored by the Board were: Bishop Moore; Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass, Jackson, Miss.; Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Omaha, Nebr.; Truman W. Potter, Charleston, W. Va.; Harry W. Zechman, Palmyra, Pa.; Maggart B. Howell, Waco, Tex.; R. P. Lay, Shreveport, La.; David A. Duck, Cordele, Ga.; George W. Chant, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Thomas V. Bryant, Jeffersonville, Ind.

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YOUNG ADULTS PLAN TASK FORCES TO CONSIDER KEY ISSUES

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Plans to begin communication with young adults across the United Methodist Church in connection with a series of eight issues and the forthcoming General Conference were mapped by a caucus of about 50 young adults here Sept. 18-19.

According to Dick Johnson of San Francisco, Calif., the group authorized task forces in such areas as minority group liaison, communications, legislation, investments, sexism, publishing interests, life styles, and church structures.

It was reported during the session that eight of the 1,000 delegates to the 1972 General Conference are young adults, and another eight are jurisdictional conference delegates.

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The most important thought I ever had was that of my individual responsibility to God.—Daniel Webster

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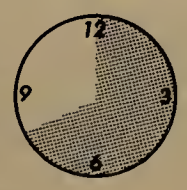

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Alaska Methodist University reopens with new president

NEW YORK (UMI) — With a new president and a new chairman of the board of trustees, Alaska Methodist University (AMU) in Anchorage has opened for the 1971-72 academic year with an enrollment, according to latest reports, of more than 600 full and part time students. Because of financial difficulties, there were reports earlier this year that the school might not open for the fall term, but the board of trustees decided to move ahead.

An Alaska fund drive for $200,000 has been scheduled. A $100,000 gift to AMU from the Atlantic Richfield Company was announced in July. State officials, including Gov. William A. Egan, are reported exploring how public funds might aid the school, on at least a temporary basis. The National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, which founded and is still related to AMU, says it continues to seek aid for the university through Advance Special gifts. AMU remains the only four-year private institution of higher learning in Alaska.

New AMU president is Dr. John O. Picton, 48, a research and development specialist with the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory in Portland, Ore. A United Methodist layman with 20 years of educational and administrative experience, the school's third president said one of his primary concerns is "to work closely with the entire university community to develop long-range plans for AMU and to move as rapidly as possible to implement them."

Announcing Dr. Picton's appointment was the Rev. A. C. Wischmeier, superintendent of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church and newly elected (in late September) chairman of the AMU board of trustees. Also at the September meeting, the board named Alaska residents to head most of its committees, which is intended to relate the school more closely to the Alaska scene.

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Jurisdictional Historical Workshop scheduled Nov. 8-10

Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., executive secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, will be the chief resource person for the Jurisdictional Historical Workshop to be held Nov. 8-10 at Mt. Sequoyah.

The announcement of the meeting came from the Rev. A. Sterling Ward, Springfield, Mo., chairman of the Jurisdictional Commission. The Commission will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

The workshop will begin with registration at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9, and adjournment will come at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

There will be a registration fee of $10 ($11 for husband and wife) and this should be sent to Dr. Virgil D. Morris, 2400 NW 23rd, Oklahoma City, Okla 73107. Requests for room reservations (with $2.50 deposit per person) should be sent to Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701.

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Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday to emphasize "people problem"

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Church involvement in approaching the "people problem" of drug and alcohol abuse will be emphasized on Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday, November 14.

"This is only one day in the life of the church," stated the Rev. Larry Wayman and the Rev. Phyllis Wayman, husband-and-wife team of educational program coordinators for the Department of Alcohol Problems and Drug Abuse, Board of Christian Social Concerns. "It can serve as the beginning of an education-action involvement for churches as they consider their role in dealing with addicts and problems related to use and misuse of drugs."

The Department of Alcohol Problems and Drug Abuse has developed two new resources as supplements to a drug educational packet, **The Drug Puzzle,** produced last year. A community action guide, titled **Doing It,** outlines the conditions and guidelines for church involvement in drug problems. A special issue (October) of **engage** magazine, titled **Ups/Downs,** features articles and resources dealing with the problems related to sedatives and stimulants.

"As a whole these several pieces," says Bishop James S. Thomas, chairman of the CSC Board's Division of General Welfare, "the drug education packet, the church guide to community action, and the special issue of **engage,** provide local churches with the necessary resources for beginning to build comprehensive drug education and action programs."

Stressing that the misuse of alcohol and drugs is "really a 'people problem' not a chemical problem," the Waymans urge churches to consider Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday as a time for new action this year.

St. Mark's women to hear Rep. Dorothy M. Taylor

"Leap In Faith" will be the theme around which Woman's Day will revolve at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 149 North Fourteenth Street, Baton Rouge, on Sunday morning, Oct. 24, at 10:55 a.m. The program under the auspices of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, will have as its keynote speaker, The Honorable Dorothy M. Taylor, member, House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, of New Orleans.

Mrs. Taylor, Louisiana's first black woman legislator, is making her presence felt throughout the State. She serves on the Committee of the Affairs of the City of New Orleans, Judiciary C and the Public Works and Institutions Committees in the Legislature.

She has served as president of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in three different schools, helping to bring about significant improvements in school-community relations. Mrs. Taylor and her husband, Johnny have been married for 20 years. Along with her community involvement, they are rearing a family of seven children.

Mrs. Taylor is an active member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, New Orleans. She was recently cited by the Women's Society of Mount Zion Church for her outstanding contributions to "Humanity."

Mrs. Ernestine J. George, contralto, will be the guest soloist for the program. Mrs. George is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and the Baton Rouge Community Chorus.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Other participants on the program include Mrs. Mary S. Burgess, Mrs. Earline Morgan Simms, Mrs. Albertha Hayes, Mrs. Joyce Robinson, Mrs. Joyce Foster Banks, Mrs. Portia Hubbard, Mrs. Inez Chrisentery and Mrs. Mary M. Gordon.

Music for the program will be furnished by The Chancel Choir of St. Mark Church, Mrs. Alberta R. Stewart, organist-director.

The Program Committee is chaired by Mrs. Mary M. Gordon. Mrs. Henrietta C. Smith is Chairman of Finance. Fellowship Coffee is chaired by Mrs. Clara J. Young. Mrs. Naomi J. McKee, Co-Chairman.

INVITATION

Mrs. Portia Hubbard, President of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. Glorious M. Pidgeon, Chairman, Wesleyan Service Guild, along with the Pastor, Dr. Carl T. Wethers, extend an invitation to the public to attend the service.

Following the service, a Fellowship Coffee will be held at which time, members and friends of the Society and Guild will have an opportunity to personally meet Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. George and the other participants on the program.

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"Songs to See and Sing" in large print

Music is one of the most meaningful parts of a religious service, church school session or other church group meeting. And friends getting together for an afternoon like to sing.

But the older person often has trouble seeing — and therefore reading — the words and music in song books. Miss Virginia Stafford of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church has recommended **Songs to See & Sing,** a new publication by Broadman Press, which can help remedy this situation. The book was compiled by Adelle Carlson, who for a number of years was a staff member in the Recreation Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. She gives major attention to the recreation interests of older adults. Miss Stafford, who is Director of Ministries to Older Adults at the Division of the Local Church, assisted in selecting songs for the book.

The book is written in large print, enabling those with failing eyesight to see it better. The songs were chosen especially with the older person's favorites in mind. They include "America the Beautiful", "Holy, Holy, Holy", "Sweet Hour of Prayer", "Hole in the Bucket", "Jingle Bells" and fifty other songs.

O. H. (Buddy) Patterson has joined the staff of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport as Youth Activities director. Patterson is a graduate of Northwestern State College at Natchitoches and has done work at Centenary College. He has taught science in high school. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is the minister at Broadmoor.

The book may be purchased for 85c at both Cokesbury and Baptist Book Stores. Mail orders should include the order number, 4506-04.

—Anne Moskow

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Children's Art Project to focus on "One Great Hour of Sharing"

Children of all churches are invited to participate in a nationwide Children's Art Project in 1972. The plan was conceived by the interdenominational committee for One Great Hour of Sharing. Next January and February individual children of each church are invited to create artwork that will express the meaning of One Great Hour of Sharing. Any art media may be used, but photographs may not be entered. The artwork is to be exhibited in the local church during the Sundays of Lent to focus attention on the meaning and importance of the special offering.

If the church is interested in the nationwide aspect of the project as many as five of the best art pieces may be selected for display at the Interchurch Center in New York City. Selection should be based on artistic merit and the quality of the child's statement.

The artwork should portray what the child feels about what the church does in situations around the world as the result of One Great Hour of Sharing.

Teachers, wanting more information, may order resource materials by writing Church World Service, Room 626, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

Each piece of artwork sent for the national exhibit should carry the artist's name, age, address, and his own explanation of what his work is about. Include with the shipment a single sheet of paper with the information about each artist, and an individual photograph of him, if possible.

The art pieces become the property of Church World Service. In addition to being included in the national exhibit some selections will be used in the 1973 publicity materials for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Entries should be carefully packed. Packages should conform to postal regulations concerning size—limit of 78" including the length plus girth. Note on the outside of the package "First Class Letter Enclosed" and put an eight-cent stamp on the package to cover postage for the information sheet enclosed.

MRS. W. B. VAN VALKENBURGH

Mrs. W. B. Van Valkenburgh, widow of the late Rev. William B. Van Valkenburgh, a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference, died on Sept. 5 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fletcher W. Swink, in Falls Church, Va. Mr. Swink is the pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Falls Church.

Mrs. Van Valkenburgh is survived by her daughter, one granddaughter and one sister.

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Every Christian conference which I have attended in recent years has been forced to attempt to deal with the polarization which is so obviously a part of church life in our generation. Some of the questions which stem from this concern are: Is there a place for differences in the Church? Is the fellowship of the church based on consensus? Must we all think alike? Is the Church merely a society of like-minded people? Should controversy be avoided at all cost?

If you are looking for something where everyone agrees, you are not looking for the Church of the living God. It is evident in creation that God loves diversity. No two leaves on the same tree are just alike. The Holy Spirit of God does not make us into carbon copies or rubber stamps but molds us according to the uniqueness of our personality.

Believe me there is a difference in operating an assembly-line where you turn out interchangeable parts and a laboratory where growth is encouraged according to each person's uniqueness. There is a whale of a difference in administering a smooth-running organization and being the catalyst, sometimes even the protagonist, in providing and enabling persons to grow. It seems to me that there are three or four observations that need to be made concerning the church as an arena for controversy.

One, we need to realize that the gospel is two-legged. There is both the emphasis on personal salvation and social responsibility. But so often people get hung up on one or the other.

A second observation is that if differences are to be constructive, we must keep an openness to one another. How easy it is to turn the other person off if we do not agree with him. So often the freedom we give the other fellow is the freedom to agree with us. We are so defensive about our own views that we never really hear the other person.

Must we all agree? Another observation concerning the creative use of conflict is that we must all agree on love. God's love which forgives, reconciles, is the basis for community and not consensus. "By this shall men know that you are my disciples," Jesus said. Not that you agree politically or theologically or social action-wise but that you accept the other person no matter how different, and love him as God loves him and as God loves you.

God's love, you see, is never conditional. It is not dependent on someone agreeing with you. It does not depend on someone being just like you. We might paraphrase Jesus' words to read: "If you only love those who agree with you, what is the good of that?" It is God's love that creates unity in diversity.

—James B. Argue, Senior Minister, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

"For courage to sing when the world is discordant — For courage to laugh when 'tis easier to sigh — For courage to work when each trial brings failure — For courage to trust when most tempted to doubt — We thank thee, our heavenly Father. Amen.
(Dorothy Wells Peace)

WHY BIRDS SING!

The birds wake every morning
To raise their voices high!
They welcome all God's creatures
And here's the reason why –

They greet each new day borning
With a song of praise
And thanks to their Creator
For one more of His days!

–by Amy T. Oliver

OF SONGS AND SEAS

No song of mine has ever matched the brook
With its mellifluous, enchanting key;
Nor has it ever equalled how the sea
Can chorus shore to shore; a casual look
At love-notes scribbled in a memory book,
Of songs of childhood's bland simplicity –
All these but tend to show the paucity
Of my dull song, despite the hours it took.
But sing I must! The heart that's mute is dead,
And mine is restless as the tortured mind
Encompassed in a maniac. I sing
Of life and love and of a soul that's fed
On happiness, and in the singing, find
A bit of joy in every living thing!

–by Ercil F. Brown

White House Conferences reviewed

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists who have been delegates to any of four White House Conferences during President Nixon's administration are being asked to indicate whether they would be interested in participating in a meeting Feb. 3-5 in Washington to prepare what is called a "Report to the Church" on the conferences.

Calling the meeting, and asking for indication of delegates' interest, is the United Methodist Inter-board staff Committee on Health and Welfare, comprising staff members from five national agencies—Board of Education, Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, Board of Christian Social Concerns, National Division of the Board of Missions, Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries. Purpose of the meeting, said Miss Betty Letzig, New York, who is representing the Interboard Staff Committee in organizing the Washington sessions, is to hear reports from the White House Conferences, discuss them in small groups, formulate recommendations to the five parent agencies and perhaps to congregations, and "where necessary" prepare recommendations for possible 1972 General Conference consideration.

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United Methadist Youth Fellawship of Gueydan Church an recent Youth Activities Week trip to Lake Charles beach. They were accompanied by Counselors Mrs. Jahn Hudson and Mrs. Keith Hair. The auting included a visit with the Rev. and Mrs. Frank C. Lankford and Lynn an the Fairview - Sweet Lake Charge.

A committee of ladies at Galden Meadow United Methodist Church plan with Lay Leader Vernon Brumfield for the Laymen's Day Sunday evening service at their church. The Rev. Ira M. Rabinson is minister.

The Women's Society of Christian Service af First United Methadist Church, Eunice, presented "The Secand Coming of Mrs.C" as the program far the September Family Night Supper. Characterizatians af the mather, dactar, maid, minister, daughter, director, attarney and news media were portrayed by the graup shawn here. The Rev. Carey Martin is minister at Eunice.

Vacation Bible Schoal participants at First Church, Laganspart sent an offering af $20 ta United Methadist Missionary Ray Holt in the Philippines to help buy two axen. Halt is a former pastor of Bethel Methadist Church an the Logansport-Bethel Charge. The Rev. L. Gray Wilson is the present pastar.

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A service of dedicotion and consecrotion wos held for the Wiginton Memorial Building (top) ot First United Methodist Church, Hommond on Sundoy, Oct. 10. Porticipoting in ceremonies for the new building, given in honor of the lote Louis Wiginton, Jr., were, left to right, Don Durhom II, choirmon of Building Committee, Ford Grohom, Mrs. Shirley Wiginton, Mrs. Borboro McKoskle, the Rev. Henry Blount, pastor, ond the Rev. Jomes J. Corawoy, Hammond District superintendent.

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Dr. ond Mrs. Lumon Douglos shown in front of the Retired Ministers' home they now occupy in Baton Rouge.

Fourteenth Retired Ministers' Home dedicated in Baton Rouge

A Service of Dedication highlighted the Open House held at the first Retired Ministers' home to be acquired in the Baton Rouge District. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton officiated at the dedication of the home located at 9934 Judi Avenue in Baton Rouge, and occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Luman Douglas. Assisting was the Rev. James Adams, chairman of the Retired Ministers Homes Board.

The home—the fourteenth in the Louisiana Conference—has been provided by the Board in cooperation with the churches of the Baton Rouge District.

Present to greet visitors during the Open House were: Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Barry Bailey and Dr. and Mrs. Ben Oliphint. Presiding over the refreshment table were: Mrs. Walter Brock, Mrs. Douglas McGuire, Mrs. Don Alverson, Mrs. C. B. McGowan and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel. Assisting them were Mrs. Harris Copenhaver, Jr., Mrs. James Brasher and Mrs. M. W. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Marshall Paine registered guests in the library.

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A Letter from Our Bishop

October 16, 1971

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

You are familiar with the Fund for Reconciliation which was established by the General Conference of 1968. A goal of twenty million dollars was set for the quadrennium for purposes of Christian ministry to needy individuals and groups throughout the church. Half of the contributions were to be retained by the episcopal areas for types of ministry originating at the local level and directed within the annual conferences.

The Fund for Reconciliation has made possible some strategic ministries in the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Metropolitan Ministries, Shreveport
Metropolitan Ministries, New Orleans
Spanish-American Ministries, New Orleans
Hughes Methodist Center, Baton Rouge
Nonmetropolitan Program for Louisiana
Tutorial Program, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe
Franklinton Day Care Center, Franklinton

Half of the contributions to the Fund for Reconciliation have also made possible a number of other projects, nation-wide, as well as a rehabilitation program on the part of the church in Vietnam.

The Fund for Reconciliation was inaugurated for this quadrennium only. It has become evident to us that some of these projects made possible by the fund should be continued beyond this date. They will have to be funded, of course, by other means.

This letter is to remind you that Louisiana Methodists have a financial obligation to the Fund for Reconciliation extending through the fiscal year of 1972. There are still a number of pledges unpaid. Moreover, every church can do a little more to help us pay in full our obligations as a conference.

Please give attention to including support for the Fund for Reconciliation as you make your budgets for 1972.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey G. Walton

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Porticipoting in the dedicotion of the recently ocquired Retired Ministers' Home in Boton Rouge, left to right, the Rev. Jomes Adoms, Bishop Walton, ond Mrs. Douglos and Dr. Lumon Douglas.

Dr. Ewing Wayland named to new post

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Dr. Ewing T. Wayland of Mt. Prospect, Ill., editorial director of **Together** and **Christian Advocate,** national United Methodist magazines, since 1964, will join the executive staff of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance here January 1.

Dr. Wayland's election to the new post was announced at a session of the council October 11-12. He will have the title of acting associate general secretary and comptroller.

R. Bryan Brawner, general secretary of the council, said Dr. Wayland would be in charge of the audit and special services departments now headed by the Rev. J. Homer Magee after Dr. Magee's retirement next June 1, and the central treasury.

A native of Arkansas, the new staff executive joined the general periodicals staff of the denomination in 1960 as editor of the **Christian Advocate.** Prior to that he had been editor of the Arkansas Methodist for 12 years and, concurrently, the Louisiana Methodist for nine years.

Dr. Wayland holds degrees from Hendrix College and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He served pastorates in Texas and Arkansas and was a Navy chaplain before joining the **Arkansas Methodist** staff in 1946.

Dr. Brawner said that Dr. Wayland would begin some work for the Council on World Service and Finance immediately through an arrangement with the Board of Publication that then will permit him to serve as editor of the **Daily Christian Advocate** for the 1972 General Conference. He has served as editor of the publication at the 1964, 1966, 1968 and 1970 sessions.

In other actions at its session, the Council on World Service and Finance reached a preliminary decision to reduce askings from local churches for the Episcopal Fund by 12½ per cent during the next quadrennium. At present the expenses of the denomination's bishops are met by an assessment to churches of two per cent of the pastor's salary.

Dr. Brawner said the proposed reduction was made possible because of increases in pastor's salaries across the denomination and an accumulated surplus. The final recommendation on this, and other funds, will be made at a session of the Council on World Service and Finance January 18-20 in Dallas, Texas.

President of the council is Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S.C.

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Three generations of Louisiana United Methodist ministers led in the World Wide Communion worship service for the Marthaville - Beulah - Robeline churches in the Marthaville Church. Left to right; The Rev. P. M. Caraway of Shreveport presented the sermon, the Rev. James J. Caraway, superintendent of Hammond District, administered Holy Communion and host pastor, the Rev. J. Jay Caraway, presided at the special service.

Lakeview Church to celebrate 20th anniversary

The twentieth anniversary celebration at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Minden will begin with special evening services, Monday Oct. 25 continuing through Thursday, Oct. 28 and will be highlighted on Sunday, Oct. 31 with a Homecoming.

Guest speaker for the Sunday morning worship will be the Rev. Ira W. Flowers, retired minister in the Louisiana Conference, who was pastor at First Church, Minden, when his dream for another Methodist church in Minden became a reality.

Other former pastors will speak at evening services during the week, and special music will be provided by the choirs of Lakeview Church. The speakers and the dates on which they will fill the pulpit are: The Rev. L. Gray Wilson of Logansport, Monday evening, Oct. 25; the Rev. James Poole of St. Luke's in Shreveport, Tuesday, Oct. 26; the Rev. William B. Shaw of Ruston, Wednesday, Oct. 27, and the Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. of Grace Church in Ruston, Thursday, Oct. 28.

Mrs. Jack Perryman will present a brief history of Lakeview Church and charter members will be recognized during the Sunday morning service. Following the service a covered dish dinner and reminiscences will be shared in Fellowship Hall, according to the Rev. Louis M. Coppage, minister. A special feature during the evening service will be the viewing of a film of Minden, made 20 years ago.

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CLAIBORNE HOMECOMING

A Homecoming will be held at Claiborne United Methodist Church in West Monroe, on Sunday, Nov. 7. The Rev. Sammy Hargrove will be the guest preacher for the morning worship service at 11 o'clock. A covered dish luncheon will follow.

The congregation and the Rev. Terral T. Lowe, pastor, invite all former pastors and former members to attend.

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Dr. Lundy

Miss Burris

Miss Wood

Benner

Wright

Baton Rouge First Church schedules Mission Festival '71

Mission Festival '71, a day-long program of local, national and international mission activities will be presented by First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge on Sunday, Oct. 24. Six well-known mission interpreters will be featured. Dr. Robert F. Lundy, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council will deliver the sermons for the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Other interpreters will include: Jan Milburn, Patterson D. Benner, Barney Wright, Carol Wood and Miss Emma Burris.

Dr. Lundy, a native of Georgia, holds degrees from Emory University and Henry College, and has filled mission assignments in China and Malaysia. He was elected bishop of the Southeastern Asia Central Conference and has served with the World Division of the Board of Missions.

Miss Burris, born in Franklinton, La., is presently a staff member of the Board of Mission, Women's Division and National Division in the area of Social Welfare and Medical Work. She has filled mission assignments in social work and teaching in Settlement Houses and Community Centers in several cities in the United States.

Miss Wood, currently working toward a Master's Degree in Social Welfare at Louisiana State University, graduated from Centenary College. She served in South Korea as a short-term missionary teaching junior and senior high school students at the Mae Hyang Industrial School in Suwon and serving as a group worker at Tai Wha Christian Social Center in Seoul.

Milburn, a deacon in the United Methodist Church was born in Kansas City, Mo. and attended the University of California and Jesuit Seminary. He was formerly associated with the Centro Christiano School in Chihuahua, Mex., and is presently doing Christian social work among drug addicts and social economics reform work in the city of Chihuahua.

Benner, a native of New Jersey, is a professor of English and Linguistics at Aoyama Gakuin University and teaches a Bible class in Eifukucho Church in Japan.

Pennsylvanian Barney Wright has served as recreational worker at Ethel Harpst and Sarah Murphy Children's Homes in Cedartown, Ga., and is now a member of the US-2 team at St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans.

The mission interpreters will speak to the various church school classes during the period between morning worship services, and will participate in a round table discussion on the subject, "Let's Talk Mission" at 4:05 p.m. in the church parlor. At 5:05 p.m. they will hold individual conferences. Following the regular Sunday evening Family Fellowship, Milburn, Wright and Miss Wood will speak at the 7:30 worship on the topic, "Mission Today."

A "Mission Fair" in the gymnasium from 3-6 p.m. will feature exhibits and displays of the various mission projects of groups within the church. Bus tours will leave the church between 3:15 and 5:15 p.m. to visit Hughes Center and other disadvantaged areas in the city.

Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is senior minister and the Rev. James Humphreys, associate minister at First Church; Paul E. Weimer is chairman of the Commission on Missions.

Editorial

WORLD ORDER SUNDAY

October is a month of special meaning in the life of the church for two major reasons—the observance of Reformation Sunday and of World Order Sunday. The former represents the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and the other the reminder that in this month in 1945 the United Nations came into being. For a number of years now the church has observed World Order Sunday as a time for accenting the points at which we should be joining hands with the UN to implement the dream of peace for all mankind.

It is important for us to remind ourselves of the chaotic conditions which indicated to world leaders in 1945 that United Nations—or something like it—should come into being as a safeguard against another global conflict. The fighting in Europe had ended in May of that year and the war in the Pacific had come to a close in September. In between those two dates the Atomic Age had been born at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As world leaders gathered in San Francisco in October, 1945, they were aware of the unique problems confronting every part of the earth. Progress in science and technology and the suffering shared by all during the years of World War II made men aware of just how close they were to each other. They were reminded that isolation was no longer possible or desirable. The issues were clear—cooperation or death were the alternatives before the world.

The United States played a large part in bringing the United Nations into being and should take great pride in this fact. By the very nature of circumstances we have been called on to give a major portion of the financial support of the institution. We should all be grateful that we have been in a position to do this, just as we should be thankful that we have been able to extend the hand of helpfulness and neighborliness to underprivileged nations all over the globe.

The United Methodist Church has emphasized the importance of the United Nations during the 26 years of its life. Its Center for the United Nations stands just across the plaza from the headquarters in New York and thousands of our members have visited there to learn more of the work of the UN and to bear witness to the undergirding which our people want to give to its continuing peace-making activities.

As Dr. Franklin H. Littell said in a recent article on World Order Sunday: "The pursuant of peace and world order begins with the pacification of the warfare in the human heart. The 'natural man' of selfishness and self-seeking is brought, under the power of the gospel, to become a follower of 'the Man for others,' a term applied to our Lord by the German martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Within the church, the community of faithful people, man then learns what it means to be a good neighbor."

The United Nations is not a religious organization, to be sure. Its function is political. Yet the political life of people cannot be separated from religious meanings. The health and welfare of people require political structures, and we are increasingly discovering what it means to be involved in these issues.

Dr. Henry E. Kolbe has written concerning the religious roots of peace and world order. He said, "God is concerned for peace, and the United Nations is the most effective agency for international peace in the world. God is concerned for justice, and through the United Nations and its agencies the causes of peace and the rights of men are furthered throughout the earth. God is concerned for the health and physical and intellectual welfare of people, and the United Nations and its agencies minister to the needs of men in all these respects."

Great challenges confront the United Nations just now. For years the question of the admission of mainland China to the United Nations has hung over the United Nations like a threatening cloud. Very likely this issue will be settled in the current meeting of the assembly. It seems certain that this membership will be granted, probably in the context of a "two China" policy. This is the position endorsed by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, and one which this writer feels will strengthen the United Nations during this important year of its life.

Peace is not a word that is contrary to the deeper meanings of patriotism. It is fundamental to citizenship and to Christian discipleship. When the church sets aside a day to honor such an organization as UN, it is saying to all the world that we recognize the hand of God at work in present history and that we want to support the work of God even when that work is carried on by agencies that are not specifically Christian. Here we are recognizing that God calls us to rise above the limiting ties of national patriotism (without denying these) to a fuller realization of the fundamental oneness of mankind as the creation of God and the object of his redemptive and reconciling love.

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the Editor's Corner

Flying is An Educational Experience

Sometimes travel by air is as boring as it can be, while on other occasions the most interesting conversations can develop on a short flight. Last week, on a flight from Dallas, the time passed so quickly as I visited with two very interesting and very talkative fellow travelers.

On one side sat a doctor from San Antonio on his way to a convention in Hot Springs. In the 40 minutes of that hop I heard how he and a partner had found it necessary to close a private hospital, because it was losing so much money. Some veterinarians bought the equipment and are charging $35 a day for dogs to use the same beds that people once occupied and objected to paying $22 a day.

This M.D. also told about a new business venture in which he is interested. As I understand it, they are selling ready-mixed concrete on a cash-and-carry basis with the customer hauling it to his property in special containers which make it possible to buy one cubic yard at the time. He also told me of additives that can determine how long it takes the concrete to harden. My friend feels like this is going to be a really important advance in the building supply business.

On my left was a most personable black photographer from New Orleans who works for a firm that does a great deal of business taking school pictures across Louisiana. He was also coming to Hot Springs to pick up a new piece of equipment which will widen the possibilities of business in the schools. As I understand it, it is called a "heat transfer" machine and will be used in attaching decal emblems to school jackets and sweaters. He told me that his firm was completing a new motorized studio unit which will make it possible for reaching a larger number of schools. Although his firm has originally been photographers for black schools only, he said they now did business with a large number of white schools.

When you fly, don't hesitate to start talking right away to your neighbors. You can discover a lot that is going on in the world that way.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The father's responsibility in creating a harmonious Christian family life was cited at a semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City. Loren C. Dunn, of the Mormon Council of Seventy said, "The mothers are in need of a little more help from the fathers in building those special ties between parents and children that tend to make the family organization a little bit of heaven on earth."

The governing body of the Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church considered the question, Is "evangelism" outdated? at its recent annual meeting in Colorado Springs. Formulating recommendations for the denomination's 1972 General Conference, the board considered whether "evangelism" should be re-named "commitment" or "discipleship." Some board members, feeling that old concepts of "evangelism" are outdated, suggested redirection of the board's concerns by changing its name to the Board of Discipleship or the Board of Evangelism and Discipleship.

Speaking of the recent prison rebellion at Attica, N.Y., United Methodist Bishop W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse, N.Y., told the New York State Council of Churches that "we can be a significant part of turning the mood of this state . . . away from the tendency to rely upon violence as the way of resolving both day-to-day situations and the crises which capture the headlines." . . . "It is no pious sentimentality to affirm that violence is self-destructive and that those who take the sword shall perish by the sword." "It is too late in history to believe that our serious problems can be resolved by violent tactics —either those of the underground, those of the revolutionary, or the counter forces of the establishment."

A joint resolution introduced in the House of Representatives would authorize the President to proclaim the first Sunday in May as "Chaplains' Sunday." Submitted by Rep. Kenneth J. Gray of Illinois the resolution reads: "That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the first Sunday in May as 'Chaplains' Sunday' and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

Officials at Georgia State University are considering offering more courses in religion and possibly creating a degree-program in the field, according to Dr. Charles Vail, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. If the proposal is realized, Georgia State would become the first state-supported school in Georgia's history to offer a degree in religion. Vail noted that if the school does determine that an increased emphasis on religion as an "academic discipline" is feasible it will be following a trend established by public-supported universities in other states. Florida State University and the University of N. Carolina are reported to have relatively new departments of religion.

Country music star Johnny Cash received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Gardner-Webb College, a Southern Baptist school in Boiling Springs, N. Car. He was honored for "humanitarian activities on behalf of the humble and poor, those who are victims of drugs and alcohol, and the thousands locked behind prison walls." Cash and members of his musical troupe have given free concerts at prisons and other institutions.

Old Testament Professor Clyde T. Francisco of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has agreed to prepare a new study of Genesis for the Broadman Bible Commentary. It will replace the one written by Dr. G. Henton Davies of Oxford, England, held to be "out of keeping with the beliefs of the vast majority of Southern Baptist pastors and people." Francisco is said to have expressed his "confidence in the historical method of biblical study, the trustworthiness of the Bible, and the willingness of Southern Baptists to be open to truth wherever it may be found."

A workshop of clergymen, therapists, and military chaplains meeting in Fort Bragg, N.C., was told that a "new, insightful approach" to handling drug abuse and alcoholism problems is emerging. The Rev. David A. Works, head of the North Conway Institute, a national interreligious research and education agency in Boston, said the new approach aims at developing day-to-day ways of coping with the availability and use of the so-called "chemical comforters." He said "the religious community can provide guidance and motivations for responsible decision-making where living with chemical comforters is concerned."

A collection of hymns and a contemporary setting of a Communion service will soon be published, according to a report by David J. Randolph at the recent Board of Evangelism meeting in Colorado Springs. The Communion service in "Ventures in Song" will adapt the rituals of the former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren denominations, he said.

The New England Consultation of Church Leaders plans to hold a conference on the problems and relationships of public and church education, May 23-25, 1972. The consultation was attended by 48 administrative bodies of Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches and state councils of churches. The call for the education conference stated that "because of the importance and magnitude of the educational work of the churches, and to aid in advancing the spirit and practices of unity, we favor the fullest possible interchurch cooperation in the planning and conduct of Christian education for children, youth, and adults."

In a unique "learning probe" held recently in Washington, D.C., managers and staff members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society took a close look at how the government meets critical social issues. Dr. Jituso Morikawa, an executive in the agency, expressed awe at the numerous and complex problems arising from governing a country as large as the U.S. He noted that because of "simplistic assumptions" many citizens have expectations of their governmental representatives which "are quite unreasonable." The mission executive added that many persons of integrity are finding it hard to see how social goals can be fulfilled under the "present system of complex bureaucracies." The Church, he said, must constantly remind members of their responsibilities as citizens.

The site at Vails Gate, N.Y. of the first Army chapel built (in 1782) by the U.S. government was the focus of a "pilgrimage" by 92 chaplains attending the Chaplain School of the U.S. Army, Fort Hamilton, N.Y. Lt. Gen. Claire E. Hutchin, Jr., commanding general of the First Army, one of several featured speakers, addressing himself to the modern Army chaplaincy said, "I look to them for expert advice no other officer can give concerning the moral health and morale of my soldiers and their families. Religion in the Army has the same clear 'raison d'etre' (reason for being) that it has throughout society," he said. "The things of God are clearly the things of God, and they are not a means, but an end in themselves, needing no justification from me or any other commander."

Ten small Christian colleges located from Pennsylvania to the State of Washington are examining the possibility of an evangelical Christian university with campuses across the U.S. The Christian College Consortium has been incorporated in Indiana, and Dr. David L. McKenna, president of Seattle Pacific College is chairman of the colleges' cooperative efforts. The multi-campus organization is committed to a three-year study to determine how to put their various programs together. Projects under study include: a lecture-discussion tour by a distinguished Christian scholar, a cooperative insurance program, a tuition-exchange program, a hostel arrangement where traveling faculty and staff of consortium colleges might stay in unoccupied college housing during the Summer months.

(RNS Photo)

DENVER – Clergymen join in a concelebration of Holy Communion during the 10th annual plenary session of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) in Denver. From left are: Dr. William Benfield Jr., Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern); Bishop E. P. Murchison, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. George G. Beazley Jr., Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Bishop Robert F. Gibson, Episcopal Church; Bishop Frederick D. Jordan, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Paul A. Washburn, United Methodist Church, and Bishop A. H. Zulu, Anglican Church of South Africa.

Concerned persons at Franklinton organize Day Care Center

by Jerry A. Means

A group of people from Winan and Centenary United Methodist Churches organized and worked to make Christianity relevant to the problems of the needy people in this town and community.

This organization started out with $2,000 in **Reconciliation Funds** from the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and a lot of faith. It has succeeded with a well-organized day care center for thirty pre-school children with a budget of $36,000 for a period of ten months.

This achievement was a co-operative enterprise that consisted of people from the white church, the black church, Welfare Department, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Washington Parish School Board, and interested people of other churches in the community.

Members of the Board of the Center are: the Rev. Jerry Means, pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church; Mrs. R. T. Vessier, chairman of the Commission on Social Concerns; and Miss Emma Burris, a retired Deaconess, serve as counselors. Dr. Ann Greer gave her time and talent by giving the enrolled children physical examinations. James Johnson, attorney, volunteered his services for all legal work. Dewitt Bateman, Leon Knight and Mrs. James Dyson gave valuable service. The Rev. W. L. Jones, pastor of Winan United Methodist Church, is president of the Board with W. L. Johnson, vice-president. Other members are: Lucious Magee, Mitchell Kohla, Mrs. Willetta Burris, Mrs. James Dyson,, Leon Knight and Dewitt Bateman. T. J. Butler serves as treasurer and president of the Franklinton Area Child Development Council.

After many meetings of the Board of Directors and other interested people over a period of 18 months it was decided to open a day care center. Winan United Methodist Church was suggested as the place; however, it would accommodate only 15 children. Butler suggested that we get in touch with the Office of Economic Opportunity and see what they could do to help. It was also suggested by members of the group that we get in touch with the Washington Parish School Board to see if a portion of the unused school building could be used in order that more children could be accommodated.

A committee of the Board of the Center met with the School Board and obtained permission for use of a portion of the school building as well as $1,000 worth of material to get it ready. Kitchen equipment was also donated.

Interested people of the community volunteered many hours of labor putting the building into usable condition. Men and women who had worked at their jobs during the day spent their evenings working at the Center. Women helped with painting and cleaning the building. Others made dolls, play equipment, or worked on plumbing and cabinets. The Head Start program located at Coeli Eucharistic Mission near Covington shared educational supplies and play equipment for use.

A meeting was held with the representatives of the State Office of Economic Opportunity and State Welfare representatives in the Court House in Franklinton, Louisiana in June. The Board of Directors, including our legal adviser, James Johnson, and representatives from the Farm and Home Administration, attended the meeting.

The Office of Economic Opportunity was represented by Percy Lemoine and the State Welfare Office was represented by Charles Graham and Mrs. Ettrice Cook. Mrs. Jocelyn Ingram represented the local Welfare Department. They were encouraging to the efforts of the Board and gave valuable assistance in planning and developing the program.

The Center has an approved budget of $36,000, $9,000 of which was raised locally by interested citizens, organizations and donated labor.

The Day Care Center opened Aug. 31st with an enrollment of 30; two full-time instructors, Miss Daphne Walker who is also the director, and Mrs. Geraldine Dawson; a full-time cook; a part-time cook; a part-time secretary; and a part-time janitor.

Donations from various organizations and individuals are now being gratefully received. On Sept. 10 a $500 air-conditioning unit was donated by the Hainun Club, a professional women's service club.

Through this undertaking it has been proved without a doubt that people can solve many of their problems by working together and reaching conclusions together. As a result of this great undertaking, better race relations are being established by black and white working together.

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Day Care children learn table manners

Boys and girls share in planned recreation

The children learn useful activities in the classroom

Participants in a Children's-Teachers' Workshop held Oct. 10 at St. Bernard United Methadist Church in Chalmette. At left, front raw, is Mrs. James Evans, children's coardinatar; next to her is Mrs. Emily Hehenschultz, warkshap leader and farmer director af Christian Educatian at Aurora United Methadist Church. The Rev. James O. Evans is pastar af the St. Bernard-St. Claude Charge.

NEWS and NOTES

A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held in First United Methodist Church of Crowley, October 29-31. James Webb is general chairman. The Rev. Beverly Bond is pastor.

IDA UNITED METHODIST Church held revival services in September with the Rev. Roy E. Mouser, pastor of Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, bringing the messages. The Rev. Conrad Edwards is pastor of the Ida, Hosston and Gilliam Churches.

DR. L. KEITH MASON, Shreveport physician and First Church layman, was lay speaker in First Church, Alexandria, on Sunday, October 17. Charles N. White, lay leader, arranged the program, which included a number of doctors, dentists and nurses. Dr. Bentley Sloane is pastor.

MARCUS D. WREN, Jr. was speaker in First Church, Minden, on Laymen's Day. He is chairman of Education in that church and is district lay leader for the Ruston District. Assisting in the services were Dr. Robert Kemmerly, William Barkas, Jerry Price, at 8:30 a.m., and Luther Moore, Harry McInnis, Jr., and Richard Armstrong at 10:50. Services were planned and coordinated by Luther Moore, lay leader.

ALLEN STACKHOUSE of Jennings was Layman's Day speaker at the Ville Platte Church. Reggie Soileau was in charge of the service. The Rev. Carey Martin is pastor of the Ville Platte and Eunice Churches.

Loymen's Doy speaker ot Mangum Memorial Church in Shreveport on October 10 was welcomed both by the local church and by the motel where he resided, os picture above reveals. Charles Watts, who brought the mesoge at Mangum, is chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, Sullivan United Methodist Church of Bogaluso, where the present Mangum pastor, the Rev. Roy E. Mouser, recently served. Other laymen participating in the service were R. L. Hill, Jim Horper, and Lynn Maxwell. The service wos orranged by Loy Leader Bill Wagner.

WORSHIP SERVICES in Spanish are being led by the Rev. Robert Eaker each Sunday morning in the Chapel of First United Methodist Church, New Orleans. A Wednesday night English class for Latin Americans was scheduled to begin in October. The Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor of First Church.

LAYMEN AND LAYWOMEN were responsible for morning and evening services, respectively, in First Church, Lafayette. W. F. Atkinson, lay leader, made the arrangements. Allen Collette, building engineer and Methodist layman from Lake Charles, spoke in the morning, and Mrs. J. R. Smith spoke at evening worship. The Rev. Edward R. Haug is the pastor.

KEN WORTHINGTON was the lay speaker in First Church, Slidell, on October 10. Mr. Worthington has served as chairman of the Administrative Board at Slidell for the past two years. Buster Baker, lay leader, planned the service. The Rev. J. Philip Woodland is the pastor.

DR. STEVE CARRINGTON of Welsh was the coordinator for a Lay Witness Mission held in Green Forest, Arkansas, the last weekend in September. Other Louisiana Methodists participated.

WISNER UNITED METHODISTS invited Lee Chadburn of DeQueen, Arkansas, to deliver the Laymen's Day message, October 10. Cecil Brewer, Wisner lay leader, presided at the morning worship service, and brought the message at the evening service. The Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Jr. is the pastor.

FOUR FORMER MEMBERS of Minden's First United Methodist Church were honored on Ministry Sunday. They are Dr. R. Leonard Cooke and Dr. Jack Cooke, Louisiana Annual Conference Treasurer and Shreveport District Superintendent, respectively, the Rev. Ronald James Greer and the Rev. Larry Dean O'Dell, students. The Rev. Kirby Vining is pastor of First Church in Minden.

ISTROUMA CHURCH, Baton Rouge, honored church school teachers and workers at an appreciation dinner, Wednesday, October 6. The event was sponsored by the Commission on Education, Mrs. Ruth Rush, chairman. The Rev. J. Taylor Wall is pastor.

PLAQUEMINE SENIOR HIGH Class members spent a weekend in retreat at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the last of September. The Rev. Robert Miller is their pastor.

THE REV. SALE LILLY, pastor of Jefferson Church, Baton Rouge, was the speaker in St. Paul Church, Monroe, at the September 29 Workers' Conference. He is a former associate pastor at St. Paul, of which the Rev. Clyde Frazier is pastor.

H. H. "HAP" SMITH, postmaster in Bossier City and lay leader in First United Methodist Church, was Laymen's Day speaker in North Highlands Church of Shreveport on October 10. Laymen participating in the service were Bob Kennedy, Bob Duncan, Carl Corley and Sam Farmer. The Rev. Lonnie Sibley is pastor.

DR. JOHN H. ALLEN, president of Centenary College, was lay speaker in First Church, Shreveport, October 10. Other participants were R. Z. Biedenharn, Dr. Keith Mason, Sr., Sydney Nelson, Ed Noland, Travis Schermerhorn, Ray Tipton and Glenn Walker, Jr. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is pastor.

THE REV. GEORGE ROSS of Asbury Church, Lafayette, was the evangelist for revival services held in First Church, Benton, Arkansas, October 3-6. Dr. Ed Hollenbeck is the Benton pastor.

WALTER HARRIS, Carrollton Church lay leader, planned the program in that New Orleans church on October 10. Participants included Frank Smith, Quentin Ault, John Loggins, with the message by Ray Talley. The Rev. J. Pierce McKeithen is pastor.

MRS. ROBERT CRICHLOW, wife of the pastor of First Church, New Orleans, reviewed "The Three Daughters of Madam Liang" by Pearl Buck at the opening session of a newly formed Book Club in that church.

MRS. JODY FERGUSON and Dudley Kemper were speakers in Mansfield United Methodist Church on Laymen's Day. Ollie Stone directed an all-men's choir. The Rev. George W. Harkins is pastor.

IN WEST MONROE, lay speakers at McGuire United Methodist Church on Layman's Day were those who are in places of leadership in music. Eugene Smith, choir director, gave the morning message, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" with Mrs. Dave Norris, organist, making a testimony of her faith in the evening service. The Rev. John H. Sewell is pastor.

THE REV. ETIENNE BROUILLETTE, retired Methodist minister of Abbeville, preached at First Church, Houma, October 17. The Rev. Jerome Cain is pastor.

NAPOLEON AVENUE CHURCH of New Orleans had William J. Kuhnell leading Layman's Day services. Guest speaker was James Dean, assistant superintendent of Orleans Parish Schools, who is a former member of the Napoleon Church. The Rev. D. W. Poole is pastor.

JENNINGS UNITED METHODIST Men of First Church held a chili supper, October 18, following which the program was presented by the Rev. Lloyd Bragg, chalk drawing artist. The Rev. Eskel Tatum is pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 24—Sunday	Rom. 8:31-39
Oct. 25	Rev. 21:1-6
Oct. 26	Rev. 22:17-21
Oct. 27	I Cor. 7:20-23
Oct. 28	Acts 7:1-10
Oct. 29	Acts 8:14-25
Oct. 30	Rom. 8:14-18
Oct. 31—Sunday	Heb. 2:14-18

SWINNEY MEMORIAL PRESENTED VINTON CHURCH

The children of the late Mrs. M. M. Swinney presented a gold cross and candlelabra set, with a flower arrangement for the communion table to Vinton United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 26 in memory of their mother whose birthday would have been September 25. A daughter, Mrs. B. Dillen of Houston, made the presentation to the Rev. W. W. Bevill at morning worship services and two granddaughters, Jill Powers and Mitzi Magee, lighted the candles. Swinney children attending the service were Mrs. Buford Parker and Bill Swinney, both of Baton Rouge; Mrs. Edward Powers of New Iberia and Mrs. Edward Magee of Sulphur. Sons John L. Swinney of Houston and Raymond Swinney of Altus, Okla. were unable to be present. Also attending was Mrs. Swinney's sister, Mrs. J. F. Eason of Sulphur.

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JOHN R. MONK, Jr., presided and Floyd Martin brought the message when Laymen's Day was observed in First Church, Leesville, October 10. The Rev. Donald M. Risinger is pastor.

WINNFIELD CHURCH was host to the Men's Choir from Asbury Church of Lafayette, October 3. Laymen from the Asbury Church were speakers. Winnfield members were hosts at the luncheon following the service. The Rev. James C. Skinner was host pastor.

DR. JACK COOKE, Shreveport district superintendent, and the Rev. Charles Humphreys of Gonzales participated in the Sunday morning service at University Church, Baton Rouge, October 10. Part of the 30th Anniversary celebration, the service honored chairmen of the Administrative Board and presidents of the Women's Society. The Rev. Ben Oliphint is the pastor.

P.K. KORNER

JAMES EDWARD and Joseph Wayne were born to John and Wilma Guidrey, September 1 in Terrebonne General Hospital in Houma. They are the twin grandsons of the Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Bevill of Vinton.

This group of officers of the Love Chapel WSCS was recently installed by the Rev. Lewis Ovenshire, pastor. Mrs. E. E. Keeton is the new president.

This scene depicts the merger ceremony of Wesleyan Service Guilds of Louisiana Conferences A and B, September 25, in First Church, Baton Rouge.

Chairman's Report to Guilds

(These excerpts are from the message delivered at the final meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Louisiana Conference A, by Miss Mildred Evans, conference chairman, preceding merger in Baton Rouge, September 25.)

Miss Mildred Evans

In order to build up it is often necessary to tear down. Today everyone seems to be tearing down. Some institutions and customs are being reshaped. Others are being discarded. In this meeting we are tearing down in order to build up. We are shaping an organization and its customs.

Many times through the years of its life our Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild has torn down in order to build up, has reshaped its organization and its customs. So today, as we tear down to build up and reshape we can accept St. Paul's advice to the Ephesians: "You must be made new in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature of God's creating, which shows itself in the just and devout life called for by the truth." (Ephesians 4:23-24).

New structure for officers in 1968

In 1968 structural changes were made in women's organizations as the women of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church were united in one organization in The United Methodist Church. Under the new structure the most important change was that the Guild would elect only the principal officers and have the freedom to work on any program or task for which it saw the need. For this there was to be organized task groups working and reporting until the task was successfully completed.

The two jurisdiction women's organizations were united in one, now known as the South Central Jurisdictional Society/Guild. Both the Women's Society and Guild have the same basic purpose.

This 1968 tearing down was in order to build up, to reshape some customs and discard others, to bring two closely related women's organizations of The Methodist Church closer together and more unified in The United Methodist Church.

We are still tearing down in order to build up in the Guild. We are going through the pangs, at the present time, of a shortened Annual Guild Weekend in order to share the weekend with the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission. We have not quite succeeded but I am confident that this fairly young and new venture will be successful in the merged Conference Guild.

Four new Guild units organized

Today we have a total of 97 Guild units. During the year four new Guild units were organized: two in the Hammond District, one in the Baton Rouge District and one in the Monroe District. The latter was a night circle of the Women's Society. Two Guild units were disbanded: one in the Hammond District and one in the Monroe District. We hope to be able to have the Guild in the new Natchitoches District organized shortly.

Despite the fact that we failed to meet our pledge to missions for 1970, as a whole, the District Chairmen are to be commended for the effort made to try to meet their pledge. It was very pleasing, too, to know that in four districts the Guild pledge was overpaid by fairly substantial amounts. A new chairman was elected and took office in January 1971 in the Lake Charles District. She is Mrs. Velma Thomas, a tireless worker, and one who will continue the good work of the retired District Chairman, Mrs. Rosa McCullough.

We were well represented at the West Gulf School of Christian Mission. Two of our young women, Mrs. Sara Fugler from the Hammond District and Mrs. Virginia Ward from the Monroe District worked in the Multi Media Center at the school. As a result of their cooperation and work they were able to obtain free of charge the equipment so that they could share their work and knowledge with the women attending the Conference School of Christian Mission.

Guild weekends profitable to members

The Conference Guild, again this year, cooperated with the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission. Mrs. Daisy Bergeron and Mrs. Virginia Ward were in charge of the registration and housing. Mrs. Helen Owen was the nurse at both the Conference School of Christian Mission and the Cooperative Weekend of Christian Mission.

Our Guild Weekend, July 23-24 at Centenary College was successful insofar as the program was concerned. Our guest speaker and resource person, Miss Barbara Campbell, Executive Secretary of Leadership Education, Women's Division, was most helpful and gracious. Our representatives to the West Gulf School of Christian Mission, Mrs. Sara Fugler, Mrs. Virginia Ward and Mrs. Daisy Bergeron contributed in many ways to the success of the program. Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Conference B Guild Chairman and her members made a valuable contribution to the program as well as the success of the weekend.

In the officer responsibility group for the Guild at the Conference School of Christian Mission, the thinking and feeling of those present concerning the Guild was discussed. The consensus was:

The time has come when it might be best for The United Methodist Church, as a whole, for the Women's Division to think in terms of one organization for the women particularly since there are so many working women in the Women's Society of Christian Service. It was also the feeling that if the Wesleyan Service Guild is only going to be an appendage to the Women's Society rather than included as a real, warm, vital part of the Women's Society, its members would prefer one Women's organization.

Local woman to be more involved

We also felt that in the Society and Guild there should be more emphasis on the local woman, that we should be involved and working for the exercise of Christian citizenship, become more involved in government and politics, support education and the processes of education for everyone, work for lasting world peace and for daily work for all able persons.

It was recommended that we have more and better communication in every way between the Women's Division, the Conference, the District and the Local. It was recommended that the Evaluation Reports be changed so that the questions will be more practical and realistic.

So it appears from this that we again need tearing down to build up, reshaping of the organization and customs.

At this Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference A, both the Women's Society and the Guild will tear down to build up, will reshape its organization and customs. Conference A and Conference B Women's Society and Guild will merge and be known as the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. New officers will be elected, bylaws and standing rules will be amended and the pledge to missions for 1972 will be made.

It is with a touch of both regret and joy that I leave with you today my final report as Chairman of the Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild. I would be remiss to leave without telling all of you what a joy and a privilege it has been for me to have had the great honor of serving in this office in such a wonderful organization with such helpful and cooperative peopole. My heart is overflowing with gratitude to and love for those who have been a part of the Guild Committee, especially for Mrs. McGowan our president. She was always there when advice and reassurance were needed. My prayer and hope is that the new officers in the Women's Society and Guild, especially the new president and the new Guild Chairman, will have the same warm, loving, cooperative relationship we have had. All of you have my sincere thanks and appreciation.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 31: God Judges Nations

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Habbakuk 1 and 2; Acts 17:22-31

MEMORY SELECTION: He made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him. (Acts 17:26-27)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To point out that God is the God of every nation and to reaffirm our confidence in the fact that we find our peace in allowing him to exercise his prerogatives in our nation and in our lives.

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We move in this week's lesson into a series of five studies emphasizing "How God Works." For the past eight Sundays we have been undergirding our convictions concerning the nature of God and his creation. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament speak to us about the way in which God works in history. Certainly we need to strengthen our faith in the God who works in history.

If we are to be Christians in these days we need a great deal of help in understanding the rapidly moving events. It is so easy to grow pessimistic as we see established institutions tottering and old ways of living disappearing before our eyes. So often it seems that the forces of good are being defeated on every hand. However, we should be encouraged as we look into the pages of the Bible and discover that this has been the mood in many periods of history. Again and again men have raised the question, "Why does God allow these things to happen?" Voices from the past, as well as voices in the present, reply: "They will not get away with it. In time God will act. He will have the last word."

The poet William Cowper wrote the lines which should be at the heart of our lesson today:

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm."

God works through individuals making known his purposes to men. He has also worked through nations to make known his moral principles. Our lesson today is taken from the book of Habbakuk, who prophesied the fall of Judah, even saying that God was using the Chaldeans as the people through whom this destruction would come. This is a short prophetic book of three chapters. Scholars seem to feel that chapter 3 was not originally a part of the book, but the first two chapters were written from about 608 B.C. to 597 B.C. Others seem to think it was written much later. The exact date is not crucial; the important thing for us is to follow the pointed questions which the prophet raised with God since we still are asking why does God allow wrong to exist and the wicked to overcome the righteous?

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THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY HABBAKUK

Except for what we may gather from the book and from later legends, nothing is known about this prophet. The opening verses sound almost like one of the Psalms as Habbakuk addresses himself to God asking for an explanation of his apparent injustice. "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and thou wilt not hear?" (Hab. 1:2)

Habbakuk was on the scene about the same time as Jeremiah and witnessed both the outward threat of the Chaldeans and the inner collapse of government, law and justice, and religion at home. What are the major concerns for Christians in our time as we feel like asking God the same questions that this ancient prophet asked.

In the first part of the opening chapter the prophet demonstrated his own inability to put into words the feelings that lay deep within him. But then he begins to demonstrate the ability to move beyond emotion to intelligence. Dr. Howard Thurman says of this characteristic of man, in Interpreter's Bible: "When the individual is thus able to voice his profoundest feelings, he sees himself quite unconsciously presenting God with a compulsion on his behalf. There is added challenge to the words if they name what is happening."

In verse 5 Habbakuk observed: "For the wicked surround the righteous, so justice goes forth perverted." Man seeks to explain things out of his own intuition. If responsibility for ills can be pinned down, then the possibility of attacking and uprooting them is very real. Dr. Thurman observes, "This possibility is grounded in the profound confidence that a structure of moral integrity bottoms all of life, that such a structure is basic in the totality of all experience."

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THE ANSWER THE PROPHET RECEIVED

In verse 5 God answered Habbakuk: "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told." This is the introduction to a section which calls attention to the manner in which God's righteous will was expressed through a series of mighty acts. It was clear to the prophet that God was at work in human history, even in those events which seemed to be negative.

Through the centuries the answer which the prophet received has raised some serious moral questions. If the Chaldeans, and other nations since their time, behaved as they did as the result of the movement of God in their midst, and not according to plans which they set in motion themselves, how can they be blamed for what they did?

There are two answers that must be given to this question. Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston summarizes the first in International Lesson Annual: "The religious thinkers of Israel believed that their God, Yahweh, was active in their national history from the time of their deliverance from Egypt. Later the prophets came to think of him as acting in the history of all peoples, working out his purposes through them."

Dr. Thurman points out that "the private life of a nation takes place on a world stage, and the nation itself is involved in a vast historic movement, the total significance of which can be understood only by one who sees all of life as a whole or a single unit." Then, referring to the Chaldeans, he said: "God relates the totality of their own situation to the fate of Judah and makes them instruments in his hands to measure his judgment upon Judah for its apostasy."

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NATIONS AS THE AGENTS OF GOD

One thing we have noted about the Old Testament and its interpretations of nations. It takes the view that a nation is not simply a collection of people who happen to have a common history and occupy a common unit of land. These writers told us that God gave personalities to nations, that they had certain responsibilities, and would be judged by God for their actions.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says: "All of this was especially true of the Hebrew nation as the people of God. Even though they were elected to be his own in a special sense, they had a responsibility to be a certain kind of nation."

The Hebrews did not believe that this responsibility ended with them. They believed that the same thing was true of other nations—even those who did not claim any loyalty to Yahweh. They too were held responsible. They would not in the long last escape God's judgment.

This view of history affirms that God is not indifferent to what goes on in this world. He did not create the nations and then go off to allow them to run things for themselves. Habbakuk complained to God for such a long time that it did not seem to him that God was paying any attention to him. God told Habbakuk, "Even if I tell you what I am doing, you will not believe it."

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GOD PLAYS NO FAVORITES

One of the most profound teachings of this lesson should be that God plays no favorites among nations. As Christians we must be careful to put all nations, including our own in proper perspective. There are no Christian nations as such. Each succumbs to the temptations of power, and each forgets the promises it has made to its God. Then, its citizens seem utterly amazed to discover that the nation is deteriorating.

In our own time we need to be more objective about the responsibilities we have to help God work out his purposes. For a long time we have gone about the globe waving the American flag as though it were the banner of Christ. We thought we could persuade the nations of the world to remake themselves in our image. This attitude has "backfired" on us, and we are having to seek new strategies in both diplomacy and the missionary enterprise.

You will be studying this lesson during the week the United Methodist Board of Missions is meeting in Minneapolis. This agency of the church is seriously facing up to its responsibilities which are based on the central theme of Habbakuk—that God is concerned about all nations and that none is exclusively the recipient of his favors.

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DOES GOD USE EVIL?

One of our most amazing conclusions should be that God can use imperfect people, and churches and nations and turn them to his advantage. As one has put it, "God can strike a powerful blow with a crooked stick." We are all crooked sticks, but we can be used by God.

This does not mean that we should ever use the Bible to justify evil or to say that God causes it to happen in order to glorify himself. We are beginning to realize that a consideration of the horrible possibilities of modern warfare may be the strongest force working for peace in our world. I have never visited Japan, but those who have been to Hiroshima will tell you that you cannot come away from that city—the first to have been ravaged by atomic destruction—without joining in the prayer, "Nevermore, Hiroshima." Now, it would be blasphemous to contend that God willed the atom bomb as a path to peace. It does mean that we can reaffirm the faith that God does the work through events no matter how horrible they might be.

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WICKEDNESS WILL BE JUDGED

God takes care to make it perfectly clear to Habbakuk that evil people are not getting away with anything. He tells Habbakuk two things in chapter 2. First, he assures him that what he said will happen will happen. He says, "For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie." (2:3) He is affirming that although the Chaldeans may be used to punish Judah, at the same time the wickedness of the Chaldeans will not be overlooked. This was the solution to the prophet's dilemma. God would still be God; he would be holy, just and righteous, doing what he pleased with both Judah and Chaldea.

Then, we find the first use in the Bible of a verse which has come to mean a great deal to Protestant Christians: "The righteous shall live by his faith." These words were given new dimension by Paul in Romans and interpreted by Martin Luther.

The story of Habbakuk's dialogue with God reminds us of the later conversations between Job and God. It reminds us of the manner in which godly men do become concerned with the fate of the nation and with the spread of evil. We cannot isolate our feelings from what goes on in the world. We can be sure that God is at work in history, and it is the fundamental conviction of our faith that his way will prove to be victorious.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

Fleet Street, the Mecca for all aspiring writers, has been silent for almost a week. The great presses stopped rolling when an inter-union dispute broke out and the proprietors decided to close because the men were holding up production by having union meetings during working hours.

After a lengthy process of consultation the newspapers are on the streets again, but hurt has been done to the industry — millions of editions failed to appear — and there has even been speculation as to how long the famous **Times** of London can last under such unsettled conditions.

The spectrum of national dailies in this country is already diminished in size because of the high cost of the operation of newspaper publishing, and there are threats that the day may come when further retrenchment may take place. The net result may be that the men who strike for more pay may price themselves out of a job. Suggestions range from increasing the price of newspapers and thus accepting smaller circulation with less dependence upon advertising, and getting co-operative concerns going, similar to the temporary papers which were published in some places while the dispute silenced the great nationals.

However this may come out, the questions are posed over all periodicals and journals as well as the newspapers. And one of the concerns we have is that of the availability of religious newspapers.

In this country we do not have your well-organised church subscription system — the religious newspapers are independent altogether, and they thus have to run in a commercial way, although many of them are strictly non-profit-making concerns. The readers will be the final arbiters of the situation. Will they be ready to pay more and help to promote more to keep a voice going in the name of the faith? Most people think so, but publishing times are hard and the way in which the trends are setting make it daily and weekly more difficult to meet the needs of the public at the kind of price the public wants to pay.

CALL TO THE NORTH

The North of England has special characteristics of independence and, in fact there is a saying in the north of England that what Manchester, the great metropolis of the north, does today, London does tomorrow.

There is a considerable tradition amongst northerners, and the Archbishop of York, perhaps laying hold of this, has instituted plans for a "Call to the North" which will culminate in 1973 in a great and intensive religious campaign. Moves are already afoot to prepare church people at the local level by the publication of study leaflets, and during the next couple of years visitation organisations are being made, and the church intends to go out to the people.

This all began as a Church of England effort, but soon the Methodist and other Free Churches became interested, and now the Roman Catholic church has said it would be willing to join in what will finally be a truly ecumenical effort to recall the people of the north to religion.

It is interesting that at a time when the institutional church has been going through such a lean time, this upsurge of activity — primarily designed for those who are not at present part of the church — should take place. Spokesmen have warmly repudiated the suggestion that this is a despairing effort, indeed, the Bishop of Stockport recently pointed out that there are many growing points in the church in the north of England. Hopes are high that this will change the stance of the church from the defensive, and it is clear that a great deal of effort is going into what promises to be a major movement in the church in this country.

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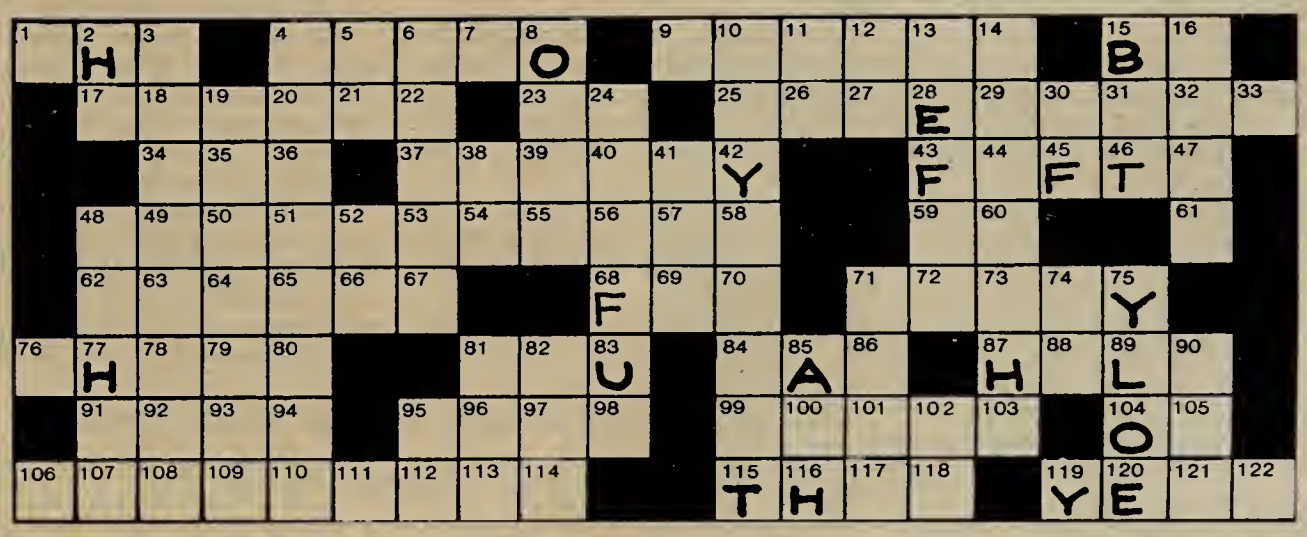
SPECIAL UNICEF HALLOWEEN PUZZLE

for Boys and Girls



A. On Halloween children help UNICEF when they $\frac{\quad}{1}\ \frac{\quad}{30}\ \frac{\quad}{10}\ \frac{\quad}{76}\ \frac{\quad}{12}\qquad \frac{\quad}{96}\ \frac{\quad}{74}\qquad \frac{\quad}{37}\ \frac{\quad}{57}\ \frac{\quad}{3}\ \frac{\quad}{61}\ \frac{\quad}{7}$.

B. The children carry boxes to collect $\frac{\quad}{20}\ \frac{\quad}{82}\ \frac{\quad}{44}\ \frac{\quad}{86}\ \frac{\quad}{102}$.

C. Only a $\frac{\quad}{22}\ \frac{\quad}{33}\ \frac{\quad}{111}$ pennies can help UNICEF help children.

D. For five cents UNICEF can buy a $\frac{\quad}{9}\ \frac{\quad}{13}\ \frac{\quad}{50}$ for a school child.

E. For fifteen cents UNICEF can buy 100 $\frac{\quad}{52}\ \frac{\quad}{19}\ \frac{\quad}{91}\ \frac{\quad}{100}\ \frac{\quad}{4}\ \frac{\quad}{59}\ \frac{\quad}{18}$ capsules.

F. For fifty cents UNICEF can supply $\frac{\quad}{55}\ \frac{\quad}{21}\ \frac{\quad}{103}\ \frac{\quad}{80}\ \frac{\quad}{36}$ to grow 6,000 tomato plants.

G. UNICEF teaches mothers about the kind of $\frac{\quad}{62}\ \frac{\quad}{5}\ \frac{\quad}{97}\ \frac{\quad}{14}$ that is good for children.

H. UNICEF helps people dig wells for clean $\frac{\quad}{38}\ \frac{\quad}{48}\ \frac{\quad}{64}\ \frac{\quad}{26}\ \frac{\quad}{70}$.

I. UNICEF teaches that boiling water also makes it $\frac{\quad}{90}\ \frac{\quad}{65}\ \frac{\quad}{122}\ \frac{\quad}{71}$.

J. Good food and clean water can help keep children $\frac{\quad}{106}\ \frac{\quad}{53}\ \frac{\quad}{56}\ \frac{\quad}{27}\ \frac{\quad}{41}\ \frac{\quad}{92}\ \frac{\quad}{16}$.

K. UNICEF helps to train $\frac{\quad}{35}\ \frac{\quad}{113}\ \frac{\quad}{107}\ \frac{\quad}{84}\ \frac{\quad}{47}\ \frac{\quad}{39}\ \frac{\quad}{54}\ \frac{\quad}{118}$.

L. UNICEF brings medicine and health care into $\frac{\quad}{72}\ \frac{\quad}{117}\ \frac{\quad}{79}\ \frac{\quad}{109}\ \frac{\quad}{121}\ \frac{\quad}{95}\ \frac{\quad}{67}$ life.

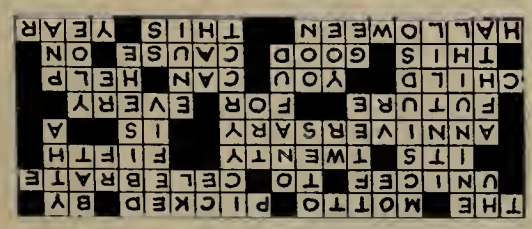
M. Many health workers get to these villages on a UNICEF supplied $\frac{\quad}{29}\ \frac{\quad}{93}\ \frac{\quad}{99}\ \frac{\quad}{81}\ \frac{\quad}{11}\ \frac{\quad}{108}\ \frac{\quad}{73}$.

N. UNICEF is part of the $\frac{\quad}{63}\ \frac{\quad}{49}\ \frac{\quad}{78}\ \frac{\quad}{23}\ \frac{\quad}{88}\ \frac{\quad}{98}\qquad \frac{\quad}{114}\ \frac{\quad}{31}\ \frac{\quad}{6}\ \frac{\quad}{34}\ \frac{\quad}{24}\ \frac{\quad}{105}\ \frac{\quad}{60}$.

O. UNICEF helps children in 112 $\frac{\quad}{25}\ \frac{\quad}{110}\ \frac{\quad}{17}\ \frac{\quad}{40}\ \frac{\quad}{32}\ \frac{\quad}{66}\ \frac{\quad}{51}\ \frac{\quad}{112}\ \frac{\quad}{94}$.

P. Will $\frac{\quad}{58}\ \frac{\quad}{69}\ \frac{\quad}{101}$ help UNICEF this year?

ANSWER TO PUZZLE



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United Methodist colleges plan unprecedented concerted action

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — More than 100 colleges affiliated with the United Methodist Church have joined together to confront some of their common problems and jointly capitalize on their potential as a force in higher education.

The unprecedented action came at a special called meeting of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church here Oct. 6.

Unanimously approved by the president or representative of 82 colleges and 20 junior colleges, the united program is designed to overcome the lack of understanding and financial security confronting church-related institutions of higher education.

The program is intended to 1) refocus the educational mission of church-related schools on the development of human values and societal needs; 2) attract additional students whose aspirations coincide with these new goals for a more human educational experience, and 3) raise $400,000,000 in new, unrestricted funds over a three to five year period beginning in January, 1973.

The Rev. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, characterized the program as a "unique approach unprecedented in the history of church-related higher education in this country."

"It means we can approach the world in a united manner, boldly reopening the issue of church-related education, and making the most intelligent and imaginative plans we can to move from a posture of defense to one of attack."

The program, initially called **New Men for New Days,** was developed by Barton-Gillet Company, a Baltimore based firm specializing in institutional communications.

"We are counting on the total communications program we are inaugurating to help develop the awareness and understanding we need to rejuvenate our colleges and reinforce our educational commitment," Dr. Wicke said.

That commitment, he explained, involves "an education which is held firmly to the intellectual quest, never less than that, but an education that is sought also to help create in men and women a spirit that would want to use knowledge for the good of the world."

Responsibility for implementing the program has been assumed by the Association of Schools and Colleges in cooperation with the National Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education.

The program is to begin in 1972 with the three to five year fund-raising aspect scheduled to begin in January, 1973.

At the national level the Foundation will conduct an intensive program of national advertising, television and radio announcements, articles in major periodicals, alumni magazine supplements, and programs produced for public service time.

Most of the cultivation work will be pursued during 1972 prior to the beginning of the fund programs. It will be refreshed periodically during the course of the next three to five years.

In addition, the Foundation will create a wide range of interpretive materials which will define the achievements, goals and potential of the institutions as a group and which will reveal the broad outlines of the financial needs of the institutions collectively.

The plan envisions that each institution will conduct its own form of program among its own audiences to meet its own particular needs. All materials prepared at the national level will be geared to include localization by the member institutions.

Member institutions will have complete autonomy to use or not use the various materials that will be available and to capitalize or not on the national visibility obtained through the plans for national promotion.

Funds required to support the program will come from two sources: the individual colleges and the Foundation. Beginning in 1972, the colleges will contribute the rough equivalent of the tuition of one student on an annual basis. That amount will be matched annually by the Foundation.

Participation of the colleges in the program is subject to the approval of their boards of trustees.

In 1970, the 82 colleges affiliated with the United Methodist Church enrolled 103,000 full-time students, listed 6,500 faculty and included 7.6 million volumes in their libraries. The 102 colleges and junior colleges are located in 35 states and are fully accredited.

Presiding over the Washington meeting was the Association's president, Dr. John T. King, president of Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Tex. Guest speaker for an evening banquet meeting was retired Syracuse University chancellor William P. Tolley, now president of Mohawk Airlines.

Calling for colleges as "unlike public institutions as possible," Dr. Tolley said, "The good news of the New Testament is the cement which can not only hold the world together but it can also hold the church-related college together."

He attacked the "secularization of learning" and called for a "Christian style of life" as the goal of church-related colleges. "If we allow religion to be peripheral rather than central we turn our back on our purpose."

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Agencies Enter Court Case

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two national United Methodist agencies have joined six other Christian bodies and one Jewish agency in filing an amicus curiae (friends of the Court) brief with the U. S. Supreme Court in a case involving the nature of ideas and information given to reporters.

The case, which has received national news coverage, is that of Earl Caldwell, a New York Times correspondent who refused to respond to a subpoena from a Federal grand jury to testify about his news sources among Black Panthers. He contends that his mere appearance in the secret proceedings of a grand jury might make his news sources suspect him of revealing information given to him in confidence. United Methodist agencies joining in the brief are TRAFCO (Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication of the Program Council) and the Division of Human Relations of the Board of Christian Social Concerns. Other signers are United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian, African Methodists Episcopal Zion, and National Council of Churches agencies, and the American Jewish Committee.

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AFRICA FILM A PIONEER

NEW YORK (UMI) — A new motion picture about Africa is being recommended for showing in United Methodist churches this autumn and winter.

Produced in Senegal, "Tauw" has been called perhaps the first "church-produced mission film about another country made by an artist native to the country." It is made by an African about Africa. Church consultant is filmmaker David Briddell, audio-visual resources director for the United Methodist Board of Missions, but "Tauw" springs primarily from the cinematic ideas and work of Senegalese producer Ousmene Sembene.

CASSETTE TAPE SERIES ON GENERAL CONFERENCE ISSUES AVAILABLE SOON

DALLAS, TEXAS—Cassette tapes will be used for the first time to provide monthly sound update on issues facing the 1972 General Conference.

United Methodist NewsBRIEFS has announced that it will offer a series of 10 one-half hour cassette news tapes beginning in November and continuing monthly through General Conference.

The first six tapes (November-April) will report the several sides of major issues which face the General Conference next April. These monthly updates will feature on-the-spot interviews and comments from local churchmen as well as national church leaders.

Then a series of four tapes will bring the actions and sounds of the actual sessions direct to the home or office of the subscriber during the conference in Atlanta.

NewsBRIEFS' first attempt to report a major United Methodist event on cassette news tape was the 1970 General Conference in St. Louis.

The Rev. Jack McGee is editor of NewsBRIEFS. Mr. McGee is a graduate of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri and was with CBS radio prior to entering the Methodist ministry.

The complete 10-tape series is available from United Methodist NewsBRIEFS, P. O. Box 8124, Dallas, Texas 75205 for $49.95.

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About 60 per cent of all preschool age children suffer from malnutrition. UNICEF assists nutrition programs in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East.

Board of Christian Social Concerns opposes "Prayer Amendment"

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — The United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns spoke out against the "Prayer Amendment" bill before the House of Representatives and, after extended debate, adopted a Vietnam resolution rejecting the "concept of Vietnamization," calling for military withdrawal, expressing concern for prisoners and asserting the U.S. bears "primary responsibility" for continuation of the war.

Also in its annual meeting here Oct. 5-8 it heard a British specialist in penology say many persons believe prisons have failed, and heard the nation's only black Congresswoman summon the church to an "irrepressibly radical" role in the nation.

The board said it opposed the "Prayer Amendment" bill, House Joint Resolution 191, because it said "such action (passage of the bill) would seriously jeopardize the traditional separation of church and state, erode the guarantees of the First Amendment, and cause substantial and unnecessary divisiveness in the religious community."

After a 30-minute debate, the board passed by a 31-12 vote, a resolution calling for withdrawal of all American troops and airpower, an immediate ceasefire based on the announcement of an early U.S. armed forces withdrawal, and termination of military assistance to the Saigon government.

An amendment which would have removed the claim of primary U.S. responsibility was advocated by several board members, but it was defeated. A motion to refer the resolution back to the staff and the executive committee lost 17-25.

In his address, the Rev. J. Arthur Hoyles of the Department of Missions, British Methodist Church, who has studied prisons here on a number of visits, said, "All countries should explore alternatives to prison, and the churches should be creating a climate of opinion favorable to this radical change in policy."

The Hon. Shirley Chisholm (D.-N.Y.) Congresswoman from Brooklyn, said, "Now is the time and now is the hour for the church to stop preaching and start practicing in order that all humanity may be saved." She said that the church has difficulty assuming the role of radical because it is so closely associated with the establishment.

The board also took actions, including employment of legal counsel, in response to a $1.5 million lawsuit filed against it in U.S. Federal Court, Southern District of New York, in relation to its distribution of an analysis of the 1970 death and wounding of students at Kent State University.

In a "Mini-Seminar" Oct. 4-5, 20 members of the board sought to become better acquainted with their agency's Washington Study Program, which brings youth and adult seminars to the nation's capital.

The Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the board, made two observations: social action and mission of the total church are inseparably interrelated, and social action must be grounded in an adequate understanding of the Christian faith.

In other actions, the board voted against the educational voucher plan, asked the House to adopt a Senate-passed campaign financing and spending bill, and urged Congress to grant home rule to the District of Columbia.

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Participants in Laymen's Day morning warship at First United Methodist Church, Minden, left to right, Luther W. Maore, Charge lay leader; Dr. J. Rabert Kemmerly, chairman af the Administrative Baard; Jerry Price; Marcus D. Wren, Jr., district lay leader, principal speaker; Harry E. McInnis, Jr., chairman af evangelism; Richard E. Armstrong, secretary af the Administrative Baard, and William M. Barkas. (Other laymen from First Church who filled neighboring pulpits in Ruston District were C. A. Marvin at Sibley and R. O. Machen, Jr. at Evergreen.) The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is pastar.

Mayar W. W. Dumas (left) af Batan Rauge was the speaker at Baker United Methadist Church on Layman's Day. Shawn with him are Hamar McLaud, pastaral relatians cammittee chairman and Bill Fantenat, church treasurer. Mayar Dumas, wha is a member of the Baker Church, spake concerning yauth af taday. The Rev. H. C. Hawell is pastar.

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Proceeds from the Oct. 9 carnival held on the lawn of University United Methodist Church in Lake Charles in celebration of that church's 24th anniversary will go for use at Lake Charles District Camp. A highlight of the afternoon celebration was the crowning of the king and queen. Herman Hallmark (at left in picture) wears King's crown; Mrs. Coy (Lurline) Duplechain was first runner-up to Queen Peggy Godeau; and George Perello (right) tied for the kingship. Billy Rentrop coordinated carnival activities; the Rev. William P. Fraser is minister.

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UNICEF FACTS

There are an estimated 11 million victims of leprosy in the world. For 65¢, UNICEF can supply enough sulfone tablets to treat one of them successfully for three years.

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In some developing countries, over 50% of the teachers have had no professional training. The United Nations Children's Fund is helping with teacher training grants.

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A large part of UNICEF aid is given in the form of equipment and supplies. UNICEF has helped to equip over 50,000 health centers; 4,000 educational and vocational training institutions; some 10,000 welfare institutions; and over 5,000 nutrition demonstration centers. UNICEF provides such supplies as textbooks, audio-visual teaching aids, agricultural tools, medicines, and hospital equipment.

Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

Some author unknown wrote . . . "Life owes me nothing. One clear morn is boon enough for being born; And be it ninety years or ten, no need for me to question when. While Life is mine, I'll find it good, and greet each hour with gratitude."

THE SEARCH

Do I have any gifts, Lord, that you might use
To make the world a better place to live?
My life seems so dull and unfruitful now,
Unworthy of the love that you give.
Create within me a clean new heart,
Fill it with love divine –
Give me the courage that will enable me to say,
"Not my will, dear Lord – but thine."

–by B. Wood

NEIGHBORS

If I lived neighbor to my Lord,
In many, many ways
I'd need to change my attitude
And have more words of praise
For Him than now; my yard
Would need a neater trim –
I'd need to paint the picket fence
That's over next to Him
And every morning I'd arrange
To chat with Him a while
To make my day much happier
And shorten every mile.

Since any day His vans may come
To move my goods once more,
I hope He'll overlook my faults
And let me live next door!

–by Ercil F. Brown

October "Interpreter" tells where benevolence dollars go

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) – Vignettes, stories, pictures and charts giving a glimpse of where general benevolence funds of the United Methodist Church are spent are featured in a 24-page section in the October issue of **The Interpreter,** program journal of the denomination published by the Program Council's Division of Interpretation.

"If you are like most United Methodists, you want to know what your church does with the money it asks for," says an editorial note to the special section. "Here . . . we try to answer that question."

In addition to glimpses of how each general agency uses the funds it receives, there are sections on special benevolences, an article on "stewardship," and another on "A Layman's View of the Church Dollar."

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NOVEMBER "TOGETHER" PRESENTS REPORT OF TASK FORCE ENTITLED "THE CHURCH IS . . ."

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (UMI) — A 24-page report entitled "The Church Is . . .," based on hundreds of interviews, is presented in the November issue of **Together,** national United Methodist magazine, published in mid-October.

A seven-member task force worked more than a year on the report. Editor Curtis A. Chambers described the project as one of the largest in the magazine's 15-year history.

The section, which takes up one-third of the issue's 72 pages, is illustrated with church activities such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, and committee meetings, and with photographs of several of the United Methodists surveyed.

Interviews were conducted in person and by mail among United Methodists ranging in age from 11 to 91. Most of the 24 pages contain direct quotations from United Methodist lay persons; some ministers are quoted briefly, and editorial material is added primarily to bridge from one section to the next.

Also on the theme of "the church" in the November **Together** is a report on one family's odyssey across the church on a research project for the Program Council's Division of Interpretation, and an editorial "viewpoint" on what people expect from the church.

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News in Brief

Several Methodists have been named to the staff of the World Council of Churches, including Miss Ruth Nita Barrow, a Barbadian Methodist to the Christian Medical Commission, Dr. Ivy Chou, a Malaysian Methodist, to the Theological Education Fund, and Robert S. Davis, a United Methodist, seconded by the Board of Missions to the WCC's New York office.

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Communications Conference in Shreveport one of series

Persons with responsibilities for communications in the Louisiana Conference will spend a day in conference with leaders of the communications media in Louisiana in an effort to discover better means of fulfilling the purposes of communications in the church and the media.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton will be host for the meeting to be held at the Petroleum Club in Shreveport, Nov. 2 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The program will open with a statement on "What Is the Church Interested in Communicating?" by Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Director of Program Council, Louisiana Conference. Winston B. Linam, general manager of Television Station KSLA, will speak on "What Are the Media Interested in Communicating?"

Tom MacAnally of the Nashville office of United Methodist Information will discuss "How the General Church Communicates." This will be followed by a consideration of "What Problems Have You Had in Communicating." led by the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, chairman of the Texas United Methodist Communications Council.

Dr. Gene W. Carter, director of the Department of Annual Conference Relationships of the Television, Radio and Film Commission, will bring the program to a close, speaking on "Church and Media Response to Problems in Communicating."

This conference is one in a series of such meetings being held throughout the South Central Jurisdiction. They were set up because the church wants to know what the communication media needs to know to be able to tell the church's story to the people.

The brochure which has been prepared to publicize the event lists the following purposes: It is to provide an opportunity for the media people and the leaders in this part of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church to sit down and share ideas; to search out understandings of the purpose of both, and to discover better means of fulfilling the purposes of communications in the church and the media.

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Pastors to represent Conference at Perkins Alumni Council meeting

Dr. Carlyle Marney, Baptist leader who now directs an ecumenical study center for clergy in North Carolina, will be guest leader at the fall meeting of Southern Methodist University's Perkins Alumni Council Oct. 25-28.

The Rev. L. Ray Branton of Sulphur and the Rev. John R. Johns of Patterson are among the conference representatives scheduled to attend the council meeting.

The council, formed last year to involve alumni more directly in affairs of their school, is made up of two members from each annual conference of the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church —one appointed by Perkins School of Theology and one elected by conference alumni.

Dr. Marney will guide the Methodist ministers in examining "Models for the Ministry." Based on their study, the alumni representatives will make recommendations to Perkins concerning its role in preparing men and women to perform the ministries needed in today's world.

A former vice president of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Marney founded Interpreters House, the continuing education center at Lake Junaluska, N.C., in 1967. Prior to that, he held Baptist pastorates in N.C. and in Austin, Texas, and served as professor of Christian ethics at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is the author of eight books.

The Perkins Alumni Council serves as a new link, along with students and faculty, in the shared-governance structure of Perkins School of Theology.

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Kenneth A. Winston, editor of the United Methodist youth publication "Face to Face," is leaving the post to become manager and editor of four weekly newspapers in northern Illinois. He has been on the board staff since 1960. He will be succeeded by Mrs. James E. Adair, an editorial assistant on youth publications for the board since 1962.

The Rev. Garland Dean (left), Louisiana Conference Missionary secretary, who with Mrs. Dean represented Louisiana during recent Indian Seminar Tour sponsored by the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. Shown with him is the Rev. Fred Yazzie of Farmington, New Mexico at the Fort Yuma Indian Methodist Church and Community Center in Yuma, Ariz.

Gladys Dean with Mrs. Helen Tsinnie, weaver of Navajo rugs and aunt of Mr. Yazzie (at right). Mr. Yazzie is the only ordained Navajo Indian in the United Methodist Church. He was leader of the New Mexico-Arizona Indian Seminar. This picture was made at the home of Mrs. Tsinnie at Tuba City on the sixteen-million acre Navajo reservation.

Group of 21 Anglo-Americans with Mr. Yazzie, Navajo tour leader. Conferences represented from across the country were: New York East (4), Central New York (2), Wisconsin (1), Southern California (1), Holston (1), Northwest Texas (8), Oregon (2) and Louisiana (2). This picture was taken in Phoenix, Ariz, near the Cook Christian Training School.

(Related story will follow in a later issue of LOUISIANA METHODIST)

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Natchitoches District parsonage "open house"

FROM LEFT: Joe Key of Jonesboro, a member of the Board of Trustees; the Rev. George L. Thomas, pastor of Wesley-Shady Grove churches; the Rev. J. C. Skinner, Winnfield pastor and chairman of Building and Locations Committee; Joe Pierson, Natchitoches District treasurer, photographed during parsonage open house.

Left to right: Mrs. Joe Key, Mrs. George L. Thomas, and Mrs. Joe Pierson—some of the hostesses for the parsonage open house. Wives of members of the Board of Trustees presided over the refreshment table on the patio, and district ministers' wives conducted guests on tours of the new residence.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy and daughter Pam—the Natchitoches District parsonage family—on the patio at the 506 Parkway Drive address in Natchitoches.

Dr. Pomeroy greets the Rev. and Mrs. George McVay Jr. as they arrive at the new parsonage located on a hill overlooking historic Cane River.

METHODIST MEN OF PHILIPS MEMORIAL TO HEAR HOWARD MILO

The Rev. Howard L. Milo, associate director of the Program Council of the Louisiana Conference will be the featured speaker for the fourth annual banquet for the Methodist Men of Philips Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans. The memorial banquet will be held on Friday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of St. John Institutional Missionary Baptist Church at 2538 Jackson Avenue. The Rev. Max Butler is pastor at Philips Church.

Milo, a native of Baton Rouge, where he received his basic education in the parochial and public schools, is a graduate of Southern University and Gammon Theological Seminary. He has served as a summer worker in Maryland and New Orleans under the auspices of the National Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, in the Division of Town and Country Work.

In addition, Milo has served as associate pastor of Metropolitan Church in Baltimore and in Warren Church of Atlanta, as pastor of Wilton-Wesley churches in Alexandria and Philips Memorial. He has also served as director of Program Council and executive secretary of Christian Education of the former Conference B.

FRENCH QUARTER NEWSPAPER EDITOR LECTURES AT CENTENARY

The managing editor of the Vieux Carre Courier of New Orleans, 23 year old William F. Rushton, presented a Forums lecture at Centenary College, Monday, Oct. 18, in the Hurley Music Building.

Rushton is a graduate of La Grange High School in Lake Charles, and received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Tulane where he was a National Merit Scholar.

The Vieux Carre Courier is a weekly newspaper published in the French Quarter in New Orleans.

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WESLEY FOUNDATION TEAM VISITS ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

A team of four Northeast Louisiana University students, all active in the Wesley Foundation at the university, conducted both the 8:45 and 10:45 Sunday morning worship services at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Monroe on Oct. 24.

The group was led by Randy Nichols. Others who assisted him in the services were Laura Turner, Trudy Head and Karen Lingo. All are from Shreveport except Miss Lingo who is from Oak Grove. The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. is pastor at St. Paul's.

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AUTHOR JOHN CHARLES COOPER SPEAKS AT CENTENARY

Dr. John Charles Cooper, the author of a book entitled "Religion in the Age of Aquarius" spoke at the Oct. 14, Thursday morning chapel at Centenary College.

Dr. Cooper is professor of systematic theology at Winebrenner Theological Seminary in Findlay, Ohio. He has written several books on theology, the latest of which is "Religion in the Age of Aquarius" which looks at the recent turn inward of college youth. In the book and in his talk he explored the recent rise in the occult in the United States and its implications for the modern search for meaning.

Dr. Cooper received the B.A. degree cum laude from the University of South Carolina; the S.T.M. degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago.

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Baton Rouge District Mission Study Conference

A full afternoon of study is planned for Sunday, Nov. 7 for members of United Methodist Churches of the Baton Rouge district. The event is the Fall District Mission Study Conference and will begin with registration from 1:30 to 2 p.m. and the program will follow from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

The three approved mission studies for 1972 will be presented at the conference, to be held in the adult center of First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Robert Ed Taylor, member of the faculty of Centenary College, will present the study on the book of Matthew. Mrs. G. W. Dameron of Shreveport will discuss the study entitled New Machines and the New Humanity, while Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery of Baton Rouge will bring views on the study, The New Generation in Africa.

In addition, the Rev. William Peeples of the St. John United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge will give information designed to help those teaching the mission studies to children and youth.

A film, TAUW, which relates to all three of the studies will also be a feature of the afternoon. A literature room will be open featuring materials of the studies.

Chairmen of the conference are Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Weimer and they have announced that there will be a nursery at the church for the children of those participating. Dr. Douglas McGuire is district superintendent.

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Reach up as far as you can, God will reach down all the way.—John H. Vincent

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Thou hast given so much to me . . . Give one thing more—a grateful heart. —George Herbert

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Shown here with their pastor, the Rev. John F. Kellogg, at a Charge Conference is the entire membership of the Bentley United Methodist Church (with the exception of one person) in Alexandria District. If not the smallest, it is one of the smaller churches in the state; yet this congregation pays all Conference and District askings in full every year. This year, for causes beyond the local church, they gave more than $100 per capita. They raised a total of more than $2,000 and have made numerous improvements on church properties. LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Stella Kellogg, Mrs. John F. Kellogg, the pastor, Buren Garlington, Ricky Thompson, Nicky Thompson, and Ileen Thompson.

Editorial

CONCERNING THE RECENT READER'S DIGEST ARTICLE

Concerned churchmen have been rightfully disturbed by an article appearing in the October **Reader's Digest.** Written by Clarence W. Hall, one of the magazine's roving editors, the article deals with grants made by the World Council of Churches to organizations combatting racism in various parts of the world.

Because of the great number of inquiries we have received about this article, and because of our own personal reaction to it, we would like to share with you some particulars about these grants which the article does not mention or which it deals with incorrectly.

The answer from the Department of Interpretation of the WCC said:

"The article leads off with the statement that 'the World Council of Churches is using church power and church funds to back insurrection in the United States.' Nowhere in the article is that charge supported by reference to any WCC action in the United States.

"The money, in amounts ranging from $5,000 to $20,000, was given in every instance for humanitarian purposes. Programs of education, general welfare, legal defense, medical care, and the like were underwritten with all of the 19 recipient organizations. Mr. Hall must have known this, yet nowhere is the humanitarian purpose of the grants suggested in his article.

"The original impetus for the WCC's anti-racism program came from the delegates themselves at the 1968 WCC General Convention. It is not true, as Mr. Hall says, that the concern was 'engineered' by a small group of staff in Geneva.

"Reaction to the announcement of the grants in September, 1970 tended to be strongly favorable or strongly critical. The Hall article quotes critical comment exclusively. Strong support came from widely differing groups and individuals, including Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and the Lutheran World Federation. The Queen made a personal contribution to the anti-racism fund and the LWF allocated $82,500 to purchase relief supplies for distribution to destitute persons in Mozambique through one of these liberation groups.

"The great majority of Black African Christians have been vigorous in support of the grants. The All Africa Conference of Churches executive committee unanimously endorsed the action. The head of the Organization for African Unity said that no action by World Christianity could have done as much to open the doors and hearts of Africans to the message of Christianity. Yet not one black voice is quoted in the entire Hall article. The **Digest** does not tell how Africans themselves, Christians and otherwise, felt about the grants.

"As numerous Christian missionaries from Europe and Africa have discovered in Southern Africa, there is no middle ground left to be occupied. Time and again, those churchmen who have stood with the oppressed have been threatened, imprisoned, or forced to leave. The governments of South Africa and Portugese Africa claim to be Christian. For decades they have aligned the church with repression. They have made the Cross seem a symbol of injustice to many black Africans. The question is not whether the church is involved. It is involved, for these governments claim it as an ally. The question is whether the church is silent when tyrants claim its support of oppression. In that situation, a church which is silent ceases to be Christian.

"It is claimed that Communist nations have made grants to some of the same independent movements in Southern Africa. It would be a grave misfortune if the rest of the world allowed these movements to become indebted solely to the Communists. The government of the United States seems to recognize how short-sighted that would be, since there is evidence that it also has been giving assistance to some of the same groups in Southern Africa. Mr. Hall's simplistic analysis does not mention the pluralistic and widespread nature of support enjoyed by the liberation movements.

Finally, the **Digest** is fully entitled to take a position of opposition to the WCC action. The merits of the anti-racism grants will be debated, in church and out, for years to come. Honorable men and women can be found on both sides of the argument . . . What is regrettable is not the **Digest's** disagreement with the action, but the shallowness of its case. It is sad that it makes unsupported charges ('WCC backing insurrection in the U.S.') It is sadder still that it feels compelled to quote only the white critics of the action. It is saddest of all in the shabby treatment it gives legitimate movements for the liberation of long-suffering peoples in Southern Africa. They fight against entrenched tyranny which makes the colonial rule of Britain's George III seem utopian. Their cause deserves better interpretation than Mr. Hall has been able to give. And the people who can tell their story, their own representatives with first-hand experience, are available in this country, in Europe, and in Africa. The resources of the Digest are adequate to find them."

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the Editor's Corner

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO SAVE WESLEY CHAPEL

Efforts to recruit help for the preservation of Wesley's Chapel—Methodism's "cathedral" in the heart of London—received substantial momentum during the recent World Methodist Conference in Denver.

The distribution of an appeal brochure on behalf of an organization known as friends of Wesley's Chapel, plus the personal attractiveness of the chapel's minister, Dr. Colin Morris, dramatized the plight of the historic church.

Also speaking of the chapel's plight wherever he could find those who would listen was Dr. Kenneth L. Waights, president of the British Methodist Conference. On his return to Britain, Dr. Waights told Religious News Service: "I was delighted at the response of world Methodists to the plight of Wesley's Chapel. From remarks made to me it seems probable that offers of help will come from all corners of the globe."

The brochure told of the opening of Wesley's Chapel in central London's City Road in 1778 as the headquarters of John Wesley's expanding work. For the last 12 years of his life Wesley preached from its pulpit, lived in a house next to the chapel and was finally laid to rest in a quiet garden behind the chapel.

This church really belongs to the World Methodist community, being held in trust on its behalf by a small resident congregation who preserve its aging facilities and offer regular worship there in the manner and custom of John Wesley.

The report on this matter adopted at Denver said that the historic edifice had reached a financial crisis that had loomed for several years. It added, "The truth is that an effective membership of about 50 people, many of them elderly and poor, cannot carry the full burden of maintaining in a fitting manner the aging fabric of the Mother Church of World Methodism."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

On a recent Communion Sunday Christians in Kobe, Japan brought rice as a gift to the people of their sister city of Seattle as a "symbolic expression of concern" for the severe economic recession, according to Dr. W. Wilson Rasco, an executive of the United Presbyterian church in the Seattle area. He said the Japanese were well aware of Seattle's church-related Neighbors in Need program which has fed 300,000 people in a year at a cost of $1 million. Noting that Japanese Christians were "very perplexed" by Seattle's problems, he said there was a view among some people overseas that America is a land of unlimited wealth and that what was being done "was really not costing us," anything.

Dr. Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has called the proposed constitutional "non-denominational prayer amendment" a "booby trap and time bomb against true religion." Raising the question, "What is a 'nondenominational' prayer anyway?" Dr. Bates said, "Baptists, Catholics, Unitarians, Jews, Buddhists and dozens of other groups do not agree on the nature and form of prayer. It hardly seems likely that the legislature and the courts could solve this centuries-old debate and define 'nondenominational' prayer to everyone's satisfaction."

A black clergyman who has often criticized church institutions said in an informal press conference at the Interchurch Center in N.Y. that he doubted that the entire "corporate business world" had done more financially for minorities than the Churches. The Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr., executive director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) said, "I don't think the church is dumping the cross—just staggering a bit under its weight."

For the first time in history, delegates of five Protestant denominations in the heavily Mormon-populated state of Utah met in Bountiful for a joint consultation. Two hundred clerical and lay delegates representing the American Baptist Convention, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), United Methodists, United Presbyterians and the United Church of Christ took part. Dr. William R. Persons, a United Methodist district superintendent said in summing up the unprecedented gathering that if all Churches in Utah—including the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon)—would cooperate in tackling social problems the results would be "fantastically successful."

Gov. Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania says he favors elimination of that state's "blue laws" which ban business activity on Sunday—except as "essential service" firms. The governor indicated that he favors a six-day week for business, with each establishment determining which day to close for religious observance.

Clark County clergymen (in Nevada) are being asked not to participate in the lucrative "marriage business" in "Las Vegas Strip" chapels. Members of the Ministerial Assn. have endorsed a resolution calling for a "professional agreement" among its 65 members to officiate at marriages only in their own churches or in private homes. There are more than 250 persons licensed to perform marriages in the area. It has been estimated that the wedding industry in Nevada represents a $50 million a year enterprise.

Beloit College (Wis.), a liberal arts school affiliated with the United Church of Christ, is adopting a graduated tuition fee based on family income during the current school year. Under the new tuition plan, freshmen will pay from $1,000 to $3,300 a year, depending on their family's taxable income. Annual tuition is now $3,100. Dr. Edwin F. Wilde, a mathematics professor and vice-president of planning, said "We found that our student body was increasingly tending to come from the upper economic classes, so we're simply trying to improve our mix."

While the nation concerns itself with pollution of its natural resources, "we are losing sight of the three greatest contaminants and pollutants in America—liquor, tobacco and other narcotics," charged Mrs. Fred Tooze, president of the Nat'l. Woman's Christian Temperance Union during the recent Illinois WCTU state convention. "We need a reconsideration of our national morality," she said, "that our polluted land and lives might be brought back to acknowledgement of God and that individually and collectively our moral standards might be raised and returned to a higher level."

Pending approval by local boards of education, Ontario's 500,000 secondary school students will have the opportunity to study five major world religions as a regular course. Education Minister Robert Welch said the proposed course should help young people "who are asking important questions about religion and spiritual values." The five religions to be covered are Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The course is the first dealing solely with religion authorized by the Dept. of Education to count as a credit towards a high school diploma.

"International Day of Bread" was observed in Washington recently at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, with Agriculture Secretary Clifford M. Hardin speaking. Commenting on the annual observance, which was launched by Churches in West Germany after World War II, Secretary Hardin said, "As we break bread together in the tradition of fellowship and thankfulness, let this Day of Bread also be an occasion for a renewal of the spirit that has made America a great and good land."

For the third consecutive year, Huntingburg, Ind., has been named "Community of the Year" by Religion in American Life (RIAL), the public service advertising program of 38 major national religious bodies. The town of 5,000 in southern Indiana was honored for its "Faith-in-Action" program which has involved eight churches and 20 civic service organizations in promoting national advertising material supplied by RIAL.

The "Jesus People" movement is a challenge to Christians in established Churches to review their way of life and revive their momentum, Cardinal Joseph Doepfner of West Germany said in a Bavarian Radio network broadcast. Cardinal Doepfner noted that the movement organizes outside of the traditional Christian institutions, and said, "Even if many people feel that the new enthusiasm for Christ among these young people may perhaps be only a passing fashion, one thing is sure: the quest for God and His mercy will always exist and cannot be suppressed."

A unique closed circuit television system at Hialeah Hospital in Miami allows its 300 patients to have a "visit" from the hospital chaplain at least twice each day. Patients may also tune in for an entire evening of hymns, readings from the Bible and inspirational poems. Or they may watch such TV programs as "Faith for Today" and "The Life of Christ," or such movies as "Martin Luther" and "King of Kings." "When someone is a patient at our hospital, we want him to know it is a Christian institution and that Christians care for him," explained David Jones, director of television and public relations at the Seventh-day Adventist affiliated hospital.

Msgr. William B. O'Brien, president of Daytop Village, Inc., a self-help program for addict rehabilitation in N.Y. and N.J., has condemned medical and professional "profiteers and exploiters of young lives" who are using the acceptance of the Methadone treatment for addiction for monetary gain. Addressing the International Conference on Alcoholism and Addiction, O'Brien warned of the "shift in program emphasis... away from resocialization toward broad, lifetime maintenance..."

(RNS Photo)

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – President Nixon congrotulotes evongelist Billy Grohom (right) ot o speciol tribute to Mr. Grohom in his hometown, Chorlotte, N.C. Mrs. Nixon (left) ond Mrs. Grohom (second left) join in the tribute. Behind Mrs. Grohom is Treasury Secretory John Connolly. The President hod just unveiled o three foot by four foot bronze morker with o likeness of the evongelist which will be ploced on the site of his birthplace in Chorlotte. The morker includes on inscription signed by the President which reods: "Billy Grohom is one of the gionts of our time. Truly o mon of God. The force of his spirit hos ennobled millions in this ond other londs. I solute him with deep offection ond profound respect." More thon 12,000 ottended the tribute ot Chorlotte Coliseum ond thousonds more lined the route of o motorcode through downtown Chorlotte.

Missionaries who were recent visitors at Franklinton, left to right: The Rev. Francisco Bauzon, minister from the Philippines; Mrs. Stella Taylor, Missionary to Central America; the Rev. Albert Whelchel, missionary to the Congo.

Mission Conference at Franklinton

Three missionaries were leaders for a weekend of special emphasis on missions in which members of Centenary and Fisher United Methodist Churches, Franklinton, participated recently.

They were the Rev. Albert Whelchel, a native of Georgia, who serves in the Congo; Mrs. Stella Taylor, also a native of Georgia, who has served in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Guatamala; and the Rev. Francisco Bauzon, Methodist Filipino minister who has been assigned to pioneer evangelistic work on the island of Mindanao.

Their witness in the Franklinton church began at a church supper meeting on Friday evening and continued through Saturday morning coffees and noon luncheons. Mr. Whelchel was the speaker on Saturday evening, with brief witnesses by Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Bauzon.

The climax came on Sunday morning when Mrs. Taylor presented "The Challenge of Missions," after which almost every person in the congregation made a "faith-promise" pledge for support of missionaries. The amount of the pledges exceeded the $3600 which the committee has set as the goal.

The Rev. Jerry A. Means is the pastor.

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The Rev. George H. Sherman, Jr., pastor of Hodge United Methodist Church, is flanked by B. E. Hathaway, charge lay leader, and William Baker, architect for the Hodge Church, who was guest speaker on Layman's Day.

–Photo by TOWN TALK

The World Communion observance at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, combined traditional and contemporary worship with emphasis on the celebration of the resurrected Christ. Music presented by the Chancel and Children's choirs was adapted by Dorman Clayton, music director, and featured guitar, string bass and percussion accompaniment. Some of the participants, who are pictured here include, left to right: Hope Norman, member of children's choir; Mrs. Tom Norman, chancel choir; the Rev. Tom Peyton, associate pastor; Clayton, and Roy Price. Dr. Bentley Sloane is pastor.

ABOVE: As a part of the ministry to students some of the ladies of Grace United Methodist Church, Ruston, are shown serving a noon meal for Wesley Foundationers. FROM LEFT: Mrs. Ruth Whatley, Mrs. Ruby Nell Barker, Mrs. Jean Lay and Mrs. Nena Barnwell. Picture at left shows Campus Minister "Bill" Stokes and the Rev. W. O. Lynch, pastor at Grace, welcoming students to the Tuesday noon meal. This popular program draws more than 90 students a week.

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NEWS and NOTES

THE HOMER UNITED Methodist Church held a revival, October 17-20, with the Rev. Merlin Merrill, pastor of Ruston's Trinity Church, bringing the messages. The Rev. Ed Parks of Simsboro led the singing. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is the Homer minister.

THE GREATER CROWLEY Ministerial Association sponsored Friday morning religious services during the International Rice Festival. Held on the Court House circle platform, the services opened the Festival activities. Speaker was the Rev. George Ross, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette. The Rev. Beverly E. Bond is president of the Ministerial Association.

THE SLIDELL DINNER CLUB met in the United Methodist Church with Homer Fritchie, Sr., speaking of the "Old Days in Slidell." The Rev. J. Philip Woodland was host pastor.

AT NATCHITOCHES, newly elected Junior Hi Fellowship officers in First Church are: Roger McCoy, president; Gary Gray, vice-president; and Jeni Galloway, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Jolly B. Harper is their minister.

MRS. JOE (MYRTLE) BAKER was honored by the Wesley Bible Class of Trinity Church, Alexandria, on her 82nd birthday. Participants on the program included Mrs. Luther Rone, prayer, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Avey, vocal duet. The Rev. Dave Corley is her pastor.

ST. BERNARD CHURCH of Chalmette plans a UNICEF Party for children on Saturday night, October 30. A carnival atmosphere will prevail as children bring collections from UNICEF banks. The Rev. James O. Evans is pastor.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH of New Orleans will have a Halloween party on Friday night, October 29, at which time children will come in costumes to bring UNICEF banks to the church. The Rev. Charles S. Walker is their pastor.

P. K. KORNER

JAY VERNON DAIGLE, III, was born on August 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Jay V. Daigle, Jr., in New Orleans. He is the first grandchild of the Rev. and Mrs. Jay V. Daigle, Sr., of Carpenter's Chapel, Galvez, Louisiana.

PAMELA POMEROY, daughter of Dr. George Pomeroy, superintendent of the Natchitoches District, and Mrs. Pomeroy, was runner-up in the Queen's Contest of the Natchitoches Parish Fair Rodeo.

THE 22nd ANNIVERSARY of the founding of McGuire United Methodist Church in West Monroe was observed on Sunday, October 17 at Homecoming Day, with Chaplain Don Wineinger of Glenwood Hospital bringing the morning message. Also taking part in the service was the Rev. Ira Love, also a former pastor of the church. The Rev. John H. Sewell was host pastor.

JIMMY GARRISON represented the Gideons when he spoke in First Church, Pineville, on Sunday morning, October 17. Joe Crouch was the worship leader. The Rev. Richard Walton is pastor.

JOE SOLOMON of Monroe was the speaker in University United Methodist at Lake Charles during the 8:30 and 10:50 morning services, October 24. The Rev. William P. Fraser is the pastor. At the evening service, the University Choir with Orchestra presented a special program.

GRADY WATSON, JR. from Repton, Alabama, is the coordinator for the Lay Witness Mission being held this weekend, October 29-31, in First Church, Crowley.

AT MANSFIELD, A. W. McDonald, Jr., was in charge of lay services in First United Methodist Church, October 17. Messages were brought by Mrs. Jody Ferguson and Dudley Kemper. Other participants were P. E. Dixon, Casey Stokes and the Men's Choir. The Rev. George Harkins is pastor.

TOM MATHENY spoke in his home church, First United Methodist of Hammond, on Laymen's Day. He is an attorney, is the conference lay leader, chairman of the National Lay Leaders Association, and a member of the Hammond Church Administrative Board. He was assisted by Charles McKaskle, lay leader; Robert Owen, Methodist Men's president; and Sam Clay, Administrative Board chairman. The Rev. Henry Blount is pastor.

MONROE DISTRICT WSG AT CHEMIN-A-HAUT PARK

The Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guilds will hold their Annual Fall Meeting at Chemin-A-Haut State Park, located some ten miles north of Bastrop, on Saturday and Sunday, October 30-31. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m., with the opening session at 4 p.m. The meeting will close with lunch on Sunday.

A special feature of the meeting will be the presence of Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, conference chairman of Missionary Education, who will speak on both days.

The studies will be presented under the leadership of Mrs. Willis Ward of West Monroe.

A new district chairman is to be elected at this time as the present chairman, Mrs. Louis Bennett, has recently accepted the office of conference chairman.

THE PATTERSON BENNER family, missionaries in Japan, are scheduled to be guests at both morning services Sunday, October 31, in First United Methodist Church, Minden, of which the Rev. Kirby A. Vining is minister.

DR. HERDIS L. DEABLER gave a book review on Monday, October 25, in First United Methodist Church of New Orleans. His subject was "The Passions of the Mind" by Irving Stone.

GUEST ORGANISTS FROM PARIS presented an organ recital in Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday evening, October 23. The world famous Durufles, Marie-Madeleine and Maurice, also conducted a performance of his "Requiem" on Sunday evening, October 24, at Trinity Church, with the choirs of Trinity and Rayne, and members of the New Orleans Symphony participating.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of Greater New Orleans held an Interfaith Council dinner meeting on October 21, from 9:30 - 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army. The theme was "Salvation Army Around the World." Features of the event were a tour of the Citadel Corps and Community Center, and Exhibit of Activities.

MRS. SIDNEY SALE is in charge of the Bible study of Matthew which was held in First Church, Haynesville, during four Sunday nights in October. In addition, the Women's Society had a study of "Parables of the Kingdom" from Matthew, Chapter 13, at circle meetings, October 18, and a guest artist tea on Monday, October 25. Rosalind Beene McKenzie lectured and showed slides at the tea on "The Life of Christ in Masterpieces of Art." The Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor.

THE REV. HARRY EZELL, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston, was the speaker in First Church, Minden, on "Harvest Sunday," the day all Louisiana Methodist Churches set aside for an offering for the Children's Home.

THE LAKE CHARLES District Song Fest was held on Saturday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. in University United Methodist Church. Bryant Gore and Irvin Abraham were directors.

HOUMA'S FIRST CHURCH had six lay speakers on October 10: Leroy Gresham, Mrs. Marna Harper and Donna Jones spoke On the Bible, On the Church, and On Prayer, at the 8:30 a.m. service, and speaking on the same subjects at 11 a.m. were Bill Gresham, Guy Higginbotham and Mrs. Martha Mathews. John Campbell presided at the early service, and John Kelley at 11 o'clock. Speakers at the evening service were Mrs. Billie Jones, Melissa Mitchell and Bill Parks. The Rev. Jerome Cain is pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 31—Sunday	Heb. 2:14-18
Nov. 1	Psalms 100:1-5
Nov. 2	Col. 3:8-15
Nov. 3	Psalms 13:1-8
Nov. 4	Psalms 95:1-6
Nov. 5	Psalms 107:21-31
Nov. 6	Psalms 136:1-26
Nov. 7—Sunday	II Cor. 9:5-15

The Parka Unit Wesleyan Service Guild of Lakeview United Methodist Church presented J. A. Dauzat, Jr., the husband of a member, a Special Membership for his services to the Guild over the years. Miss Mildred L. Kee, president, presented the membership pin to Mr. Dauzat then asked Mrs. Dauzat to pin him. The Rev. William E. Nolan is pastor of Lakeview.

YOUNG PEOPLE of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, have paid about $4,000 on the church bus. Mrs. Gwen Dawson led the young people in raising much of the money, during a pancake day last March and a carnival in September which grossed $1,200. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is the pastor at Broadmoor. Buddy Patterson is the new youth director.

UNITED METHODIST MEN of First Church, Lake Charles, had a program on COCU (Consultation on Church Union) given by the Rev. L. Ray Branton, pastor of Henning Memorial Church of Sulphur. The program was arranged by Dr. Henry Bowdon, Sr., program chairman for the men. The Rev. Deen Thompson, pastor of Oak Park United Methodist Church, brought the devotional message at the supper meeting held October 20.

THE 1971 UNITED NATIONS Day Banquet for Greater New Orleans was held on Sunday, October 24 at 7 p.m. in the Royal Sonesta. The speaker was Walt Rostow, former professor of economic history at M.I.T. and member of the UN Secretariat. Paul A. Fabry was chairman of the program. Werner J. Feld is president of the UN Associate of Greater New Orleans.

Districts hold Merger Services for women

Hammond District

The Hammond District Merger and Organizatianal Meeting af the Wamen's Saciety af Christian Service was held October 13 at First Church, Hammand. Convener af the meeting was Mrs. Sam Clay, Jr., 2nd from left, president of Hammand WSCS af farmer Conference A. Shawn with her, fram left are: the Rev. Henry Blaunt, Jr., hast pastar; Mrs. C. B. McGawen, farmer Canference A president; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, canference secretary af missianary education; and the Rev. J. J. Caraway, Hammond district superintendent, wha installed the officers.

New officers of the Hammand District WSCS are, fram left: Mrs. Bascom D. Talley, Jr., president; Mrs. Jack Hively, vice-president; Mrs. Willie McCrury, secretary; Mrs. L. L. Freeman, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. W. R. Irving, Jr., missianary educatian; Mrs. Leon Schilling, program materials; Mrs. James Lebo, naminatians; Mrs. Magnalia White, spiritual growth; and Mrs. R. T. Vessier, Christian social relatians.

Natchitoches District

Presiding at the arganizatianal meeting of the Natchitaches District Wamen's Saciety af Christian Service was Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, at left, president af Lauisiana Canference Women's Saciety, wha was presented by Mrs. C. B. McGawan, past canference president.

Natchitoches District WSCS afficers are, 1st raw: Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Leesville, president; Mrs. Donald Risinger, Leesville, spiritual grawth; Mrs. Arthur Brewer, Janesbora, Christian sacial relatians; Raw 2: Mrs. Edgar Smith, Natchitoches, missionary education; Mrs. Carrie Hatfield, Mansfield, Committee an Nominatians far two years; Mrs. Roy Rushen, Leesville, secretary; Third row: Mrs. Sidney B. Evans, Jr., Natchitoches, treasurer; Mrs. Edith McGough, Mansfield, program materials; Mrs. R. E. Dietzell, Winnfield, chairman, Cammittee on Nominations; Mrs. W. H. Bengstan, Many, vice-president. Nat shawn, Mrs. Gearge W. Pomeray, Natchitoches, Cammittee on Nominations for one year.

Pictured at left is the Loranger High Schaal Charal Graup which gave a pragram af special music far the Hammand District WSCS Meeting. At left, standing, is Mrs. J. J. Caraway, director af the graup.

Other canference afficers present at First Church, Natchitaches, an Octaber 18, were Mrs. W. B. Gardner, right, treasurer, and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, left, secretary af missianary educatian, shawn with Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. McGawan.

World Community Day

ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS will be the focus of World Community Day to be celebrated by Church Women United across the nation on Friday, November 5. The theme is "Build a New Earth" and the celebration will raise the crucial issue: What kind of new earth do we want?

Pollution, poverty, transportation, garbage and sewage disposal, housing, the population explosion, all kinds of local community needs and situations will be given attention. Lectures, exhibits, films, seminars, teach-ins and other means of investigation and education will be used to pinpoint problems and set goals.

A "rubbish sculpture" has been suggested as one way women may highlight the theme of World Community Day. On the way to the service, women are being asked to pick up a piece of litter—a can, a box, a discarded muffler, an old potato chip bag, an empty bottle. These will be taken to the church or hall and at a point in the service a symbolic offering can be made of these "found" objects.

The words of the World Community Day service express it this way: "We are stewards of the earth. . . . Our exploration begins here, at this hour, in this place, on the earth, our common home. Let us embark—believing that if we open our eyes and our ears and our hearts and our minds, we can get somewhere together."

The offering, as is customary at this celebration, will go toward the Intercontinental Mission of Church Women United—colleges, projects for women in underdeveloped areas, migrants, public health and family services, minority groups, older people, international students—aided by church women's contributions on World Community Day and World Day of Prayer.

In addition, many women will be sewing layettes and children's clothing to be distributed through Church World Service. They will also be buying Gift Certificates which, for $3 each, can contribute to one of the following: blankets for disaster areas (part of the 1970 funds were responsible for the first blankets to reach Peru); school supplies for developing nations; tools and materials for home-building and rebuilding in poverty areas of Appalachia and Mississippi.

World Community Day has been sponsored since 1942 by Church Women United to emphasize corporate action for justice and peace.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 7: God Sustains His Creation

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalm 104; Acts 14:15-17; Colossians 1:15-17

MEMORY SELECTION: He did not leave himself without a witness, for he did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness. (Acts 14:17)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons recognize God as creator and sustainer of his universe; to discover ways in which we can help preserve and sustain the continuing forces of creation.

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Last week we talked about the ways in which God works in history, never separating himself from the events of men. This week we start with one of the great nature poems of the Old Testament — Psalm 104 — and discover there the fact that the God of creation continues to be involved and concerned with the universe he brought into being.

In an age like ours which has seen so much of scientific progress and discovery, it is easy to forget that all of these new things represent God's process of creation still at work. We sit in front of the television set and see perfect pictures of men landing on the moon and working there. As we do, we are tempted to think of the greatness of man and forget that these dramatic events speak to us of God's continuing creative process.

In the same period of time in which we are seeing such outstanding advances in technology and science, we are seeing a great deal of evidence of the ways in which the creation is being threatened. The problems of pollution, population explosion and the nuclear threat all cry out for solution. As Christians we are concerned, and we are confident that God wants us to work with him in seeking solutions.

As persons who are aware that God maintains and sustains his universe we want to know what we can do to fulfill our responsibilities to be workers with God.

Psalm 104 is one of the great songs of praise, revealing how God works in nature. Not only does it speak to us of God as creator, controller, provider, and sustainer of the universe, but there is also a marked emphasis on God's control of the universe. It speaks of his creation of the various parts of his world, and the interrelation between them all.

Dr. Lawrence C. Hays speaks of the major message of the psalm, saying: "The psalm bears eloquent witness to the fact that creation reveals not only the power but the goodness of the Creator. The psalmist also reminds us that God has demonstrated his love for us not only by his creative action in the past but by his work in the present, renewing and sustaining his creation."

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THE MAJESTY AND POWER OF GOD

From the beginning to end this psalm speaks to us of the praise that we ought to offer God. We can tell that it was written by one who often thought of the greatness of creation and who saw in it the reflection of the incomparable majesty of God. With his great skill in the use of words the poet speaks of the whole universe.

The psalm opens with these words: "Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty." Following the opening description of God's majesty and power as seen in the forces of nature, we read of the separation and control of land and water, the provisions made for the various forms of life, the appointment and design of the moon and the sun, the abundant riches of earth and sea, the complete dependence of all things upon God, and a concluding call to worship and praise.

The psalmist begins with the flat statement that "God is very great." The rest of the psalm tells why he feels that way. Dr. James Reapsome says (Rozell's Complete Lessons): "This is not a matter of debate with him, but rather of celebration. Perhaps we need to spend less time arguing about the existence of God and spend more time joyously giving expression to how great we think he is."

The main interest of the psalmist was in God's dealings with the earth and its inhabitants. Throughout the poem the stability of the universe is emphasized. The writer tells us that we live in an environment that is dependable because God is dependable.

We are constantly reminded that man has a responsibility to work with God in ordering and sustaining his creation. We read in Ecclesiastes 12:13 that the whole duty of man is to "fear God and keep his commandments." These words take on new meaning today as we see the many challenges around us to defend the environment against the forces which seem bent on destroying it.

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OUR REACTION TO GOD'S CREATION

Each person has his own favorite spot for viewing God's creation and reacting to it in awe and thankfulness. It was my privilege to spend almost two weeks in Colorado this summer and to see there each day the majestic splendor of the Rockies. Each time I see these beautiful mountains I long for the poetic skill of the psalmist in order that I might also express to God this feeling of thanksgiving for all that he has made and done for man.

Admitting that we do not have the ability to express ourselves as we would like, we can do the next best thing and read some of the great psalms like the one we are studying today. When we turn our attention in this direction we realize that this poet was a remarkable man who reflected so much knowledge concerning the cooperative working of man and God in creation in a time long ago.

Dr. W. Stewart McCullough, in his interpretation of Psalm 104 in Interpreter's Bible, says: "There is, in fact, in the psalm a philosophy of the cosmos, for the psalmist recognizes a beneficent providence in the ordering of the world. Nothing is made for itself alone, but each is made for another, so that the needs of all are fully met. The psalmist seems quite familiar with one of the creation stories known to Israel."

Not only should we react with a sense of reverence as we read this psalm, or as we stand at some thrilling observation point in the Rockies, but we should also commit ourselves to the preservation of this beauty. As you think of the most beautiful spot you know, give some thought to what you can do to preserve its beauty or make it more lovely.

The writers of Adult Leader speak of the cooperation between God and man and nature in the current crisis of environment. They say: "The god of the Old Testament is seen as being above and beyond nature. Nature is subject to the divine. The Bible describes creation not as an instantaneous event, but as an ongoing process in which the living God acts continuously in nature." The lesson today should lead us all to a deeper sense of stewardship concerning these many resources about us that seem to be so severely threatened.

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TEMPORARY VIEWS OF GOD'S CREATION

It is interesting to note that there is a widespread movement in our day to get closer to nature and the out-of-doors. Many are demonstrating their disenchantment with scientific progress and the dehumanizing effects of technology by living off the land or in communes.

Some people are deistic in their approach, believing that God created the universe but then left it for man to develop. Others are pessimistic, finding it difficult to believe that a good God would allow the suffering and misery that they see around them in their world.

Lesson helps in Adult Leader call attention to another point of view, popularized by the German philosopher Nietzsche. He argued that nature itself demonstrates how we should live and treat each other and our environment. He said that the things survive in nature which express the will to live in power. The human traits which he glorified were those connected with power, aggressiveness, dominance, pride and exploitation. Nietzche argued that Christianity supressed the natural in man and attempted to make the unfit survive by preaching brotherly love.

Still a third viewpoint which many hold in our time suggests that one should exploit and get all he can from everything and everyone in life without concern for the consequences to others.

We are thankful that we can see the ascendancy of a fourth philosophy which is challenging more and more people to become concerned about the needs of others and the threats to the environment. This is one of the most encouraging signs of our times. Stop and take a look at your own congregation. At what points has it seen its mission to include such involvement as this?

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THE APPEAL OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Included in our lesson material for today is a brief passage from Acts 14:8-18. This passage tells the story of the visit of Paul and Barnabas to Lystra. Following the healing of a cripple, the people tried to honor the apostles whom they associated with the Greek gods.

Paul addressed the crowd and insisted that he and his companion were men like themselves charged with the message that men should turn from their idols to the true God, "who is both creator and sustainer." On that occasion the message that God is both friend and benefactor proved to have great appeal to the listeners. Men today are still attracted by the assurance that he is not far from the great scientific developments and that he is a loving father who cares for them.

Another brief background passage from the New Testament is Colossians 1:15-17. Here Paul echoes and elaborates on our theme as he speaks of Christ's involvement in creation. Colossians was written to refute dangerous gnostic teachings that reduced our Lord to a minor role in the total scheme of spiritual authority. Paul insisted that Jesus Christ is preeminent, that the very universe is related to him as to its beginning, continued existence, and final destiny. This passage gives new meaning to the much-used slogan, "Christ or Chaos."

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ARE WE AWARE?

There are some people who think that the scientist in the laboratory and the astronaut traveling to the moon are threats to our religious faith. Actually every new dimension of knowledge about our universe adds luster to the power of God. Whether the scientist is involved with the probing of outer space or using the microscope to uncover the vast minute world invisible to the naked eye he is cooperating with God, the creator and sustainer of life.

The psalmist had the gift of insight into God's glorious creation. Too often we look but do not see anything. Elizabeth Barrett Browning taught us that earth is crammed with heaven and that every common bush is afire with God. Ecology is a word being used a great deal today as we are becoming more conscious of the importance of protecting our natural environment. We are discovering that there is a wisdom in nature which is very evident when we begin to disdain or pollute our human surroundings.

It is a beautiful thing to realize that all creation is God's and that whether in life or death he has the well-being of his children in mind. Our wonderful world reminds us of this.

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HOUSTON, Tex. – Americo's first spocewolker, Methodist astronout Ed White, is depicted in the ort gloss window of on upstairs chopel ot the recently opened Edword H. White, II, Memoriol Youth Center ot the Seabrook United Methodist Church. Astronout White died with fellow ostronauts in o flosh fire oboard their spocecraft during o routine test in Jonuory, 1967, ot Cope Kennedy. Among those present for the consecrotion of the new center was comedion Bob Hope who helped roise o mojor portion of the $330,000 thot built the center. White, o member of Seobrook Church, hod given $500 to on "educotionol building fund" in 1966 following his historic wolk in space.

South Central unit withdraws from MARCHA

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The endorsement of two Hispanic-Americans as candidates for the United Methodist episcopacy has prompted one of six regional units to withdraw from MARCHA (Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic-Americans).

The action by the South Central Region came following a national MARCHA board meeting in Tampa, Fla., Oct. 4-6 at which time the Rev. Roberto Escamilla, Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. Hector Navas, Tampa, Fla., were endorsed as episcopal candidates. MARCHA regions include five in the United States and one in Puerto Rico. Four delegates from each region serve on the national board.

Regional autonomy was cited by the South Central officers as the broader, unresolved issue which prompted their withdrawal.

MARCHA, an unofficial caucus of Hispanic-American United Methodists, was organized in 1969. Its first national consultation was held in El Paso, Tex., last May. President is the Rev. Josafata Curti, chaplain of the United Campus Christian Ministry at Southern Colorado State College, Pueblo.

In a letter to MARCHA officers, dated Oct. 13, the Rev. Roy D. Barton, San Antonio, Tex., president of South Central Region, said, "it is with pain and anguish . . . that we withdraw our participation." He is program director of the Rio Grande Conference which includes nearly half of all Hispanic American Methodists in the United States. The Conference has 18,000 members in 146 churches, primarily in Texas and New Mexico.

One of the issues at the El Paso consultation last May was whether the South Central Region should have representation in proportion to its membership. Such a motion which would have given them proportionate representatives was defeated.

"The South Central delegates, cautious of the developments of a national 'super-structure' have argued consistently for regional self-determination," Mr. Barton stated.

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FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS– Mr. T. Russell Reitz, jurisdiction treosurer; Dr. John Wesley Hordt, choirmon; ond Dr. Virgil D. Morris, jurisdiction program director, were omong those present for the Finance Commission of the South Centrol Jurisdiction meeting prior to the recent Jurisdictionol Council meeting ot Mt. Sequoyah to revise the 1972 budget totolling $135,825 ond to recommend on onnuol budget of the some figure for the 1973-76 quodrennium.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"One of the systems of our society has the scientific and technical capacity to place man on the moon and wills to do so. Other systems in our society deprive man of rights inherently his. We accept this as fact for as yet we have not willed it to be any different." —Miss Betsy K. Ewing, associate general secretary, National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

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"The task of humanization and liberation of men has no end, nor does it depend on any political regime. We have to continue the task of confrontation of each man to Jesus Christ, the task of serving man in all his needs and the prophetic task of submitting all order or system to evangelical light."—Bishop Mortimer Arias and Rev. Jaime Bravo of Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia.

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"The style of life in Africa, and the way in which man relates to man was Christian, before even there was Christianity. The concept of family, love, brotherhood, sensitivity, feeling and morality was there, and this is what Christ was talking about. Missionaries in Africa and the church in Africa have not come to terms with the clash of values in that continent, namely African values versus materialistic values." —Hon. John J. Akar, former ambassador to the United States from Sierra Leone.

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"The . . . deepest issue facing the church today is whether the Christian Church is to be humanist or God-centered. The real cleavage, running right around the Christian world, is not between fundamentalism, and liberalism, but pietism and social witness, not any longer between Protestants and Roman Catholics. The great gulf which has emerged is one between humanist Christians and God-oriented Christians."—Dr. Allan Walker of Methodist Conference of New South Wales, Australia.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins

Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

Major problem on the social scene in Britain today is that of suicide. This is according to Professor Ivor Mills who is professor of investigative medicine of the University of Cambridge. He was lecturing at the annual Conference of the Samaritans and speaking of the social pressures towards suicide.

The astonishing fact is that suicide attempts in Britain have increased two and a half times since 1961 and this in his view is largely due to stress of the "rat-race."

The National Association for Mental Health published a report entitled "Stress at Work" last week and pointed out that a principal cause of lost working days was mental stress. Nearest figures show that mental illness now loses Britain 36.65 million days a year. Simple surveys have suggested that the present initial rate of suicide attempts is something in the order of 100,000 per year. This admittedly is only a guess and not a statistical and checkable fact but on this kind of estimate there cannot be any doubt that there is a vast human problem in the relatively affluent society of Britain.

One of the Samaritans' psychiatric consultants has noted that the typically successful suicide is a helpless old man while many more who take, for example, an overdose of sleeping pills may be younger, often women, who are either trying to yell for help or are making a dramatic bid for escape if only for a few hours.

While it is true that physical methods of treating mental illness and depressive conditions are becoming more effective and it is all too easy to overestimate in an alarmist way the rate of strike in such matters there remains the depressing fact that with a growing economic situation, more leisure, and more distraction people are still losing identity at such a rate that they can fill wards of hospitals and the surgeries of doctors so quickly.

It would be presumptuous and insensitive to suggest that there are any glib answers to these growing problems — and we remember that they are shared by the whole of the Western Countries at the moment — but there must be some kind of indicator to help. The fact is that many people are talking about better management techniques, the self identification of the worker, the ways in which people can be helped to see that their work actually has an end product. All this is, of course, simply a process of helping people towards self-realisation, arresting the desperate drift towards non-identity.

And, when you think about it, who was it who said: "A man's life does not consist in what he possesses"? It was of course the Man for others and he did not live in an industrial society, yet he might have put his finger on one of the sorest spots in the body politic.

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Mexican leaders conduct Rio Grande Mission

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Mexican Methodist Bishop Alejandro Ruiz and approximately 45 other Methodists from below the border are in the Southwest for a 10-day "Mission to the Rio Grande Conference" which began October 15.

The Rio Grande Conference includes approximately 50 Spanish-speaking United Methodist Churches, 17,000 members, and 106 pastors, mostly in Texas and New Mexico.

An evangelistic mission bringing Mexicans to the United States will set a precedent for the church, according to the Rev. Dr. Roberto Escamilla, Nashville, director of bilingual ministries for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism. "Historically the church in the U.S. has been the sender and Mexico has been the receiver but we think there will be great benefits in reversing this role," he said.

Sponsored by the Rio Grande Conference and General United Methodist Board of Evangelism, the Mission began with a period of orientation in La Trinidad Church in San Antonio, Tex. The Mexicans, one third of whom are laymen, will then be dispersed for a week of evangelistic ministries in local churches. Working alongside the visitors are United Methodist laymen and pastors from the Southwest.

Leadership for the Mission will include Bishop Ruiz; the Rev. Josue Alvarez, general secretary of evangelism for the Mexican Methodist Church; the Rev. Joseph H. Yeakel, Nashville, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism; Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Tex.; and Dr. Escamilla.

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Negro Conference first in nation to pay "fair share"

NASHVILLE, TENN. (UMI)—The former Central Jurisdiction (Negro) Conference in South Carolina has become the first United Methodist Conference in the nation to pay in full its "fair share" to the Negro Colleges Advance. The National Advance is a special, two-year effort to raise $8 million for current operating expenses of 12 black colleges related to the denomination.

Dr. Dennis Fletcher, New York, one of the co-directors of the Advance, said the South Carolina Conference has not only paid $11,200, its fair share, but has announced its intention to pay $45,000 more this year.

He said the "fair share" is determined by a percentage of the Conference's World Service apportionment.

The Negro Colleges Advance was established by the 1970 General Conference of the United Methodist Church to meet a financial crisis facing the 12 colleges. The total goal for the calendar years 1971 and 1972 is $10 million, $2 million of which has been raised for scholarships and loans by reshuffling priorities of boards and agencies of the church.

• United Methodism's "Supreme Court"

Judicial Council sets minimum age for General Conference delegates

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. (UMI) — Seven decisions covering a wide range of questions were handed down here Oct. 7-8 by the United Methodist Council, the denomination's "Supreme Court."

Included were rulings concerning the minimum age of a General Conference delegate, the right of an annual conference to reduce askings for the church's basic benevolence fund, and ministerial membership in an annual conference.

Responding to a request from the Central Illinois Conference for a declaratory decision, the nine-member panel said that a delegate to General Conference or a jurisdictional conference must be at least 21 years of age at the time of his election rather than by the time the conference session for which he was elected is convened.

In the decision concerning support of the denomination's World Service fund, the Judicial Council upheld a ruling by Bishop W. Maynard Sparks in the Pacific Northwest Conference that the full amount for World Service must be apportioned without reduction during 1971 and 1972.

At issue was whether an action by the 1970 General Conference removed from an annual conference the right to reduce apportionments received from the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance.

In a split decision, the Judicial Council said it did.

Dissenting, Theodore M. Berry and Samuel W. Witwer said that the 1970 action merely clarified a long-standing requirement that the annual conferences apportion the full World Service askings.

In two decisions relating to ministerial membership in an annual conference, the Judicial Council said that an annual conference can over-rule recommendations of its Board of Ministry concerning full membership and elder's orders for a pastor. A conference also can determine if a specified number of years of part-time service is equal to the Disciplinary requirement for four years of full-time service in meeting associate member requirements.

By saying that an annual conference can over-rule Board of Ministry recommendations, the "high court" upheld a ruling by Bishop Sparks in the Oregon-Idaho Conference. The question on years of service came from the Pacific Northwest Conference.

In another case relating to the ministry, the Judicial Council upheld a ruling by Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson in the North Alabama Conference that the Discipline requires all ministerial members of an annual conference to have their salaries reported in the conference journal whether they are on regular or special appointment.

Two other rulings by Bishop Goodson were affirmed in actions here, although formal decisions were not handed down.

One upheld the requirement that all annual conference committees except those involving ministerial relations must include lay members. The other sustained the annual election of an annual conference Committee of Investigation.

In a declaratory decision, the Judicial Council said that bishops elected for a specific term of years in Central Conferences of the former Methodist Church who became ineligible for re-election because of age are not to be considered retired bishops of the United Methodist Church.

The decision affects former bishops Hobart B. Amstutz who retired in 1964 and Enrique C. Balloch who retired in 1952. Four other bishops who were active term bishops at the time of formation of the United Methodist Church in 1968—Sante Uberto Barbieri, Ralph E. Dodge, Jose L. Valencia and Pedro Zottele—do now have the status of retired bishops in the united church, the action said.

"If this ruling results in consequences that are achieved to be inequitable or were not intended," the unanimous decision said, "the remedy lies in the authority of the General Conference."

In the seventh decision here, the Judicial Council said that when an annual conference provides for quadrennial election of lay members, such a member, elected at the beginning of the quadrennium, has the right to complete his four-year term unless he ceases to be a member of the charge electing him or for any reason fails to serve. The decision upheld a ruling by Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer in the Philippines Annual Conference.

The Judicial Council continued on its docket the question of whether the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (MCSA) had actually voted to participate in the new Church of North India and then decided not to do so.

In April the council agreed to seek an advisory opinion from a church court in India before ruling on a challenge of the apparent rejection of participation in the new united church. The advisory opinion has not been received as yet.

According to the Rev. Murray H. Leiffer, Evanston, Ill., president of the Judicial Council, the session here continued the council's record of 100 per cent attendance by its members at each session this quadrennium. The body's next meeting will begin April 13 in Atlanta, Ga., in conjunction with the General Conference.

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United Methodist membership decreases while giving increases

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Membership in the United Methodist Church in the United States is now 10,509,198, according to a report released here October 14 by the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance.

The new official figure is a decrease of 162,576 from a year ago. In addition to the full members, the denomination's 40,054 organized churches reported 1,774,200 preparatory members.

Average attendance at the principal weekly worship service was 3,765,800, a decrease of 87,903.

Church school membership was reported as 5,634,662, down 289,802 from a year ago. Average church school attendance was 3,113,573, down 152,277.

The number of organized churches represents a decrease of 599. The total value of churches, equipment, parsonages and other property is $6,000,895,467, an increase of $251,028,574.

Ministerial membership in the annual conferences, including full members, probationary members and associate members, is 34,822, an increase of 261.

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RECORD GIVING REPORTED BY COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodists gave a record $819,945,000 in total support of their denomination's activities during fiscal 1970, according to data compiled in the Council on World Service and Finance here.

The total represents an increase of $19,527,000, or 2.4 per cent, above that of the previous period. In most cases, the data is for calendar 1970, although a few of the 79 annual conferences operate on a June 1-May 31 year, said R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the denomination.

According to the report compiled in the Council on World Service and Finance's Department of Statistics headed by the Rev. John L. Schreiber, the largest expenditure, $248,622,000, went for local church expenses, an increase of 3.7 per cent.

Other sums included $199,287,000 for local church capital purposes, an increase of .8 per cent, and $159,516,000 for ministerial salaries, an increase of 3.2 per cent.

Dr. Brawner noted that the report showed a decrease in funds given to support three administration funds at the national level, although the total amount given for administration at both the annual conference and national levels was up some 18 per cent.

"These figures demonstrate that the large year-to-year increase reported for 'connectional administration' is not attributable to general church funds," Dr. Brawner said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Several United Methodists have been named associate chairmen for National Bible Week November 21-28 sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee. Included are Thomas P. Moore, Bucyrus, Ohio, president of the denomination's General Board of the Laity, O. Wayne Rollins, Atlanta, Ga., businessman, and Dr. L. Keith Mason, Shreveport, La., physician and surgeon.

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For Every Pain or Discomfort, There's A Pill — kids are taught

"These children have grown up believing that there's a pill or a spray can for whatever problem they have. They think they are never supposed to feel pain anymore." Therefore, much of the blame for children sniffing glue must fall on their parents, said Mrs. Marilyn McHam, a featured speaker at the Thirteenth Annual TANE-Baylor Drug Education Workshop in Waco, Aug. 5.

Mrs. McHam is Consultant, Narcotics and Crime Education, for the Irving Independent School District. She has worked with many young people suffering from the effects of inhaled chemicals.

She said that too many young people even with both parents occupying the home, are being forced to find their own device for attracting attention. They sometimes start with sniffing as a way of begging for that attention. The child usually begins by inhaling glue or some other product from within a plastic bag or by putting a saturated handkerchief to his face.

One of the milder symptoms are nausea, vomiting, a kind of "spotty" amnesia that occurs during the euphoric period, heart failure, convulsions, sterility, fatal respiratory diseases, and cancer of the bone marrow. In one case, reported in 1969, it is even believed that inhaling may have been the cause of cerebral deterioration of the brain of a child, although the information on brain damage caused by inhaling is still sketchy.

The number of deaths caused by the use of inhalants is hard to verlfy, she said, because not all deaths can be attributed to the sniffing itself. Some of the deaths are due to suffocation from the child's placing the plastic bag over his head and becoming too "high" to realize it.

Partly because it is evident that many criminal acts are committed by those stimulated by inhalants—particularly sex crimes — some states have succeeded in passing legislation to restrict selling of dangerous products such as glue. "The use of inhalants is not a phenomenon of the '60s," she said.

Mrs. McHam said a scientist in the mid-1800's first discovered that by breathing ether, persons could become unconscious and therefore insensitive to pain. But before that time, persons were aware of the giddy, goofy state that can be attained by inhaling various fumes.

Only in the 1960s has the inhalant problem become severe, she said. Although glue or lacquer sniffing seems to be most popular, sniffing occurs in other forms, including gasoline, cements, paint thinners, cigarette lighters and even harmless looking marking pencils used by many school children.

The problem is prevalent in the age group of children 9 to 16 years, and the average age is 13, she said.

Sniffers are usually boys who come from the lower socio-economic groups, who tend to have underlying social problems, and are those whose homes contain a high percentage of alcohol users.

"They may sniff from one to as many as 14 to 16 tubes daily," she said, for as long as from 30 minutes to two hours, depending on the amount of the material and the length of the breathing.

Although part of the problem in educating the public about the harmful effects of inhaling is the appalling fact that little research has been documented, we can be fairly sure, Mrs. McHam said, that young people sometimes turn to other temporary stimulants as the result of becoming chronic "sniffers." "They're looking for an expansion of what they felt when they got high on sniffing," she said.

—Christian Crusader

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"Pop" wines flavored for youths' taste

Winemakers are flavoring new "pop" wines with everything from cola to cranberry, in order to attract the youth market. "They're the next step for the Pepsi generation," said one wine industry official. These inexpensive wines flavored for young tastes usually contain about 11 per cent alcohol, much less than the fortified wines favored by the wino, but considerably more than beer. Some of the new "pop" wines are named "Key Largo." "Spanada," "Strawberry Delight," "I Love You," "Zapple" and "Apple Dapple."

From Random Shots by:
Bud Montet

Golden Goose might expire

As state after state seeks added revenue they've turned to the horse tracks and have lengthened running dates, okayed off track betting, and added gimmicks to rake in the dollars.

But the ever growing greed on the part of state legislatures might in the end kill the golden goose.

There are a lot of tracks that are on the verge of closing because the market just isn't there.

Another factor is the raising of the state's "take". In New York the take is 18.2 per cent. That's pretty healthy a cut from the dollar that is shoved across the ticket window.

Also in New York the off track betting parlors are blamed for dwindling attendance at the state's tracks.

We only have to look at Louisiana. Now three tracks are running lengthy seasons and more is to come. Whether there's enough wealth in Louisiana to keep the tracks operating is something else.

And there is more to come as several other tracks are due to open.

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Alcohol worse than heroin

Alcohol may do more physical damage to a long-term user than heroin, authorities say.

"In relative terms, the physical consequences of heavy drinking are far larger and more serious than those of heroin use," says Kenneth Eaton, deputy director of the division of alcohol abuse and alcoholism at the National Institute of Mental Health.

Eaton also says that the likelihood of death in withdrawal from chronic alcoholism is much greater than in withdrawal from heroin addiction.

Dr. Robert L. Dupont, director of Washington, D.C.'s Narcotics Treatment Agency, agrees "absolutely" with Eaton. "It's noncontroversial," he says.

"Heroin as a drug is really quite benign compared to alcohol, which is a poison," Dr. Dupont says.

He adds, however, that the use of heroin involves dangers that alcohol drinking does not, mentioning the crimes that heroin addicts commit to obtain money for the illegal drug and the dangers arising from injecting heroin, including overdoses and infection. He says that almost all heroin users become addicts.

"We have two really serious drug problems in Washington, heroin and alcohol," Dr. Dupont says.

—Listen News

Suggested helpful thoughts

ROMAN CATHOLIC

"What has the Pope to say to us: Our contest has nothing to do with religion. Well, it has, on the contrary, more than you think.

"You know there is a Commandment (the 5th) which requires us to respect most carefully the life of our neighbor: THOU SHALT NOT KILL. And yet it happens every day, alas, that people are killed or injured in automobile accidents.

"It is not enough not to wish to harm one's neighbor. You need to exercise care, to teach, to educate, to discipline yourself, to know how to drive and to control yourself so as not to harm your neighbor: That is what you are training for on these highways.

"But notice how this applies as well, to the great voyage in which we are all engaged. That of life itself. How important it is to conduct yourself well, not only on the road, but in all of life, and never do to another that which you would not wish him to do to you . . ." Pope Paul VI

PROTESTANT

What we need most in America is a restoration of an essential integrity, a wholeness of character, that unifies what we think and what we say, and what we do, lacking this, we enter into conspiracies of silence, lest we be embarrassed by our inconsistencies.

Many good people, in and out of the church, are silent on the issues of the perils of drinking and driving because they are party to both. Drinking and driving do not mix. Safer driving on our highways will come when we possess the moral character to apply what we so easily applaud. The greatest pollution in our nation and most dangerous, resides in those who think they can mix a base and pure substance and live. IF YOU DRINK, DON'T DRIVE.

Bishop John Wesley Lord,
Washington, D.C. Area,
The United Methodist Church

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POT AND PILLS "DOOR OPENER" — The hippies first used pills and pot, switched to LSD and psychedelic drugs . . . Any city that tolerates the wide-spread use of marijuana and pep pills inevitably will face a heroin-addiction crisis," says Dr. D. E. Smith, physician at the University of California and head of Haight-Ashbury's free clinic.

(Knoxville, Tenn. News
Sentenial, Jan. 3, 1971)

ABOVE: Participants in "Mrs. Ansley Contest" – feature of a recent Family Night shared by Methodists and Baptists at the Ansley Union Church. From left, Master of Ceremonies R. E. Crowe; Mrs. Rachel Lyles (Bobby Lyles); Mrs. Paula Walsworth (Paul Walsworth) –the winner; Mrs. Johnnie Louise Lamkin (Johnny Lamkin). The female judges' panel included Mesdames Sue Heflin, Susan Freeman and Beverly Morrow. BELOW: Ladies who assisted with serving the Family Night dinner at Ansley Church. The Rev. Bill Kineman is the Baptist minister; the Rev. William M. Stokes, Jr. is the Methodist pastor.

The Rev. Jim Constable (center) was the featured speaker for the annual Homecoming celebration at Pearl River United Methodist Church, Oct. 10. Providing special guitar music were Jim Yarborough (left) and the Rev. Willis Dear (right), pastor.

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DOUGLAS BRYAN
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For COLDS take 666

Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

"Help your brother's boat across, and lo! your own has reached the shore." (Author Unknown)

From the Low Road

You who have caught more stars that you can hold
Should pass them out to some of the less fortunate,
And if your blossoms far exceed your needs –
For some of these one rose would be enough.

If you own laughing waters, rich with song,
Please share their melodies with folks like this.
They are the ones who sweep their hearths and dream,
While hungering for soul-food more than bread.

So, if by chance your measure overflows,
Please drop some crumbs along the way
For those who are less fortunate.

–by Etta Caldwell Harris

Flowers To The Living

Flowers blooming on the lawn
E'er bring a daily treat.
They fill our hearts with ecstasy
And make the day complete.

Underneath the winter soil
The bulbs are free from strife
Until the warmth of spring arrives
And brings them back to life.

It ever takes that hidden force
Of nature to produce
By changing dormant bulbs to plants
And putting them to use.

Within our power there ever lies
Each day a dormant deed.
It takes the warmth of ardent love
To fill a human need.

We miss the joy of living
By what we fail to do.
It only takes a heart's desire
And zest to follow through.

Kindness shown in time of need
Brings joy when we impart.
It dropeth as a gentle rain
Upon a hungry heart.

We bring flowers to the living
By what we do or say.
A thoughtful deed or word of praise
Will bring a brighter day.

–by L. M. Frazier

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Trinity, Ruston launches Building-Budget Crusade

"Let's Finish the Job" is the challenge of the Financial Crusade which has been launched by Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston. Included in the goals of the campaign are a minimum 20% increase in giving to the budget for the next two years and a goal of $450,000 over a three year period for the construction and furnishing of a new sanctuary.

Dr. Thomas L. Williams, staff member of the Department of Finance of the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, who directed the Crusade for the first phase of Trinity's building program, is directing this new effort. He arrived in Ruston on Oct. 28 and filled the Trinity pulpit at both morning worship services on Sunday, Oct. 31.

The pastor, the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, said that the successful completion of the Building Fund part of the Crusade would make possible the beginning of construction of the new sanctuary in about 18 months.

The Executive Committee of the campaign organization consists of Clarence Faulk, general chairman, Dr. Robert M. Caruthers, co-chairman, James Kitchens, organization chairman, J. L. Madden, treasurer, Mr. Merrill, Dr. Williams, Walter Savage, Justin Garrison, Dr. Marvin T. Green, Sr., E. W. Hodge, Billy Lewis, Ben James, Dr. Felton Green, H. L. Henry, Jr., Miss Ruth Johnson, Mrs. John Maxwell, Mrs. Virginia Laskey, and Mrs. David Lee Hays.

The Special Gifts and Assignment Committee is: Floyd James, chairman, John E. Maxwell, co-chairman, Bill James, Bob Holladay III, Dr. Harold Harms, Thomas Folk, Jr., Hale Shadow, Don Burkhalter, J. C. Love, Jr., Billy James, Jack Ritchie, and Bill Rogers.

A crusade organization of 165 members will seek to complete the canvass beginning Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14, and ending Tuesday evening, Nov. 16.

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"Clergy Couples' Seminar" at Perkins Nov. 9-12

The Continuing Education Department of Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas, Texas will conduct a "Clergy Couple's Seminar, for ministers and their wives, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9-12 at the school.

Mrs. Bonaro Overstreet, one of America's most distinguished psychological interpreters of life today will be the featured speaker. Areas to be discussed will be: the process of change and growth in the family; dealing with demands on the clergy couple, and handling changing male-female roles.

Mrs. Overstreet

The program begins at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 and continues through to end at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. To register, each clergy couple is requested to send their names, address, church name and denomination to:

Dick Murray, Office of Continuing Education, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Tex. 75222. Special rates are given at the Hilton Inn in Dallas, near the campus. To register, send a check for $34 along with the registration.

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■ November 19-21, at Maryhill Retreat Center

Specialists to lead Marriage Enrichment Weekend

One of the truly helpful experiences being anticipated in November is the MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEK-END. This event will take place on Nov. 19-21 (Friday 5 p.m.—Sunday noon) and will be housed at the Maryhill Retreat Center, north of the VA Hospital in Pineville.

Couples seeking an increased awareness of feelings and a verbal sharing of these feelings in marriage are invited to attend. No provision is made for children. The weekend involves a fast-paced series of small group sessions, husband-wife communicating privately, personal assessment assignment and a substantial amount of worship, prayer, and small group sharing.

All activities are guided by visiting Coordinating Couples. These couples are under the guidance of Dr. Carl Clarke, a clinical psychologist at the University of Florida who originated, outlined and researched the program under a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Mrs. Virginia Law

Small groups of five couples with a visiting couple will share experiences of love, joy, closeness and commitment. New friends will be made. Contagion of life will be absorbed from the leaders. One such over all-leader is Mrs. Virginia Law of the Family Worship Department of the UPPER ROOM. Mrs. Law is a former missionary to the Congo, author of several books and much in demand as a speaker to all kinds of groups especially, prayer life, marriage, college and ecumenical retreats. She has spoken to ten different annual Women's Society of Christian Service Conferences; National Conference of Methodist Men, 1969; New Orleans Convocation on Evangelism, January, 1971; Cincinnati Good News Convocation, July, 1971.

There is still room for and time to register for this thrilling experience. It needs to be done before Nov. 10th. See your pastor or local Family Life Coordinator for brochure and registration card or better still fill in the following blank at once and mail it with $35 to Nashville, Tennessee.

See Registration Blank on page 2

Dr. Carl Clarke

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

Mrs. Kilpatrick killed in plane crash

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, prominent Shreveport businesswoman and former president of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, was killed in the crash of a small aircraft in Bossier City last Thursday morning Oct. 28. Also killed was her pilot Newt Badgett, well-known in Louisiana aviation circles for many years.

Mrs. Kilpatrick was on her way to Alexandria where she was scheduled to speak to a women's meeting.

A native of Houston, Tex., she had been a resident of Shreveport since 1935. She was president of Kilpatrick Life Insurance Co. and Rose-Neath Funeral Homes, Inc.

She was a trustee of Centenary College and served on the boards of several other Methodist institutions including The Inn in Shreveport, Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma, and the Dulac Community Center in Dulac.

She was chairman of the board of directors of Goodwill Industries in Shreveport. She had served as a delegate to the World Methodist Conference. At the time of her death she was treasurer of Church Women United in Louisiana and was a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In 1968, Mrs. Kilpatrick became the second woman to receive the North Louisiana Funeral Home Directors "Funeral Director of the Year Award."

The funeral service was held on Friday, Oct. 29, in Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, with Dr. Sam Nader, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Albert Trickett, associate pastor, and the Rev. James C. Buckner, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Pallbearers were Dr. B. C. Taylor, Dr. Keith Mason, Sr., Charles J. D. Gerretts, Jr., Judge Robert N. O'Neal, T. L. Perry, Paul F. Goodin, R. H. Shoulders, Edley Hixson, Sr., Jimmy Rucker and R. C. Bond.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Kilpatrick Shehee of Shreveport, Ann Kilpatrick of New York City; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Hebert of Shreveport, and four grandchildren.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Rickey have recently moved into the new parsonage purchased by the Aurora United Methodist Church in New Orleans. The two-story brick, purchased for $41,500, is located in a new Aurora sub-division at 3561 Rue Mignon, three blocks from the church. The former parsonage, secured in 1959—before the church was organized—was sold and income from the sale was applied toward the purchase of the new property.

Quadrennial Emphases to include South Vietnam projects

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI)—Approval of two rehabilitation projects in South Vietnam was announced here Oct. 27 by an official of the United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Raoul C. Calkins of Dayton, executive secretary of the denomination's Quadrennial Emphasis Committee, reported that $50,000 had been authorized for the projects by the Quadrennial Emphasis executive committee. Dr. Calkins stated these grants are in addition to 7 grants previously made from the Fund for Reconciliation for rehabilitation in Vietnam. The total goal for the Fund is $20,000,000 of which 10% of the amount raised is to be used for such grants.

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass., is chairman of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee.

An amount of $40,000 will be used to assist in re-establishing a high school in Hue City, and $10,000 will go toward rebuilding the Anh-Sang Day Care Center and CUU—The Elementary School for Refugee Montagnard Children.

There are an estimated 7,000 or 8,000 children in Hue who are unable to find a place in any secondary school, public or private. The day-care-center grant is to help build a community facility which will respond to the needs of families with three to six-year-olds who are orphaned or have working parents. Current facilities are inadequate and badly over-crowded.

Funds for the projects will be channeled by the Fund for Reconciliation through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

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Homes for the aged serving a predominantly-black clientele in New Orleans, La., and Baltimore, Md., have been chosen as national projects for United Methodist Men fellowships throughout the country for 1971. Almost $2,000 was contributed to national projects in 1970.

CECIL E. BLAND, JR., associate director of the Louisiana Conference Program Council and director of the Board of Laity, was the speaker in Napoleon Avenue Church, New Orleans, on Sunday, October 24. He addressed the adult church school classes in a joint session and spoke again during the church service. The Rev. D. W. Poole is pastor.

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Haynes honored by Boston School of Theology

Dr. Leonard L. Haynes, Jr., pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was honored by Boston University School of Theology on Oct. 20 when he was presented its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The citation presented to him on the occasion of the award said:

"Leonard L. Haynes, Jr., Th. D., 1948. You were graduated from Huston-Tillotson and Gammon before coming to Boston University where you earned the Th. D. at age 25.

"Son of a Methodist minister, you have been an eloquent preacher of the word, now serving the Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. You have not only been a church builder but also have developed, in cooperation with the Federal Housing Authority, a complex for low income persons.

"You were selected a preacher for the 1964 session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference and in 1968 for the General Conference in Dallas. For the Board of Evangelism you have preached widely throughout England and were in 1971 the Thirkield-Jones lecturer at Gammon Theological Seminary.

"You speak often to college and university audiences and have been a dean of students, a dean of instruction, a junior college president, and currently teach part-time in philosophy at Southern University. You have published **The Negro Community Within American Protestantism, 1619-1844.**

"The School of Theology is proud to acknowledge your leadership of preaching, teaching, and community service by presenting you its Distinguished Alumnus Award."

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EDWIN L. JONES, SR.

Charlotte, N.C. (UMI)—Edwin L. Jones, Sr., 80, known for his long leadership as treasurer and member of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council, a score of years as a member of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance, and his leadership and benefactions at the Lake Junaluska Assembly, died Oct. 22 following a heart attack. He was preparing to leave for a Chicago meeting of a unit of the World Methodist Council.

In a page-one article, **The Charlotte News** called him "an earnest, religious and hard-driving man who built the J. A. Jones Construction Co. into one of the leading contracting firms in the world."

Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte Area said in paying tribute to Mr. Jones, "No man loved his church or its institutions more devotedly than did he. He was a veritable giant in the affairs of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, the World Methodist Council, Duke University and Brevard College.

He was a graduate of Trinity College (now Duke University) and held honorary doctorates from several colleges. He was a delegate to many World Methodist Conferences, General and Jurisdictional Conferences, and served on numerous boards of trustees of colleges, community enterprises and benevolent institutions.

He is survived by his wife, his son, Edwin L. Jones, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Franklin Brown, all of Charlotte.

The appointment of the Rev. Floyd M. Durham, by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton during the last Louisiana Annual Conference to a full-time chaplaincy at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Shreveport has recently received full endorsement from the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Durham spent six years in military service and graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He has been a pastor in the Louisiana Conference since 1950. Prior to his recent assignment he had served as a part-time pastor at Oil City and on a special mission assignment as Protestant Chaplain at Confederate Memorial Medical Center in Shreveport.

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"MYSTERY WEEK" HELD BY ST. PAUL YOUTH IN MONROE

Youth Activities Week at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Monroe, began with a progressive supper on Sunday, October 24. Theme of the five-night event was "To Tell a Mystery," which was an attempt to unlock the mystery and wonder of the New Testament.

Program topics and leaders were: Sunday—"The Bible and Today's Young," Ann Milk, Monroe District UMYF president; Monday—"Understanding **Revelations,"** Jim Wilson, Wesley Foundation minister at Northeast State College; Tuesday—"The Christian and War", the Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr, St. Paul pastor; Wednesday—"History and Criticism of the New Testament," Mrs. Adelaide Frazier, N.L.U. English instructor; Thursday—"What's So Great About the New Testament," panel discussion by St. Paul youth.

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NOEL MEMORIAL CHURCH will be host to the CWU observance of World Community Day for the Shreveport area. The Rev. Bobby Cook will speak at 10 a.m., Friday, November 5.

Editorial

MOVE TOGETHER FOR RECONCILIATION

During the month of November the United Methodist Church is challenging the individuals and churches of its constituency to move ahead to the successful completion of the Fund for Reconciliation emphasis of its Quadrennial Program. We are all being summoned to the renewal of our commitment to build "A New Church for a New World."

The General Conference of 1968, meeting in Dallas, gave its approval to the Fund for Reconciliation with a minimum goal of $20 million to begin the task of building bridges across chasms of alienation at home and abroad. Of the money raised, one-half was to be spent for the support of projects within the districts and the annual conferences. Out of the remaining one-half, a number of approved projects have been receiving funds which have enabled many imaginative local groups to involve themselves in the process of reconciliation.

Through June 30 of this year some $10,400,000 had been contributed for the Fund for Reconciliation (more than $220,000 of this has come from Arkansas and Louisiana.) In addition to projects which have involved minority groups and the dispossessed in both urban and rural areas, a large part of the total amount has been earmarked for use in healing the scars of war in South Vietnam. This means that a little more than one-half of the amount remains to be raised — and the final year of the quadrennium is upon us.

As we urge you to establish a high priority for the Fund for Reconciliation during November we would like to share with you some of the material prepared by the Quadrennial Emphasis office for use during this month:

"Reconciliation is a singular component of Christian theology. But it is more than a theological abstraction. Reconciliation is God's way of breaking into current events. Reconciliation is the business of social structures and a responsibility committed to every person.

"Life has a marked affinity for separating human beings. Time and distance do this. Language, custom, culture and religion create walls of separation. The resources of mother earth are not distributed evenly around the globe. Pride in race, fear of those who are different, envy, greed, prejudice and hostility alienate persons from one another, leaving seemingly unbridgeable gaps between powerful sectors of humankind.

"Reconciliation labors to close these gaps. Reconciliation overcomes the devisive polarization so harmful to human well-being. It bridges the alienation between man and man.

"The process is clear. Reconciliation matches resources with needs; opens walls and windows; initiates communication between the fearful and the hostile. It substitutes understanding for ignorance. Reconciliation conquers hostility by the power of love.

"Reconciliation enlightens the mind, softens the heart, sweetens the spirit and opens the hand.

"Reconciliation is God's giving himself in Jesus Christ. The Master's words and deeds are expressions of reconciliation—a way of life fulfilled in his death upon the cross. Those who are his disciples and form the body of his church have no reason for being apart from their role as agents of reconciliation.

"The church, viewed as part of what is called 'the establishment' has been accused of taking the world of rich and poor, saint and sinner, pretty much as it came and seeking no more than to keep things on a not too uneven keel. Certainly some of this criticism is warranted. Have we forced the love of one's fellows? Have we applied an ardent missionary desire to attack the very real problems of this world?

"United Methodism has moved more than halfway in achieving its $20 million Fund for Reconciliation financial goal. Through the Fund, we have moved forward in service.

"We said we could do it. We've shown reconciliation in action. Let's keep moving together.

What are the broader implications of the Fund? If the Fund for Reconciliation is just the beginning and not the end of our church's concern for the current crisis, it may have potential for making a significant difference in the quality of life for people across the nation who need to be comforted and reconciled. It is tangible evidence that the church can move together to become a force of constructive social change in a society badly in need of reforms."

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the Editor's Corner

METHODISTS ARE SINGING PEOPLE

As one notes on the calendar that many churches will be observing Sunday, Nov. 7, as "A Great Day of Methodist Singing," he is reminded of the place which music has occupied in the tradition of Methodism.

If one had to make a choice between the sermons of John Wesley or the hymns of Charles Wesley as to their driving force in the Wesleyan Revival, it would be a truly difficult decision. Certainly when viewing the whole of Methodist history we would have to give the nod to the hymns since so many persons have found their way to Christian conviction as they have sung the great affirmations.

It is interesting to note the original ways in which some of our local congregations are planning to emphasize Methodist singing. First Church, Ft. Smith, Ark. has been at work on this for sometime and will present an original hymn written by one of their members.

We should give credit to the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians for their work in focusing our attention on the central place of hymns in our worship. A number of congregations will be following an order of service which one of their committees planned last year for this occasion.

Innovations are being constantly introduced in the forms of worship being used in United Methodist churches. New types of music are being written and new techniques are being discovered to involve groups in the singing of the challenges of the day and of the great convictions within their individual hearts.

It is gratifying to note that through all the changes Methodists continue to be a singing people.

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He who sincerely praises God will soon discover within his soul an inclination to praise goodness in his fellow man.—Oliver G. Wilson

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"God is hope. God is now!" This will be the 1971-72 theme of Religion in American Life (RIAL) advertising campaign. William F. May, national RIAL chairman and chairman of the American Can Company, noted that "we live in an age in which we must grapple with some difficult questions . . . You've heard all the easy solutions—the pat solutions—better homes, improved education . . . you've heard them all . . . But perhaps there is another dimension we seem to be neglecting . . . the spiritual dimension—God."

The Boston Herald Traveler has announced that it will stop publishing ads for X-rated movies and will not list such films in its theater timetable. With rare exceptions, the X-rated movies have proved to be without "any genuinely redeeming artistic merit or social values," said a lead editorial. "It is our judgment that the vast majority of films rated 'X' by the Motion Picture Assn. of America are purely voyeuristic, exploitation movies which pander to every conceivable perversion," the Herald Traveler said.

Urged to proceed with action on "vital" issues, the biennial General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) dispensed with 19 reports from denominational agencies quickly at their recent Louisville meeting. Delegates from 2,625 congregations voted to consider the documents under one resolution. "Even today 300 Southeast Asians are dying . . . Let's get on with this and on to vital issues," urged Stanley Barlett, a delegate from Akron, Ohio, in moving the omnibus resolution. All but one administrative statement were adopted unanimously, and without debate. Returned to committee was a resolution on a fund designed to start new churches and renew existing congregations. Some felt the proposed sum of $1.5 million was too low.

The "official report" of a theological study on the Roman Catholic priesthood—yet to be released and reportedly in the hands of only a few American bishops — has questioned the traditional Roman Catholic doctrines of apostolic succession and the "indelible character" of priestly ordinations. The report was made as part of an overall study of the priestly life and ministry sponsored by the U.S. bishops, according to a story in the Oct. 8 issue of the National Catholic Reporter.

"Joy," an essential mark of the early Christians and missing today in the lives of "too many millions," may be making a comeback in the growing Pentecostal movement, noted a Hungarian-born priest, during an ecumenical lecture in Oshkosh, Wis. Father Albin relating the manifestation of "joy" to "a lively and convinced faith in the Holy Spirit" and "the experience of His powerful action," said, "Belief in the Holy Spirit is none other than basic Christianity."

Twenty experts who participated in a one-day symposium in Washington, D.C., on moral problems posed by developments in biology, genetics and medicine have issued a statement calling for greatly increased study in the area. The group advocated that doctors, lawyers and other professions be given more training in the field of moral issues during their graduate education, and that Congress allocate funds "for research on the social and ethical consequences of scientific decisions."

The 385 foreign missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) will receive substantial raises in salary next year. The denomination's Board of World Missions voted to bring missionaries' salaries in line with the average salaries of ministers in the denomination. Upgrading came after a two-year salary study by a special committee. No missionary will have his pay cut because of the elimination of dependent allotments; increments in salary for years of service were also approved, with a 5 per cent rise after five years, 10 per cent after 10 years and 15 per cent after 15 years.

Successful approaches to teaching about religion in public schools will be the topic for discussion in four workshops at the Texas Consultation on Religion and Education Nov. 7-9 in Austin. The Texas Conference of Churches is sponsoring the meeting for 250 educators, clergymen, and laymen. Workshop leaders from Indiana, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Harvard Universities will explore ways their schools have developed to teach about religion in the social studies curricula of public schools.

A bill backed by the Nat'l. Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has been introduced in the House calling for the erection of a Chapel of the Astronauts at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The House Science and Astronautics Subcommittee was told the chapel would be a non-sectarian place of worship for meditation and a memorial to the astronauts. Edwin F. Trever, chapel executive secretary, said his group expects to conduct a national campaign for $2 million to build and furnish the chapel and provide a trust fund for its maintenance and operation.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State, in an analysis of the proposed "non-denominational prayer" amendment to the U.S. Constitution, have released a statement asserting that the proposed amendment was unnecessary, since voluntary prayer has never been restricted by law. It said U.S. Supreme Court rulings have only rejected mandated religious exercises or prayers. The anaylsis stated further that there can be no such thing as a "non-denominational" prayer and that believers of many religions regard such a prayer as improper.

Three teenagers have been elected to the General Bd. of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)—the first youth members of the 222-member policy unit. Michael Harrison of Coffeyville, Kans. had some advice on the facial expressions of Christians. "Every time I go to church the elders and deacons are frowning. The next time you go to church, smile," the youthful attender said.

Baptist women throughout the world prayed around the clock on Nov. 1, in observance of Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. Prayer sessions began as the day dawned in Japan and Oceania just west of the International Date Line, and continued on across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, North America and out into the Pacific again. This year's program was based on the Scripture, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ . . . for every man shall bear his own burdens" (Galatians 6:2,5).

A veteran missionary speaking in Roseville, Minn. at a missionary convention of the World Gospel Mission spoke out against pessimists in churches and seminaries who say the day of missions is past. Quoting Scripture, the Rev. John Trachsel, who has served for 40 years as a missionary in China, India, Lebanon, Taiwan and Indonesia, said, "There is an open door and no man can shut it."

A 1970 census report reveals that American Indians are no longer the "vanishing" race, but are instead growing four times faster than is the U.S. population as a whole. Analysts attributed the significant growth to dramatic public health gains. In the past 15 years, improved health services are reported to have added four years to Indian life expectancy and cut the infant mortality rate in half.

Christianity Today, the evangelical fortnightly published in Washington, D.C., is opposed to the proposed Constitutional amendment on prayer. "Genuine piety is fostered not by government . . . but by families and individuals who practice reverence for God and obedience to him in all their activities and associations," states an editorial in the magazine's Oct. 8 issue.

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Phoenix III, one of three Cessna-180 planes soon to be used by United Methodist flying missionaries in the Congo, stands at an airport in Caldwell, N.J., ready for take-off on a 61-hour flight across the Atlantic. With the plane are its pilot, 22-year-old Rex Damschroder (left) from Ohio, and Harry Greenberg, New York, associate treasurer of the World Division, United Methodist Board of Missions. Phoenix III will join Phoenix I and II in serving a variety of needs of missionaries and African church leaders and workers in central and southern Congo. The three planes were flown solo from the U.S. to Congo by Mr. Damschroder. (Photo by Gene Collerd Studio)

THE INN

(Business Girls' Inn at Shreveport, an agency of the United Methodist Board of Missions, has undergone recent changes—in name and directors. Now known as "The Inn," its director is the Rev. Les Thompson, Jr. The report printed below was distributed to delegates attending the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference WSCS/WSG in First Church, Baton Rouge, in September.)

there've been some CHANGES made . . .

INN the name	to help show the major change/ from a concern for only young women to a concern for all Young Adults
INN the purpose	adding to the residence, the developing ministries to Young Adults
INN the director	the most conspicuous change of all!

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, chairman of the Board of Directors for "The Inn," Shreveport, presented the new executive director of The Inn at the recent Annual Meeting of women in Baton Rouge. The Rev. Les Thompson, Jr., recently came to that position from the pastorate of the Fort Cobb-Highland United Methodist Churches in Ft. Cobb, Okla. He holds degrees from Oklahoma City University and the Iliff School of Theology, Denver. He was director of the Skyline Ministry (Young Adult) in Oklahoma City for four years and was pastor of Hillcrest church there for six years. He served as minister to youth at Brentwood in Denver for three years and as education assistant at Linwood in Oklahoma City for 2½ years.

but there've been NO CHANGES made . . .

INN the determination	for the effective living of Christian love for Young Adults as individuals
INN the services	where the same high quality prevails in the lodging, food and atmosphere

we hope there will be INCREASES . . .

INN your visits	when you are in Shreveport we'd like to see you (if you'll promise not to all come at once, we'll even feed you when you visit us
INN your gifts	made either directly to the INN or through the Conference Treasurer gifts qualify as Advance Special Giving
INN your prayers	for the growth—spiritual and physical—of the Young Adults we serve, and The INN.

responding to the increasing need for
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES The INN will

CONTINUE	to provide for what nationwide surveys have shown to be the most pressing need for Young Adults SUITABLE HOUSING
EXPAND	in an increased ministry tofulfill other Young Adult needs RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET OTHER YOUNG ADULTS CAREER COUNSELLING PERSONAL COUNSELLING
SERVE	as a creative organization to aggressively seek to open doors to training and employment for Young Adults thru CAREER CLINICS CONTACTS WITH PERSONNEL OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOLS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FILES
BECOME	a responsive agency through which Young Adults may express their own wants and needs, and work out solutions and plans which are in keeping with their life styles.

Roy E. Mitchell, lay leader at First United Methodist Church, Bossier City, is shown filling the role of master of ceremonies as that church climaxed its Every Member Canvass with a congregational dinner. The congregation accepted a dual goal of $80,117 for the operating budget and a separate pledge goal of $120,000 for the Building Fund. Preliminary plans have been drawn up for the projected building program. W. T. "Tap" Waller is general campaign chairman and Ed Beck, associate chairman; the Rev. K. G. Rorie is pastor.

A. B. "Happy" Ewing managed the kitchen for the congregational dinner at the Bossier City U. M. church, with able assistance at the serving table from, left to right, Glen Bridges, Kirby Welson, Wesley Hammond and Doug Smith.

Shown at the kitchen door conferring with Melvin Haire is Walter "Johnny" Johnson, the "salad man" for all Bossier First Church food functions.

NEWS and NOTES

A FAMILY CAMPOUT will be sponsored by the Seekers Class of Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, on Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7. Personal tents, trailers and camping gear will be used at Camp Istrouma, as well as some of the cabins.

A CHILDREN'S CHURCH Service has been in operation for several Sundays at McGuire United Methodist Church in West Monroe, under the direction of Mrs. Harold LaGrone. A children's chapel has been furnished, with John Long constructing a chancel rail. A portable electric organ is being used. Still on an experimental basis, the service is drawing a number of children and their parents to the adult service, as well. The McGuire pastor is the Rev. John H. Sewell.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Monroe, and former New Orleans District Superintendent, was the guest speaker at a recent Family Nite event at First Church, New Orleans. Entertainment included selections by the Concert Ringers of the church's Carillon Bell Choir, directed by LeRoy F. Tonkin, bell master, and a circus film for the children. The affair was a covered dish dinner. The Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor.

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JAMES HAROLD ROBINSON, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe H. Robinson of Harmony Chapel Charge, is stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, with the U.S. Navy, after spending two years and four months in Naples, Italy, with the Entertaining Band. He expects to be out of the Service on or before February 12, 1971. James recently visited with his parents for three weeks.

THE GONZALES CHURCH combined Teacher Recognition Sunday with a church family picnic on October 17. The Commission on Education headed by Bob Hamilton sponsored the events, held at Ormet Park. Mrs. Marge Porter is chairman of the Family Life Committee. Peder Omdal is church school superintendent. The Rev. Charles Humphreys is pastor.

AN ORGAN CONCERT was presented on the Barlow Inabnet Memorial Organ in First United Methodist Church, Monroe, October 31, by Charles Eve, a member of the music faculty at Northeast Louisiana State College.

A REVIVAL AT WAXIA United Methodist Church, October 20-22, had as guest preacher the Rev. Richard Walton, pastor of First Church, Pineville. The Rev. David Strozier is pastor of the Waxia and Port Barre Churches.

LAKE VISTA United Methodist Men of New Orleans met on October 25. Guest speaker at the dinner meeting was C. James Gelpi, attorney and chairman of the board of Alliance for Good Government, who described the work and progress of the organization. The Rev. Edward Thomas is the Lake Vista pastor.

HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES are being planned by the Wesley United Methodist Church of Shreveport for November 14. Those participating in the morning services will be Rev. John Lee, Dr. W. F. Pledger and other visiting former pastors. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. The afternoon program will include recognition of charter members and outstanding laymen, singing, consecration of a new organ and special music. This is also the 20th anniversary of the church. The Rev. Lionel Marcel is the pastor.

WILLARD BARHAM, charge lay leader, filled the pulpit in Harmony Chapel, and Mrs. Otis Welch, church lay leader, filled the pulpit in Lisbon on Sunday, September 12, while the Rev. and Mrs. Joe H. Robinson were on vacation.

Mrs. Sheldon Bertrand was honored as "Member of the Month" by Wesley Church at Sulphur in October. A leader in the organization of Wesley Church in the early sixties, her efforts at raising money to build Wesley were acclaimed across the country when she and her two sisters served a church dinner for $100 a plate. She has been church delegate to Annual Conference five times, has been WSCS president, and is active in community affairs. The Rev. Walter Clarke is the Wesley minister.

DAVID WILKERSON, author of "The Cross and The Switchblade," and leader of Teen Challenge (to help drug addicts), was in Monroe speaking at the Civic Center Theater on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, October 23 and 24.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST Church in Lake Charles observed its 83rd anniversary last month. Special services the week of October 25-31 were led by Lake Charles District Superintendent, the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson. The Rev. Moses T. Jackson is the Warren minister.

THE YOUTH DIVISION of First Church Crowley had as guests on October 24, Allan Thompson and friends from McNeese State College. The group presented musical programs and led discussions Sunday morning and afternoon and showed a film concerning the Campus Crusade for Christ movement that night. The Rev. Beverly Bond was host pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Nov. 7—Sunday	II Cor. 9:5-15
Nov. 8	Col. 2:6-9
Nov. 9	Matt. 26:26-30
Nov. 10	I Cor. 11:23-32
Nov. 11	Mark 8:1-9
Nov. 12	Acts 27:33-37
Nov. 13	Rom. 14:5-9
Nov. 14—Sunday	Eph. 5:15-20

THE REV. EDWARD PICKENS brought the messages during the series of spiritual enrichment services held in the Denham Springs Church, of which he is pastor. His subjects, October 20-22, were: What Is Sin?, The Power of Personal Influence, and God Loves the Church. Special music was by Mrs. Carol Sue Parker, Mrs. Jeanette Pickens and the Chancel Choir.

LAYMEN'S DAY SPEAKERS

SLAUGHTER UNITED Methodist Church observed Layman's Day on October 17. Lee Nesom of Clinton was guest speaker. Bernard Maglone, Jr., serves the church as lay leader and the Rev. J. C. Zerangue, Sr., is the pastor.

THE JONESBORO CHURCH lay service on October 17 had Joe Soloman of Monroe as guest speaker at the morning worship, and James Causey at the evening service. The Rev. Dan Tohline is the Jonesboro pastor.

MRS. SCOTT BUATT was the lay speaker in the Mer Rouge and Bonne Idee Churches. She shared her experiences from a background of having served on the local, district and conference levels of Methodism. The Rev. Larry Robertson is pastor.

LAY LEADER JOHN LUECKE gave the messages in St. Bernard and St. Claude Heights Churches of Chalmette, October 10. His subject was "Let's Take Another Look."

WILL HEITMAN, PONCHATOULA lay leader was in charge of the program on Laymen's Day in the Ponchatoula Church. The Youth Fellowship had the Sunday evening program, October 10. The Rev. Tom Lancaster is pastor.

LAYMEN'S DAY AT PINEVILLE First Church was observed on October 10. Charles Goodgame brought the 11 o'clock message on the theme "In the Interest of Others." Newton Himel was worship leader, with Joe Crouch and Roane Hathorn assisting. At the evening service, Fred Tannehill directed the Men's Choir in a message in song. The Rev. Richard Walton is pastor.

FAIRVIEW AND SWEET LAKE Churches had Larry Skrine as Layman's Day speaker. Mr. Skrine is a member of First Church, Lake Charles. Delmar Hebert and Jerald Helms assisted with the Order of Worship in their respective churches. The Rev. Frank C. Lankford is the pastor.

RAND GUY, Ingleside Church lay leader, was in charge of worship, October 10. An original program was conducted by Stan Routh and L. N. Coxe, Jr. The Rev. Don Alverson is pastor of Ingleside, Baton Rouge.

THE NORTH BATON ROUGE Church had as lay participants in morning worship, October 10, Mrs. Sue Snarr, Dave Richmond, Wilson Hutzler and Sam Chance. The Rev. Robert C. Carter is pastor.

DR. DONALD BARDWELL planned lay services in First Church, Thibodaux, October 10. Three speakers were Max Hardberger, Mrs. Robert Machen and Kim Hunt. The Rev. Lael S. Jones is pastor.

CECIL E. RAMEY, JR., Shreveport attorney and member of Broadmoor Church, was guest speaker in Noel Memorial Church on October 17. Clyde Connaughton, Noel lay leader, was assisted in presiding by Tom Burton, Jack Bussie and Jim Montgomery. Dr. Sam Nader is the Noel pastor.

TOMMY GREEN, LAFAYETTE District lay leader, was the speaker in Louisiana Memorial Church, Opelousas, on October 17. Earl Taylor, lay leader, presided, assisted by B. A. Rose, Bob Casanova, Gordon Bordelon. The Youth Choir and the Irene Shute Choir gave the anthem. The Rev. Fred Shirley is pastor.

Districts hold Merger Services for women

Lafayette District

Lofoyette District WSCS officers were instolled by District Superintendent Ken McDowell (shown at center, bock). Officers ore, front row from left: Mrs. B. E. Fox, nominations choirmon; Mrs. W. F. Atkinson, spirituol growth; ond choirmen of the four Sub-Districts, Mrs. Phillip Knause, Mrs. Corl Wetsell, Mrs. Eorl Worner ond Mrs. John Dovis. Second row: Mrs. Esther Hurd, missionary educotion; Mrs. John Willis, treosurer; Mrs. Lowell Rice, program moteriols; Mrs. Leonord Jones, vice-president; ond Mrs. Louis Chrisman, president. Officers not pictured ore Mrs. Not Whittington, Christian sociol relotions; and Mrs. Williom Coffey, secretory.

Guest speoker ot Lofoyette District meeting was Mrs. C. B. McGowon, second from left, retiring president of Conference A Women's Society. With her ore Mrs. George Thomos, ot left, member of the jurisdiction nominoting committee; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, second from right, conference chairmon of missionory educotion; ond Mrs. Louie Chrismon, district president.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

First United Methodist Church of New Ibcria was host to the Annual Meeting of the Lafayette District Women's Society of Christian Service. Some 150 Methodist women gathered for the merger of societies of former conferences A and B.

Mrs. Louie Chrisman, district president, presided. The welcome was given by Mrs. Robert E. Cates, New Iberia president.

"Worship in Motion and Song" was prcsented by Mrs. Orville Steen, Mrs. Rhett Mitchell and Mrs. J. J. Davidson, III, followed by prayer by G. J. Bridges, dirccter of MacDonell Methodist Center.

Mrs. Fred Flurry conducted the "In Loving Memory" service, assisted by Mrs. William Greer who sang "Give Me the Wings of Faith," accompanied by Mrs. Harry Bernard.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, shown above, delivered the main address, concerning the service of the National Board of Missions.

The Merger Service was led by Mrs. Chrisman and Mrs. Sarah Fields, readers for Conferences A and B, with the congregation responding.

Mrs. Beldon Fox recognized and praised the retiring district officers: Mrs. B. Joseph Martin, Mrs. M. Sam White, and Mrs. Joe Stevens, Jr. The offering was given to Missions in their honor.

Following installation of officers by the Rev. Ken McDowell, the meeting concluded with a luncheon.

The Rev. Fred S. Flurry was host pastor.

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Alexandria District

Alexondrio District Women's Societies held o Merger service on October 15 in First United Methodist Church ot Alexondria. Porticipants in the ceremony ore shown obove.

District officers being instolled ot Alexondrio ore, from left: Mrs. Mary Lou Blokeman, Mrs. Fronk Tillmon, Mrs. Horry Henry, Mrs. Roy McIntosh, Mrs. L. R. Roane, Mrs. E. J. Raby, Mrs. K. B. Morrish ond Mrs. C. E. Castain. Mrs. Roane, center, in white blouse, is the new president.

At left, Mrs. T. C. Young, outgoing president, is being presented a Speciol Membership pin by Mrs. Sidney Evons. At right, she is with Mrs. Dorcus Merrick, president of the Newmon U.M. Church WSCS in Alexandrio.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT WSCS MERGER REPORT

Mrs. Walter H. Brock was elected and installed as president of the new, merged Baton Rouge District Women's Society of Christian Service at its organizational meeting Thursday, October 14, at the University United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

Other officers serving with her include Mrs. Jewell A. McCarstle, vice-president; Mrs. W. R. S. Gordon, secretary; Mrs. Robert H. Brupbacher, treasurer; Mrs. L. W. Eaton Jr., chairman of Christian social relations; Mrs. Albert H. Jones Sr., chairman of spiritual growth; Mrs. Julian A. Darden, chairman of missionary education, and Miss Anna May Morgan, secretary of program materials.

The new nominating committee includes Mrs. J. W. Wilkes, chairman, and Mrs. Harris D. Copenhaver Jr., Mrs. Clifford Ratliff, Mrs. Olivia G. Harris and Miss Virtle T. Jones.

Dr. Douglas McGuire, Baton Rouge district superintendent, installed the new officers at the morning session which was highlighted with a ceremony of affirmation of merger. Participating in this were the retiring prcsidents of the former A and B conferences, Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Inez W. Chriscntery, and the retiring conference president, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan.

Dr. Carl Wethers, pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church, brought the morning message. The associate pastor of the host church, the Rev. C. Randal James, also took part in the program.

CWU Notes –

MRS. GEORGE W. DAMERON, state president of Church Women United, presided when the executive board met in Alexandria, October 28 and 29, in the Jackson Street Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Alice M. Leppert, staff member of the national office of Church Women United, and specialist in Adult Basic Education, was a guest resource person.

CHURCH WOMEN OF CENTRAL Louisiana will observe World Community Day November 5 in First United Methodist Church of Pineville. Mrs. Ivan O. Alexander is president of Church Women United in Central Louisiana.

A FELLOWSHIP COFFEE for UNICEF was held in the Community Room of Rapides Bank, Alexandria on Sunday, October 24, from 3-5 p.m. The event was sponsored by Church Women United.

THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS observance of World Community Day will be at 10 a.m., Nov. 5, at Parkway Presbyterian Church, 6200 Camphor St. Metairie. The program will include a luncheon.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of the Monroe area will celebrate World Community Day at the First Christian Church, 401 St. John, Monroe. A coffee at 9:30 will precede the 10 a.m. program.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 14: God Establishes Moral Order

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-20; Romans 2:12-16; 3:21-26; Galatians 6:7-10

MEMORY SELECTION: Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (Galatians 6:7)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons recognize that God has established a moral order for all of his creation, and that we will all contribute to the betterment of society and discover the fulfillment of our own potentialities as we discover that moral order and shape our lives according to it.

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One of the many confusions of our time is that which centers around the question of morality. The idea of a fundamental moral order underlying all of life has been gradually eroding in the thinking of our world. Grcat numbers of people—many of them actively a part of the church—find it increasingly difficult to establish guidclines by which they can decidc issues of right and wrong. Our lesson today deals with the fact that God did establish a moral order and that we must discover it in and for our own lives and our socicty.

There is a widespread use of the term "situation ethics" today, suggesting that all patterns of conduct can be evaluated by the circumstances surrounding the acts in question. Over against this position stands the idea that certain things are wrong under every circumstances, because they violate the moral order which is a part of God's creation. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen expressed this position when he said: "Right is right if nobody is right, and wrong is wrong if cverybody is wrong." Do you believe this is a valid position?

This idea that moral order is necessary runs throughout the Bible. From the earliest stories of creation we read that God established boundaries to man's freedom when he said in Genesis 2:17: "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in thc day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Later, at Sinai, God gave an itemized guide to behavior, asking obedience for the commandments, and assuring blessings for compliance and warning of certain judgment upon offenders.

A statement appears twice in the book of Judges —"In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did what was right in his own eyes" (17: 6, 21:25). This was the historian's commentary on the conditions of violence, immorality, and apostasy that comprise so much of the story. People believed as they did because of the absence of effective authority and their surrendcr to thcir own evil impulses.

However, the fact remains that the Bible does not speak specifically on every contemporary moral issue. Individuals have always been called on to make moral decisions and they need help in discovering the bases for making them. When the Bible does not trcat a spccific issue, how do we make our decision. This is the main question for our lesson today.

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THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE MORAL ORDER

The Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:1-20) are fundamental to an understanding of God's moral order. Recognizing that this requires the existence and acceptancc of a code of behavior by which individual conduct may be judged, God delivered such a code to Israel at Sinai. Although this body of laws became the basis of a narrow form of legalism with some, others havc seen them as having universal application and meaning.

Dr. J. Edgar Park in his discussion of Exodus in The Interpreter's Bible says: "An ancient rabbi tcachcs that all souls of all times were gathered around Sinai to hear the revelation of the law, because cach generation will find new applications and new meanings for the general commandments. As stated they seem to define the duty of the citizens as an individual. But later ages wonder how far the principles laid down have not further and wider application to men's official and social duties also."

In his teachings, Jesus emphasized the validity of the law, and by his interprctations, made it even more demanding. Insisting that "not one jot or one tittle" would be changed through his efforts, he spoke of "fulfilling the law," making it perfectly clear that it was not to be seen as an end in itself. Passages from Romans and Galatians speak to us of the continuing authority of the moral law since it tells of the manner in which God looks upon the decds of mcn.

It is so easy for some people to use the words "legalistic" and "pharisaical," and act as though there is no longer any validity in the Commandmcnts. We cannot get away from the fact that the moral order of the Judaeo-Christian tradition is based on roots which reach down to the soil of Sinai. The Law of Moses helps us to understand that moral order which God wrote into his creation.

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THE DEVELOPING FUNCTION OF THE LAW

The apostle Paul found that one of his greatcst challenges was explaining the place of the law in thc Christian community. This may still be a major problem. There were those who insisted that because they kept the major requirements of the law they were to be automatically counted as good. Othcrs insisted that every candidate for the Christian fellowship from outside the Jewish family had to first be initiated into that faith. Still others interpreted the teachings of Jesus to mean that there were no rules binding for Christians.

Paul dealt with these problems in Romans. First, hc established the principle that Jew and Gentile were alike in the sight of God. He said, "All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law." Those "without the law" were, of course, the Gentiles, and those "under the law" were the Jews. Here the apostle is speaking of the equity which exists in the moral order.

Dr. Gerald R. Cragg interprets this emphasis of Romans in The Interpreter's Bible. He says, "Judgment acquires not so much a new character as a new emphasis. This may determine the quality of the Judgment, but it is important to remember the way in which it works. Each man will be judged by what he actually knows. The circumstances we have enjoyed will be taken into account. Those who know the law will be judged in the light of that fact. Those who know it not will be judged by such moral insights as they actually possess."

Paul was really writing to Gentiles who had suppressed the God-given testimony of conscience and had thus fallen into hideous immoralities. This is one of the great problems of our own times. People have shrugged off the requirements of the law, and then they have just as easily shrugged off the advice of their consciences. The result of this is a situation approaching moral anarchy.

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THE CERTAINTY OF THE MORAL ORDER

Our memory selection is taken from the sixth chapter of Galatians. It speeaks to us of the certainty of the moral order: "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." (6:7) In times when authority is held in contempt by many and the processes of justice seem to be confused, it is important that we emphasize the truth in these verses.

The apostle used similes from nature to make his point. He reminds us that when you plant corn seed you can be sure that corn will be the result, that grass grows from grass seed and flowers from flower sced.

Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder speaks of this illustration of moral order (Interpreter's Bible): "The law of the harvest illustrates the everlasting fact that freedom is not the right to do what we want to do but the power to do what we ought. Freedom operates only in a moral universe. The free man is the moral man. The theory that there is nothing permanent except change; that the best a man can do is to spin from within himself all the wisdom he can know, as a spider spins his web, that there is no objective truth to which each life is accountable — every such theory runs counter to the law of the harvest."

Again and again we hear persons around us talking as though they have the choice of keeping the moral law or breaking it. The evidence of the ages is all on thc side of the affirmation that man does not break the moral law but is broken by it. The power of gravity is permanent, and we are accountable to it whether we wish to be or not. Would it not be strange if there were nothing comparable in the moral world?

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DECIDING WHAT IS RIGHT AND WRONG

Too many Christians seek an automatic method of dctermining what is "right" and "wrong." When we read what Paul has to say about the relationships between freedom and the law we often cry out for Sinai. We were never promised an easy legalism that would make our decisions for us.

It is not easy to make moral decisions. An indication of this difficulty is that Christians can be found on opposing sides of controversial political and social issues. In a complex age like ours the simple answer is so often the wrong answer.

Some people say that all we have to look to is conscience. Paul does have a strong emphasis on this. However, we would echo what Dr. Lawrence C. Hay says in Adult Bible Studies: "Conscience is not an adequate guide until it has been disciplined by the love of God as revealed in Christ."

Others champion a morality of feeling. Ernest Hemingway spoke of such morality in one of his novels, **Death in the Afternoon:** "What is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after." Certainly a morality based on the pursuit of pleasant feelings and the avoidance of pain is a long way from the standards God wants us to follow.

The so-called "new morality" harks back to the old concept of every man doing what seems right in his own eyes. This is why society seems to be caught up in such moral confusion.

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CHANGELESS LAW IN A CHANGING WORLD

The difficulty in maintaining our faith in a changeless moral law results from the rapid changes that are taking place everywhere in our world. Just as we seek to look beyond the unfolding revelation of God to his true nature, so we keep looking beyond a rapidly changing society to his ultimate will for man in creation. As Christians we have found in Christ the fullest revelation of the changeless righteous will of God.

As we take stock of the deterioration of moral standards we see how imperative it is that we do something to bring our lives and our world into a style that is more in keeping with the patterns Christ would have us follow.

Albert Einstein was once asked by Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell if he thought human life on another planet would find itself under the same moral imperative under which we live. He replied: "We live in a universe. The universe is fully consistent. It is a unity. The same physical laws that regulate the movements of our planet control also the most distant stars. Likewise the moral law that governs us holds sway in the farthest reaches of the universe."

Southeast Jurisdiction Council names new staff member

LEXINGTON, Ky. (UMI) — The Rev. Harry Tracy Maclin, Jr. of Atlanta was elected to the staff of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the United Methodist Church at its meeting here Oct. 18-19.

A missionary now on furlough, the 45-year-old leader was the founder and first director of the communications training center of the All-Africa Conference of Churches at Nairobi, Kenya, and has spent many years in educational and communication work.

Serving under the direction of the Rev. Robert F. Lundy, executive secretary of the Jurisdictional Council, Maclin will have special responsibility in the areas of communication, education and mission. He will assume his new position as staff counselor about Jan. 1, 1972. Offices of the Council are at 159 Forrest Ave., N.E., Atlanta.

The Jurisdictional Council also took action to provide that the next staff member to be chosen will be a black person, who will occupy a parallel position to Mr. Maclin and whose portfolio will include responsibilities in other areas of the council's concerns.

Maclin attended Southwestern University at Georgetown, Tex., and received the bachelor of arts and master of theology degrees from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He has also studied at Hartford Seminary, Yale University, Miami University in Florida, and in Brussels, Belgium.

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Lay speaking—a program of the Board of the Laity—is just one of the means through which World Service dollars enrich the lives of lay people. One of the most active lay speaking programs in the denomination is in St. Louis South District of Missouri East Conference. In the photo Benjamin Trost leads an advanced Bible course for men of the District who are certified lay speakers. (Bob Sands)

SOUTH AFRICAN RACISM METHODIST LEADER'S THEME

DURBAN, So. Africa (RNS) — The Methodist Church of South Africa inducted Dr. A. L. Boraine as its president and heard him call for a fight against "the lovelessness and injustices, the naked and aggressive sin of racism."

"When the Church should be crying out with a loud voice against the abuses in our own land, the only sound which the world hears is a tiny whimper," he said.

Addressing a large crowd at Central Methodist church here, Dr. Boraine also warned that racism within the church destroys its credibility and could lead to a split along racial lines. "Racism is fundamentally a denial of personhood to another human being, and is seen in all its monstrous inhumanity in South Africa," the Methodist leader charged.

He warned that the Methodist Church could not survive long unless it were purged of complicity in racial discrimination.

"Either there will be a growing demand from the black membership to separate from the whites or there must be a rigorous, determined rooting out of racism at every point in our Church," Dr. Boraine stated.

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PRAGUE CONFERENCE SEEN AS 'PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE'

NEW YORK (UMI) — The controversial Christian Peace Conference (CPC) can still serve as a platform for "dialogue and cooperation" between churchmen of the East and West, according to a United Methodist executive who took part in the Fourth Assembly of the group in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Among other things, the Rev. Carl Soule of the United Methodist United Nations program said, Western delegates at the assembly were not bothered so much by the role of the Russian Orthodox Church in CPC as by the political ideology that sees "all threats to peace . . . (coming) from Western imperialism." Of ten Americans taking part in the meeting, six were United Methodists, Dr. Soule said.

Tittle papers given Garrett Theological Seminary

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — The dramatic and prophetic career of one of Methodism's internationally known pastors was observed here Oct. 17 when the papers of Ernest Fremont Tittle were presented to Garrett Theological Seminary and a biography of him was published.

Dr. Tittle was pastor from 1918 to his death in 1949 of the First Methodist Church here. During his leadership it became a symbol of the free church and free pulpit, but not until after controversial events which raised significant issues in the community. These and the many other social and religious issues confronted by Dr. Tittle during his career, among them pacifism, racial prejudice, and Biblical liberalism, are dealt with in the papers and the biography by Dr. Robert Moats Miller, of the University of North Carolina.

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

Early in the Autumn, as the trees turn red and gold, British politicians wend their way to the seaside. In turn, the major political parties hold their party conferences. These are not like the conventions beloved of American political heroes — they do not contain the majorettes, the bands, and the banners, although the election of party officials is part of the business, but they give the groundswell of the parties a chance to try to tell the leaders and the members of Parliament what they are thinking — and sometimes in no uncertain terms.

The Labour Party, led by Harold Wilson, has just completed its conference, and this will be followed by the Conservative conference next week.

In opposition, the Labour Party has had a special problem of stance, and one of the most interesting results has been the rejection of any idea of elitism as the Labour Party in the mass voted. There has been a clear swing to the left this week, and the total rejection of the terms upon which the Government wants to enter the Common Market has meant that those who are in favour of entry in the Labour Party are clearly going to have to toe the party line.

The conference ended by voting by large majorities in spite of more restrained advice, to nationalize all banks, insurance companies, and building societies. This, of course could only happen if the Labour Party were to win the next election—and then only if the members of Parliament were to back the conference decision by legislation. It was clear that those who would have to try to meet the expressed wishes of the party if they got back into power were embarrassed by this tide of new radicalism, and it was equally clear that the grass-roots of the party were determined to provide a radical alternative instead of the consensus government of former days.

Whether this is a real alternative is another matter. If the Labour Party fought an election on such grounds, many commentators are very doubtful that they would stand any chance of election at all.

Moderate voices were not listened to, and there is obviously a hard time ahead for Mr. Wilson, for while he dare not alienate the big trades unions, nor object too much to the leftwards swing if he is to hold his personal position, he must be well aware that much of the noisy enthusiasm for what can only be non-viable policies will not stand the test of real-politics.

Next week when Mr. Heath, the Prime Minister, confronts his own party there will be other problems. The arrest of a gangster by name Frederick Sewell, who has been caught after a forty-five-day massive police search, and who is now charged with the murder of a police inspector, has sharpened the concern about crime and punishment. Fifty motions are on the order paper for the conference on the subject, and there is talk of amendments to bring back the death penalty, though Mr. Heath has always refused to make this a party decision—he has insisted that it is a matter for individual Members of Parliament if the subject comes to a vote in the House of Commons.

It all provides a background for the visit of Hirohito, Japanese Emperor, which aroused considerable controversy. While many people did not wish to open old wounds, they thought that the pomp and circumstances of his visit was needless, and only exacerbated those whose memories of the Japanese way of war were still clear. Violence, whether in the area of domestic crime, or in the words of those who want another revolution in social terms, or in the memory of former bitter days, is all part of the scene; and always in the background is the dark threat of near civil war in Ulster where the nominal barricades of the newly aroused Protestant volunteers are posing a fresh problem for the British army.

The old standards and acceptances, unquestioned for so long are under fire from every direction, and so far there is little sign that new and constructive attitudes are emerging.

Board of Missions hears "in-depth" report, determines priorities

The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions, in his interim report covering the first 9½ months of 1971, assessed 1971 as "less turbulent than the preceding two years." However, he indicated that "the winds of change have continued to be felt by all," alluding to such factors as a decline in missionary recruitment and diversity of opinion about what "mission" means.

He summarized 1971 this way:

"We have sought to feed the hungry . . . in East Pakistan and Peru. We have sought to liberate captives in facing the issues of southern Africa and in development programs among minority groups in the U.S. We have sought to be peacemakers in trying to bring an end to the fighting in Vietnam and helping to lay the groundwork for understanding and reconciliation between contending powers in the world today. We have sought to give sight to the blind in hundreds of medical projects both within the U.S. and around the world."

Dr. Jones reported that the World Division is involved through 1,175 missionaries in 45 countries with an increasing number of overseas churches moving in the direction of autonomy.

Top priorities of the National Division include the work of the Commission on Religion in Appalachia, support of efforts toward self-determination, and means of increasing local support for pastors in the Rio Grande Conference, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma Indian Mission and Alaska Mission. A major priority is black United Methodist colleges.

The report underscored the fact that the Women's Division has been leading the way in a search for investment guidelines that will reflect an understanding of the relationship of economics to social issues.

Dr. Jones reported that, thus far in 1971, the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel has sent out 43 US-2s (short-term home missionaries), 37 missionaries overseas, five deaconesses, and 75 summer college students for special programs in the U.S.

In reporting on the work of the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, the general secretary said, "Some members of the church feel we have forgotten our aim as a Mission Board. Others feel we move too slowly towards the kind of radical change required. The Joint Commission has helped to isolate the questions that are being asked and the concerns that are raised."

A report of a depth study of cultural attitudes of its overseas missionaries was presented to the Board during its Minneapolis meeting. The study was undertaken by the Board of Missions research specialist, Dr. James H. Davis, under the auspices of and as part of the work of a 19-member International Task Force to Study the Continuing Involvement of Missionaries Overseas.

Three of the findings of the study were:

—Age is the most significant single factor in determining how missionaries view not only their task but the world around them.

—Spiritual life and warmth in personal relations were rated as the most important qualifications for missionaries.

—Missionaries who live overseas in poor areas tend to be more open to changes in society while those living in upper-class residential areas are more resistant to change.

The findings were drawn from a 13-page questionnaire which was sent to 1890 persons—currently active missionaries plus those who have retired or otherwise left the mission field within the past five years. A total of 954 completed questionnaires was returned and served as a basis for the study.

Reactions to a series of 50 statements served as the basis for the study's definition of "closed" or "open" attitudes toward change in the social, economic or political system.

What is considered one of the most significant factors the study brought to light was the relationship between cultural attitudes and the age of the seminary. In general, missionaries 65 and over tended to score more toward the "closed" end of the scale, in contrast to younger missionaries, whose responses reflected more openness to social change and the involvement of missionaries in bringing about changes that would help to free people from injustice and oppression.

Response to a section of the questionnaire on living standards indicated that about 3 per cent of the missionaries reported they live in residences poorer than the people with whom they work; 40 per cent had housing similar to the people they worked with, while 57 had better housing. Younger missionaries were more likely to be found in the slums or rural villages; the older missionaries were found more often in middle-class or suburban areas.

Dr. Davis noted that only 11 per cent said they worked with "oppressed groups" yet 24 per cent said they worked with people living in poverty. He noted, "It would seem that at least 10 per cent of the missionaries do not automatically include all people in poverty or peasants as oppressed."

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NEW YORK – Top level Protestant overseas mission figures gathered in New York to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the International Missionary Council (IMC). The day-long celebration, held in the Interchurch Center, brought together representatives of more than a dozen denominations. Some of those attending were, from left: the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions; the Rev. Philip A. Potter, director of the World Council of Churches' Commission of World Mission and Evangelism, into which the IMC was merged ten years ago; the Rev. Charles W. Ranson, a former general secretary of the IMC, and the Rev. John Coventry Smith, a president of the World Council and former general secretary of the United Presbyterian Church's Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations. (RNS Photo)

Publications Board hears report of profit, personnel changes

Nashville, Tenn. (UMI) — The Methodist Publishing House closed its 1970-71 fiscal year July 31, 1971, with a net profit of $663,718, according to a report from its president and publisher at the Oct. 27 meeting of the Board of Publication. This compares with a loss of $1.4 million recorded by the House the previous fiscal year.

Several personnel changes were announced at the meeting. The Rev. Dr. Curtis A. Chambers, editor of **Together,** was appointed acting editorial director of **Together** and **Christian Advocate** to succeed the Rev. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, who recently announced his resignation to join the staff of the Council on World Service and Finance.

The Rev. Dr. H. Thornton Fowler, publishing representative since 1969, was named associate publisher succeeding the Rev. Dr. George M. Curry, who retired, effective Oct. 31.

The Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Curriculum Resources and editor of church school publications since 1952, announced he would be terminating his relationship in June. A member of the Mississippi Annual Conference, Dr. Bullock said he plans to return to the pastorate until his retirement.

President and Publisher John E. Procter said the improvement in the financial picture for the Publishing House had resulted from reductions in operating and administrative expenses, particularly from a dramatic reduction in the overall number of employees.

The Board voted to contribute its total 1970-71 net income of $663,718 to the pension program for ministers and their dependents. For the last three years the House has contributed $1 million annually to the pension program, including last year when it showed a net loss of $1.4 million. Continuation of this practice in the light of decreasing profits and increasing expenses brought resistance from most board members.

Net sales of products for the past year amounted to $33,067,051, an increase of $583,509 over the same period last year. Sales of books and supplies continued to climb while church school literature declined.

Mr. Procter attributed the drop in curriculum sales to a "slowdown in the general economic posture, further decline in church school enrollment and attendance, and noticeable dissatisfaction with content reinforced by the aggressive attack upon the materials by dissonant groups within the church." He said Publishing House officials are "cautiously optimistic" that planned changes in content, interpretation and promotion will reverse this trend.

It was announced that the House had two "firsts" in personnel matters during the year: the first woman and the first minority Cokesbury Book Store managers. Miss Eleanor Bovard is manager of the Cincinnati store and James J. DeBerry, a Negro, is manager of the Boston store.

Officials reported on the "Affirmative Action Program" aimed at fair minority employment, saying that 17.1 percent of the total work force are minority persons compared with 16.07 percent in July, 1970.

Miracles and Money

by Dr. Dana Dawson Jr.

(Sermon based on Mark 12:32-34 presented recently at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge)

Do you ever associate miracles with money? Most of us do not. We feel the comparison is ridiculous—after all one is spiritual and the other is material. They are always separate and the twain shall never meet. This point was dramatized in New Orleans where a branch bank located at the end of Canal Street is surrounded by cemeteries. The bank manager hung this slogan over his door, "You can't take it with you but bank with us and keep it near by." This is about as near as miracles and money ever get, isn't it?

It may surprise you but the truth is that money and miracles go hand in hand. If you stop to notice you see this truth each day. You will remember several years ago when our late President, John F. Kennedy, announced we would put a man on the moon before 1970. At the time it sounded like an impossible feat. It would take a miracle to accomplish such a task. It is interesting to note as he made this announcement he also asked the Congress to appropriate hundreds of millions of dollars for the man on the moon program. This money was put to the proper use and the result is known to the whole world.

We have seen from the comfort of our own living rooms through the magic of television our astronauts landing on the moon, saluting the American Flag on the moon, setting up scientific experiments, even playing golf and riding around in that crazy dune buggy that cost $8,000,000. We no longer hear much talk about putting man on the moon. It is an accomplished fact which we take for granted. It is a miracle that has become a reality because first we were able to put the money to proper use.

We see the relation of money and miracles when we notice what is being done in the field of modern medicine. I have known people who have suffered from polio, diphtheria, small pox and leprosy. However, in the United States of America these diseases that once crippled, maimed and killed millions of people are no longer a problem. Medical science has come up with a vaccine, a shot, a tablet or a capsule you can take and never need worry about these dread killers again. Of course, this just didn't happen. Someone didn't have a sudden brain storm and come up with the answer. Rather the answer was found after millions of dollars had been spent in medical research in this country and around the world. Then and only then were cures developed for these diseases. Again, we see how money can produce miracles.

Actually we have become so used to miracles that have been made possible by the proper use of money that we accept them as every day facts. You can go into a store today and buy articles that fill the shopping basket to the brink and the amazing thing is that ten years ago none of these articles were in existence. We now have miracle fabrics that have been made into suits. You can wear one in the drenching rain such as we had during the recent hurricane Edith. You will be soaked to the skin and think "my poor new suit is ruined," but the fact is that you hang the suit up and as soon as it is dry it will look like it just came from the cleaners. Millions of dollars were spent in research and then this miracle fabric was produced. I understand that they now make toupees that cannot be distinguished from your own hair. In fact, it is possible to wear these hair pieces in swimming without fear of them coming off or getting out of place.

Jesus taught that money and miracles go hand in hand. To those who came to him to offer themselves in his service as disciples he said first sell what thou hast and give the money to the poor, then come and follow me and you shall have treasures in heaven. Most of us want to be Christian disciples. All of us like the idea of having treasures in heaven. We need to remember the formula. First, we must sell what we have and give the money to those who are in need. Then and only then can we be his disciples and have treasures in heaven. The Apostle Paul reminded us of this when he said, "Remember what our Lord Jesus said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'." Money comes first and then the miracles follow.

Jesus Christ's primary interest was not in money but rather in love, particularly love of God. He knew man loves money. The Bible teaches us that the love of money is the root of all evil. So it is no wonder when a lawyer asked him to name the greatest commandment of them all, he said, "Thou shall love the Lord thou God with all . . ." Jesus knew that if a man truly loved God he would gladly give his money to serve the causes of his kingdom on this earth. If he loved money more than God then he was turned away because obviously he could not be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

The lawyer was an intelligent man. He immediately saw the point Jesus was making. He said to Jesus that to love God with all . . . is far more than burnt offerings or sacrifices. He realized that the truth of Jesus' teaching that love comes first then money and then miracles.

Is the fact that love, money and miracles go hand in hand obvious in your life? There are many facts that reveal we have failed to apply this truth to our own lives. Recently the United States Department of Commerce revealed the figures showing that the United States spent two times as much on television as we give to the Church, four times as much on tobacco and eight times as much on alcoholic beverages as we give to the Church. The FBI has reported that we spend ten times more on crime than we give to the church. Then we sit and wonder what is wrong with the church, what is wrong with our country and what is wrong with the world. The answer should be obvious. We love money more than God.

This truth was illustrated in the life of the late Mrs. Hetty Green, who was famed as "the witch of Wall Street." When she died she was one of the richest women in the world—also one of the stingiest and most detested. She dressed in rags, slept in cold water flats, ate left over scraps and begged for free office space so she could go on adding to the millions she already had stashed away. Worse still, she denied her son medical attention when he was ill and as a result he was doomed to go through life as a cripple.

When Hetty Green died this son and his sister inherited her millions. They immediately began to spend it as if money was going out of style. The son bought an ocean going yacht which he ignored after he became violently seasick on his first voyage. Acquaintances said the only time they saw him smile was when he got the news the yacht had turned turtle and sunk in the midst of a storm. He and his sister and mother had something in common. They were all millionaires and they were all miserable. Money does not produce miracles automatically. First its use must be motivated by love and then with God's alchemy wondrous things come to pass for God and his people and his kingdom on this earth.

I am sure that all of you want the First United Methodist Church to be a place where miracles happen. A place where our Early Learning Center can teach the principles of our faith to our children in their most formative years. A place where our retired people can come and participate in the XYZ Program and find a new lease on life and purpose in living; a place where our young people have the challenge to give their lives in Christian service; a place where we are inspired by services of worship; a place where we can bring our babies to be baptized and young couples can be married and a place where we can memorialize those who have gone on to meet their Maker. This church has been such a place in the past because it has had members who have loved God enough to give and these miracles have taken place in the lives of countless individuals.

What kind of Church will this Church be in the future? It depends on how much we love God. If we love him with all we will give our money to his service and miracles will continue to happen here. As Jesus said to the lawyer, "if you realize that love, money and miracles follow each other, you are not far from the kingdom of God.

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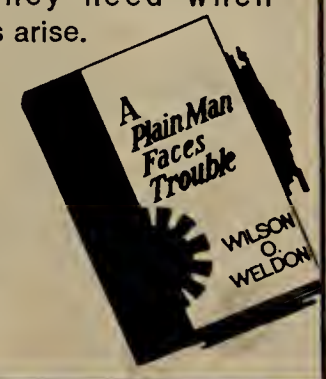

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Arthur F. Haas, Jr. (left) and Rupert Thom, two certified lay speakers and members of the Pollock United Methodist Church in Alexandria District, have assisted in or conducted forty worship services each during the past year. The Rev. E. M. Dill is pastor on the Pollock-Selma-Liberty Chapel Circuit.

The General Committee responsible for coordinating the annual Every Member Commitment program at St. Bernard United Methodist Church, Chalmette. Charles Craft (right, front) is chairman of the 10-weeks' program which will culminate with visitation in homes of church members the last of November. The Rev. James O. Evans (at center, back) is pastor.

Couley Church members are shown at the home of R. O. Metz where they gathered and surprised the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Skinner with an old-fashioned pounding. The event included a fellowship meal on Saturday, October 23.

Ushers for the month of October at Lakeview United Methodist Church, Shreveport were these four young men: FROM LEFT—Clay Slagle, Jeff Jackson, Walt Nolan and David Doyle.

D. O. Olson (right), the Laymen's Day speaker at Lakeview Church in Shreveport, spoke on the subject "From Shelter, Scatter and Serve." J. A. Dauzat (left) presided over the service; the Rev. W. E. Nolan (center) took advantage of this opportunity and sat in the congregation with his family.

Special Family Night at Lafayette First Church

Family night was held at First United Methodist Church on October 24 in the Social Room of the church followed by an ice cream and cake supper on the newly lighted Paul Beraud Memorial Recreation Area adjacent to the church.

Jes Montgomery and Chipper Hamm showed slides and shared highlights of the Louisiana Conference-sponsored youth work camp in Broken Bow, Oklahoma in July, when 25 youth from Louisiana spent a week rebuilding and painting an old sanctuary of the Choctaw Indian church grounds.

Jerry Hamm, chairman of the church budget campaign, explaineed the Pacesetter Book and members present were given the privilege of being listed in the book before the official canvass begins November 1.

Wiley Billingsley, president of the UMYF, presented a gift from the youth department to Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Mitchell, youth counselors, who are moving to Forest, Mississippi to make their home.

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FORMER PASTORS WILL BE INDIAN BAYOU EVANGELISTS

Four former pastors and the Lafayette District Superintendent will be the evangelists for a "Past Preachers' Revival" at Indian Bayou United Methodist Church, Nov. 14-19, according to the pastor, the Rev. Robert W. Peterson.

The speakers wili be: Nov. 14—the Rev. Tommy R. Bergeron; Nov. 15—the Rev. J. B. McCann; Nov. 16—the Rev. M. L. Davis; Nov. 17—the Rev. J. A. Knight; Nov. 18—the Rev. Kenneth McDowell.

On Nov. 19 the church will hold its Third Annual Evening of Gospel Singing.

ABOVE: UMY group at Vinton United Methodist Church, who planned and presented the morning worship service on Sunday, Oct. 24. In a departure from the usual type of service, rock folk music with accompaniment by guitar, tambourine, bongo drums and piano was featured. An explanation giving some of the reasons for the use of "folk rock" in expressing religious feeling in worship was given. AT LEFT: Girls' quartette, including (left to right): Debbie Wilkinson, Kathy Broussard, Debbie Grauke and Gail Williams sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop." The Rev. W. W. Bevill is minister.

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ABOVE: Leadership for the Nov. 2 Communications Conference in Shreveport included (from left): Tom McAnally, United Methodist Information, Nashville; Dr. Gene W. Carter, TRAFCO, Dayton, O.; Winston B. Linam, general manager, Television Station KSLA, Channel 12; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Program Council Director; the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, chairman of the Communications Council of Texas; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton; and Cecil E. Bland, Jr., associate program director. LEFT: Mr. Robertson leads the group in a consideration of some of its communications problems.

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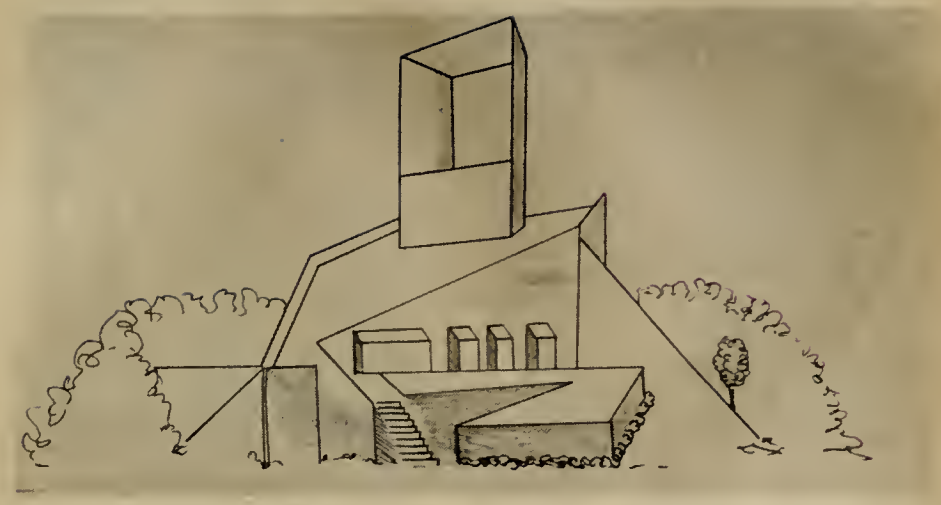

Sketch of proposed All Faiths Chapel to be constructed at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola.

1000 Club second call to go to prison chapel

by Cecil Bland

The second call of the 1000 Club for this conference year is set to go out December 1 for the All-Faiths Chapel to be constructed on the grounds of the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. Plans call for the construction of a $130,000 edifice with funds contributed by several of the major denominations in Louisiana.

United Methodists of the Louisiana Conference are being asked to contribute $10,000 to this cause.

Citizens are generally shocked when they hear that inmates at four of the state's correctional institutions have no churches or chapels. These include the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, St. Gabriel's Women's Prison, the State Industrial School for Youth at Scotlandville and the Louisiana Correctional and Industrial School at DeQuincy.

Because of the situation, a layman's organization was recently organized called "Community Action for Corrections," with the purpose of doing something in this area.

Last April Gov. John J. McKeithen broke ground for the construction of a chapel at the Louisiana Training Institute in Baton Rouge. In addition, two mobile chapels are being provided for other institutions by the CAC.

This still leaves no chapel or church for the thousands of inmates at Angola State Penitentiary, and this has become the major project of the group which has the endorsement of most of the major church denominations in the state.

The cost of building the chapel at Angola is estimated to be $130,000. Many of the laymen taking part in the organization are members of United Methodist churches.

This call from the 1000 Club will provide $10,000 toward the total of $130,000 needed. The call comes under the "special projects" section of the purpose of the 1000 Club.

There is much talk these days about the need for the rehabilitation of prison inmates so that they may re-enter society as useful citizens. Providing a place for prayer and worship within the prison walls is a positive step in that direction.

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ATTENTION ALL PASTORS

All pastors who did not receive an adequate supply of the new 1971 Journal for the Louisiana Conference are requested to contact the Program Council Office for extra copies. At present, the Program Council Office has a good supply.

Write or call Dr. Woodrow Hearn, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, telephone number 318-868-5362.

Two top administrative officers proposed for Southern Methodist U.

A proposal to strengthen the top executive leadership of Southern Methodist University will be presented by SMU's Board of Governors to the University's Board of Trustees at their semi-annual meeting on Nov. 12, Dr. Willis M. Tate, president of SMU, announced Thursday.

In the proposal, the Board of Governors will recommend that the Board of Trustees authorize the appointment of two top executive officers for the University — a chancellor as chief executive officer and a president as chief operations officer. Should the proposal be accepted, Dr. Tate will be elected both chancellor and president and a committee will be appointed to begin the search for a new president.

The proposal, which was initiated by Dr. Tate, is the result of many months of work by the President and the leadership of SMU's two official boards, the 76-member Board of Trustees, which meets twice a year and is the official governing body of SMU, and the 19-member Board of Governors, which meets monthly with the President and is empowered to act on behalf of the trustees.

"I am convinced," said Dr. Tate, "that SMU must prepare for its future as a private university by adding strength to its present executive leadership. I hope that the Board of Trustees will accept this proposal to initiate a plan for the orderly selection of a president. Private universities have a vital role in American higher education, and SMU is in a unique position in the Southwest to carry its share of this responsibility.

"We can fulfill this role only as our Board of Governors and Board of Trustees are helped to assume the responsibility for SMU's financial security which our Advancement Program is designed to provide. To this end I shall dedicate my time and energy during the years immediately ahead."

W. P. Clements, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Governors, expressed the belief that the Board of Trustees would approve the proposal.

"I believe the Trustees will recognize and appreciate the wisdom of adding the strength of another top executive officer to that of our present, able President," he said. "The Governors, aided by President Tate and by the late chairman of the board of trustees, Eugene McElvaney, have been working on this plan for many months."

The proposal to the Board of Trustees will recommend wide participation of the University community in the search for the new president, including advisors to the Trustee Selection Committee from the faculty, the student body, University Assembly, Alumni Association, Council of Deans, and the vice presidents of the University.

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Officers of the Louisiana Migrant Ministry Committee (left to right): the Rev. Henry Blount, chairman; Mrs. Henry Blount, coordinator of chaplains; Miss Elise Rath, secretary; Mrs. Edward Thomas, vice-chairman; and the Rev. J. J. Caraway, treasurer.

Louisiana Migrant Ministry News

The Louisiana Migrant Ministry Committee met on Oct. 20, at the First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, La. The Rev. Henry Blount, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Hammond, presided over the business of the meeting.

The report from the treasurer showed expenditures of $3,099.58 for the activities of the Migrant Ministry in 1971. The largest item in the budget is the chaplains' salaries, $2,355.21. Three chaplains and their wives work among the migrants during the strawberry season, which is about six weeks in duration.

The greatest need for the 1972 program is money. Even a small gift of money would be helpful. Suggest it as a special project for groups or classes. Include Migrant Ministry in your annual church budget. Remember Migrant Ministry is an Advance Special of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference.

The Committee will sponsor two migrant tours, April 13 and 21, 1972. Details concerning the tours will be announced later.

There is an urgent need for sheets, pillow cases and light blankets for the 1972 season. These items do not necessarily have to be new if they are in good condition. Clothing for all ages is always a special need, also. The strawberry season is early and the weather is sometimes very cool. The migrants may have had little work in the winter and are therefore almost destitute at the beginning of the strawberry season.

The kits are very useful, but we request that you respond first with money and bedding for the 1972 season. The bedding, clothes, and kits should be either mailed to Mrs. George Anthon, Route 1, Box 16, Hammond, La. 70401 or delivered to the Rev. Henry Blount, First United Methodist Church, 308 E. Charles Street, Hammond, La. by March 15.

The following names were submitted as new Committee members: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville; Mrs. Walter Brock, Baton Rouge; Dr. L. L. Haynes, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Bascom T. Tally, Jr., Bogalusa; Rev. William Jones, Franklinton and Mr. T. J. Butler, Franklinton.

We appreciate your support in the past and earnestly hope you will assist us as we plan for the 1972 program.

A set of slides about Louisiana Migrant Ministry and script and information about the kits and program may be obtained from Mrs. E. R. Thomas, 6645 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70124. There is no charge for the use of the slides.

Money should be sent designated "Migrant Ministry" to the Conference Treasurer, the Rev. Leonard Cooke, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, La. 70114, or to the treasurer of Church Women United, Miss Elise Roth, 114 Sycamore Dr., Metairie, La. 70005.

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GEORGIA DAILY JOINS STAFF OF GOVERNOR BUMPERS

Miss Georgia Daily, Texarkana, Ark., who served as the first director of the office of Methodist Information for the Arkansas-Louisiana Area and later served in the same capacity for the Louisiana Area with headquarters in Shreveport, has accepted a position on a special task force in the office of Arkansas' Governor Dale Bumpers.

A graduate of Texarkana High School, Texarkana College and Scarritt College, Miss Daily has been serving since 1968 as a member of the Model Cities staff in Texarkana.

The staff force on which she will be serving will be responsible for liaison between the governor's office and federal programs.

Young Adult ministries in planning stage

Planning sessions have recently been held looking to the organization or programs of ministry to young adults between the ages of 20 and 25, according to the Rev. Donald C. Cottrill, Conference Young Adult Coordinator.

A dinner meeting was held recently at University United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, looking to such a program. Mr. Cottrill presented the experiences of other churches in young adult ministry to the group made up of young married couples and singles.

A volunteer committee led by Mrs. Randy Mosely accepted the responsibility of making plans to continue their exploration toward a more meaningful church experience. Mrs. Edward Wynn was chairman of the group of mothers and grandmothers who made preparations for the meeting, and entertainment was provided by Friers Cryer. The Rev. William Fraser is the pastor.

Mr. Cottrill is also working with a committee at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Monroe, in the area of young adult ministries. The Council on Ministries of that church recently began discussions concerning this specialized ministry. In that church a study of small group dynamics is now going on looking to fuller participation in a program of young adult ministry.

Mr. Cottrill said, "Perhaps your church has the potential for a vital ministry to young adults. If you wish to explore the possibilities of beginning a group or wish to find out more concerning the church and young adults, contact the Rev. Don Cottrill, Program Office, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, La. 71104."

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TV PROGRAM POSTPONED

Word has come to us announcing the postponement of the CBS television program "Lamp Unto My Feet" which was to have depicted the work of McCurdy School at Espanola, New Mexico. The program had been scheduled for Nov. 21. McCurdy School became part of the mission program of the United Methodist Church at the time of the merger of the EUB and Methodist Churches.

International Youth Exchange applications being accepted

The International Youth Exchange is now accepting applications for youths to spend a year abroad (from the United States) or for a United States family to be host to a youth from another country for a year. Deadline for participation in this continuing program is Dec. 15, 1971.

The ICYE is an interdenominational organization that has over the past 14 years placed 1,211 American young people, ages 16 to 19, with host families overseas for a one year term. They have also brought to this country a total of 2,826 youth from 26 countries overseas.

The costs for the exchange are:

—To send an American youth abroad . . . $1,500.

—To receive an overseas exchange youth . . . $550.

For more information on the ICYE, interested persons may write Rev. Don Cottrill, P.O. Box 4325, Shreveport, La. 71104 or: International Youth Exchange, Room 1908, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

These applications must be in by Dec. 15, 1971 in order to participate in the 1972 youth exchange program.

The Rev. B. Paul Durbin (left) and the Rev. J. A. Alford (right) were honored recently with a surprise birthday party given by friends and the staff of First Church, Minden. Both men are retired Methodist ministers living in Minden. Alford, who celebrated his 94th birthday Oct. 28, retired in 1947 at the age of 70 after 44 years in the active ministry. He teaches a class and participates fully in the church program. The Alfords live at Rt. 1, Box 142-A in Minden. Durbin who celebrated his 68th birthday Oct. 26 retired in 1967 after serving 37½ years. He serves as minister of visitation at First Church. The Durbins reside at a Retired Ministers' Home at 1116 Claibarne in Minden. W. S. Hicks, chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, presented gifts from the church to the two men. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining is minister. *Photo by D. L. Logan*

Editorial

The Changing Role of the Missionary

From all over the world come stories which tell of exciting changes that are taking place in the role of the Christian missionary. It is important that we understand these changes and see ourselves in relation to them. The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions, underscored many facets in the changing image of the missionary during his annual report to the recent meeting of the Board of Missions in Minneapolis.

There are many ways to explain the image and impact of the new missionary in the life of the church and in the life of the world. Students in this field and those who have responsibilities for administering the mission program of the church are seeking to understand all of the things which speak to the role of the missionary in our world today. Tracy Early has written on the theme of the changing missionary in the November-December issue of **The Interpreter,** an article which we commend most highly and which we would like to summarize here.

We are shown how the goal of carrying Christianity from the homeland to foreign fields has changed to one of assisting Christians in areas where the church is now established. Many of the churches started by American missionaries in other days have become independent. This does not mean that they no longer need monetary assistance from the United States, but it does mean that there is a new relationship between the church at home and the church overseas. The new churches are quite aware of their new status and they want to have a share in the selection of personnel who will work in their countries and want to participate in the disposition of funds.

Since the days of Communist takeover in China and the departure of Christian missionaries, United Methodist missionaries have been seeking to reevaluate their relationships to social and political structures in the lands where they work. National leaders are now taking charge of the church organizations, determining policy and methods. In this changing political scene there is a growth of nationalism with a concurrent insistence of people that they want to control their own lives, making it incumbent on missionaries from outside, especially Westerners, to avoid all attempts at domination.

In addition, the governments of some countries have placed serious restrictions on the activities of missionaries. Some nations are quite critical of any efforts to gain members from other religious faiths and will grant entry visas only for missionaries who will perform a service they consider essential and for which there are no qualified national citizens. The uneasiness of governments about missionaries having a political impact sometimes reaches the point that the missionaries are expelled, as recently happened to United Methodists in Algeria and Taiwan.

In Latin America there is an intensified spirit of nationalism which is influencing the churches. Against such a background, it is to be expected that serious study of the role of the foreign missionary should be made. At the recent Board of Missions meeting in Minneapolis, an important item on the agenda was a long-range study of the Board's role in Latin America. This report was not acted on finally, but was referred for study and consideration at a later date.

Reports at the recent Board meeting reveal a smaller number of United Methodist missionaries overseas. The number reached a peak of about 1,575 in 1960, was about 1,170 this current year and will be something less than 1,000 next year. Mr. Early's article says: "The decline in the number of missionaries has resulted partly from a decrease in gifts for overseas work. This cutback has resulted from both financial pressures confronting local churches and the growing concern to meet needs in the United States. The decrease in gifts has been especially serious because it has come in a time of inflation that has made even more dollars necessary to carry out programs at the same level."

Another report made to the Board of Missions indicates that there is a real "generation gap" between the older missionaries and the younger ones. Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, an assistant general secretary of the board serving in the World Division, said, "The young missionaries find it difficult to understand why the older missionaries are not calling for change as radical and rapid as they would like to see." However, Dr. Stockwell indicated that the gap between the old and young is often bridged when dealing with a specific situation. He said that in working together in dealing with a specific situation—perhaps the challenge of an urban ghetto — "both are forced to get past their stereotypes and work together to change the situation. In this way each makes his contribution to fulfilling the church's mission in an age of change."

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the Editor's Corner

COMMUNICATING WITH THE COMMUNICATORS

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, it was my privilege to spend a most helpful day in Shreveport as part of a Communications Conference which brought together a number of leaders in the communications industry with decision-makers of the United Methodist Church in that section of Louisiana.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton was the host for the five-hour meeting in the Shreveport Petroleum Club. Cecil E. Bland, Jr., associate program director, had planned the meeting very carefully with the Rev. Hugh Baker. The basic purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for the two groups of leaders to get to know each other.

Eight staff members of newspapers and radio and television stations in the Shreveport area were present for the entire meeting.

Resource persons from outside Louisiana were Tom MacAnally of the United Methodist Information office in Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Gene W. Carter of the TRAFCO staff with offices in Dayton, O.; and the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, chairman of the Communications Council of the South Central Jurisdiction.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Louisiana Conference program director, started the program with a fine presentation on "What is the Church Interested in Communicating?" He was followed by Winston B. Linam, general manager of Television Station KSLA in Shreveport who spoke on "What Are the Media Interested in Communicating?"

There was complete participation by the group as Mr. MacAnally, Dr. Carter and Mr. Robertson led discussions centered around "How the General Church Communicates," "What Problems Have You Had in Communicating?" and "Church and Media Response to Problems in Communicating."

This was one of the best conferences of this nature I have ever attended, and I feel sure that all of those present were brought much closer together.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Pearl S. Buck, Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning authoress, will be a 1971 winner of a Layman's National Bible Committee award for her recently published children's work, The Story Bible. The announcement was made by Myron L. Boardman, president of the interfaith lay organization which sponsors National Bible Week (Nov. 21-28). Miss Buck, the daughter of China missionaries, said that her father, a Greek and Hebrew scholar, did not encourage her to read the Bible in English "because of mistranslations." But she remembers deriving "great pleasure and profit" from a volume of Bible stories and hopes that this re-telling of selected stories from the Bible, may do the same for children today.

"Calling our Continent to Christ" will be the theme of Key '73, an interdenominational evanlism effort scheduled for 1973. The theme and a program for the year-long event were adopted by the Key '73 Central Committee at a meeting in St. Louis. More than 100 denominations, and evangelistic groups have representatives on the committee. The calendar drawn up by the 16-member executive committee suggests various plans ranging from television specials to local Bible studies and prayer meetings.

Hundreds of churchmen from throughout Greece, as well as representatives from other countries gathered for the dedication of the new Greek Evangelical Church of Thessaloniki. Dedication of the structure, which seats 600, climaxed a 10-year construction program. Financial assistance came from the evangelical churches of Switzerland and Germany, the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service. Addressing the gathering, the Rev. Werner Schmidt of Switzerland, said that the Gospel had been spread to the West from Thessalonica 2000 years ago; and that through the Reformation the same Gospel had come back.

Marking the beginning of his second term of office on Nov. 1 South Vietnam's President Thieu called on fellow countrymen to pause for a minute of silent prayer for peace at 9 a.m. The proposal, made in a letter to the Prime Minister and announced on the government television network, included suggestions that sirens or bells should sound briefly to mark the time to begin the prayer and that all traffic and other activity should halt.

Why, a professor of Christian ethics at Chicago Theological Seminary asks, do the Jesus People come almost entirely from the suburbs? Dr. Victor Obenhaus, raised the question at a seminar on ethical and moral concerns in suburbia held at Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul (Minn.). He suggested that a reason might be that suburban ideology is "bankrupt," and the Jesus Movement has given suburban youth a sense of purpose.

The Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India has appealed for funds to aid a self-help and rehabilitation project in a famine-stricken area of Ethiopia. Funds are being collected as a token response to the aid Indian churches have received over the years. Dr. K. Rajaratnam, federation secretary, said "We out of our poverty, should do something if only to begin to practice the exercise of giving in the name of God, an important element of the missionary dimension of the Church."

The Rev. Richard Wurmbrand, leader of an organization called "Jesus to the Communist World," which has headquarters in Glendale, Calif. is reported to have written President Nixon asking him to intervene in behalf of "100,000 imprisoned Chinese Christians" when he visits Peking. Wurmbrand, speaking in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, said the "underground church" of Russia is growing faster than the church in the rest of Europe. He recalled Khruschev's boast that Communists will "bury" the U.S. and its children will some day live under Communism. Instead, the minister noted, Stalin's daughter now lives in the U.S.,under capitalism, and his granddaughter was baptized in a U.S. church.

Plans for six regional offices and a training institute for minority leadership were announced in New York by the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO). The institute will be located in Washington, D.C. Sites for the regional offices have not been chosen. IFCO is a coalition of church agencies and minority organizations devoted to community development. The Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr., director, said the regional offices will "focus on immediate needs and concerns of community people in a given area."

The 17-room mansion Gen. Neal Dow built for his bride in Portland, Maine in 1829, has been turned over to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as its new state headquarters. Gen. Dow, known as the "father of prohibition," fought for the cause in Maine for 20 years and succeeded in 1851. Maine was the first dry state and remained so until 1934.

High school students at Cheney, Wash. and at nearby Medical Lake have launched voluntary prayer groups that meet in schoolrooms before classes begin for the day. Representing a wide spectrum of denominations from Catholic to Pentecostal, the students say a personal relationship with Christ is the only criterion for participation in their program. "Basically, it is just for spiritual strength for our day," said one youthful participant.

Vatican Radio welcomed the admission of Communist China to the United Nations, but expressed "sorrow" over the expulsion of Taiwan (Formosa). "While the admission of the Chinese People's Republic to the UN can be welcomed as favoring the cause of peace and justice, the broadcast said, "the expulsion of Formosa arouses great sorrow."

Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey, spiritual leader of some 27 million of England's baptized Christians, envisions the scheduled entry of Britain into the European Common Market as an occurrence in which "Christian influence will help to prevent a united Europe from being introverted and selfish and will lead it to be a Europe which gives all it can to the wider service of a desperately needy world." Because complex constitutional legislation has to be drafted and approved by Parliament, the scheduled date of actual entry is not until Jan. 1, 1973.

Father Gilbert Hartke, founder and head of the speech and drama department of Catholic University (Washington, D.C.), told the Woman's Nat'l. Democratic Club that "for too many years the United States has sought the comforts of the flesh and only dabbled in the things of the spirit." He said Americans "have analyzed and categorized our emotional life and we have only pampered and spoiled our social, intellectual and spiritual life." Hartke noted that the Roman empire "fell because it fed the flesh and starved the spirit."

The Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) is planning a consultation on how to use its ordained clergymen, partly because it seems to have an over-supply of ministers. The Church's policy-making General Assembly was told that as of March there were 800 ministers "available" for calls to congregations with only 175 openings in churches of 200 or more members. In addition to representatives from Church agencies, the consultation will include one clergyman and one layman from each geographic presbytery and synod, plus others as designated.

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Centenary College (United Methodism's School in Shreveport, La.) students are reverting to some old fashioned methods to speed up communications on the campus. Plagued by constant complaints of a lack of communication among students the Student Senate has resurrected the town crier of yesteryear. Rick Clark, a sophomore economics major from Dallas, Tex., dressed in the garb of the early American patriot, will roam the campus ringing his bell, barking out "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" and reading his announcements everywhere more than ten students are gathered.

Winnsboro youth continue ecology emphasis of Youth Week

Motivated by the ecology emphasis of National Youth Week, young people of Winnsboro United Methodist Church have been active in the organization of an interdenominational youth group which promises to provide leadership in a number of projects for the beautification and betterment of their community.

Calling themselves TIME (Teens in Motion for Ecology), representative young people recently appeared before the Time Council to present a list of conditions which, after careful study and research, they feel to be unattractive, unsafe or unsanitary. These included the need for more uniform and attractive garbage containers, the installation of a traffic light at a dangerous intersection, and an effort to get voters out for the Nov. 6 gubernatorial election.

Another TIME project is a litter pick-up on the busiest streets in Winnsboro on Nov. 13.

The group includes young people from Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Episcopal and United Methodist churches. Their officers are: president, Paul Price, First United Methodist Church; vice president: Gregg Hernandez, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church; and secretary-treasurer: Susan McCaleb, First United Methodist Church. Counselors are Mrs. Raymond Taliferro and Mrs. James M. Siddon of the Methodist Church and Mrs. Fred Herlevic of the Catholic Church. The Methodist pastor is the Rev. Glendon R. Messer.

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Counselors who gave leadership in recent church school workshop at Lake Arthur United Methodist Church. FROM LEFT: Henry Gillett, the Rev. Bob Lawton, Mrs. Charles Daggett, all of Welsh; the Rev. Lester Nance, Lake Arthur pastor, and Mrs. Robert Compton of the Raymond Church. The Rev. Leland Wade, Raymond pastor, also gave leadership during the workshop.

Leaders at Oct. 29-31 Missionary Conference held at McGuire United Methodist Church in West Monroe. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Phil Thornton, a student at Asbury Seminary, who with his wife will soon be going as missionaries to Colombia in Latin America; Mrs. Stella Taylor of the Central American Mission, Dallas, Tex.; and the Rev. John F. Kunkle, of World Gospel Mission, Marion, Indiana. The McGuire Church pledged $6,036 for missions over and above their regular budget. The Rev. John H. Sewell is pastor.

Some of the leaders in the recent Marksville ecumenical lay witness mission which involved Roman Catholics, Nazarines, Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists and others.

Marksville Christians join in witness to "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"

by the Rev. John M. Lee, pastor
Marksville United Methodist Church

Many said it couldn't be done. However, the Christian people of Marksville, Louisiana know that without a doubt, "All things are possible with God." The weekend of Oct. 22-24 saw a miracle of ecumenism become a reality as the Christian churches of this little city joined hands for a Lay Witness Mission which brought the Baptist, Roman Catholic, Nazarene and United Methodist congregations to the conclusion that there is "One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism."

Local people from all four denominations planned and participated in the weekend activities. Three priests and a Catholic Brother in addition to the Methodist and Nazarene ministers gave leadership, and the Baptist church—presently without a minister—also took part. Simultaneous activities were in progress at the Methodist, Baptist and Nazarene churches. More than 300 persons, including Presbyterian and Jewish friends, attended the Saturday evening general session held at the Baptist Church.

The people of Marksville feel that they have experienced the prayer of Jesus, "that they may be one." There is a new unity among the Christians of Marksville because as one of the priests said, "We have experienced Pentecost bringing us together through God's love." We already knew that God loved us, but now we know that we love one another.

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Marksville church folk clasp hands in circle of Christian friendship.

CONTACT Teleministry, Inc., a national telephone ministry organization sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Evangelism has become ecumenical with eight Protestant denominations and Roman Catholics represented on the Board of Directors. The new executive director is the Rev. Robert E. Larson, Jr., a Presbyterian, named to succeed the Rev. Ross Whetstone of the Board of Evangelism staff. Headquarters for the organization is being moved from Nashville, Tenn., to Harrisburg, Pa. Centers are now operating in 24 cities.

NEWS and NOTES

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH MEMBERS of Monroe have been working for weeks in preparation for the Discipline and Discovery weekend scheduled for November 19-21. Jack Dew is coordinator for the spiritual renewal program. Joe Solomon and Don Brown are chairmen. The Rev. Lea Joyner is pastor.

MRS. W. F. MANNING was recently appointed as teacher of the Willing Worker Class in Trinity Church, Ruston. Each month this couples class gives a party to honor residents of Longleaf Nursing Home who have a birthday that month. The oldest honoree at the October party was Mrs. Lena Hurd, 97 years old on October 23.

SENATOR EDGAR MOUTON was guest speaker October 17 in Asbury Church at Lafayette. His subject was "Should Religion and Politics be Mixed?" The Rev. George Ross was host pastor.

"TRUTH INCREDIBLE," the young folk-singers of First Church, Baton Rouge, presented Otis Skillings' "Life" in the church on November 7. Gwen Redding directed the production which used lighting, dialogue, sound effects, staging, and choreography to express the joy and wonder of Life in Christ. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is the pastor.

DR. THOMAS A. HARRIS, author of a top seller "I'm O.K. – You're O.K.," was a speaker in Shreveport, November 3, at the Church Nite program in First Church. A psychiatrist, Dr. Harris explained the background of ideas expressed in the book. Mrs. Joe J. Mickle, who lived in the Orient for 20 years, told of "What's Happening in China Today" on the same program. Entertainment featured the Kilgore College Chorale. The youth group heard football star Joe Ferguson, via telemessinger. Mrs. June Tobey told Thanksgiving stories for the children. Dr. D. L. Dykes is pastor.

LOYALTY SUNDAY was observed at First Church in Waterproof on October 24. The church was filled for the sermon delivered by the Rev. W. T. Hall, pastor. Special music included two selections by the Children's Choir, directed by Mrs. George Warren, accompanied by Nan Killen, and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. George Warren, accompanied by Mrs. Louis Preis, Jr. Following a covered-dish luncheon, William Greaves entertained with organ selections. The day was planned by Mrs. Dan Justice, superintendent of education, Mrs. H. C. Miller, III, educational director, and Mrs. J. L. Keyes, chairman of the activities committee.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE NEW parsonage of First United Methodist Church in Alexandria will be held next Sunday, November 14, from 3 until 5 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Bentley Sloane will be hosts. The address is 1703 Alexander Drive.

THREE NEW ORLEANS Churches are engaging in a series of union services, continuing through next year. Napoleon Avenue, Parker Memorial and Rayne Memorial Church members will unite for the Thanksgiving service at Parker Memorial Church, 1130 Nashville. On Christmas morning the members will have worship at Rayne Memorial. On Good Friday the joint service will be in Napoleon Avenue Church, of which the Rev. D. W. Poole is pastor. Dr. B. A. Galloway is the Rayne pastor and the Rev. Albert S. Hurley is minister at Parker.

HAYNESVILLE CHURCH YOUTH sponsored the annual Halloween hayride for all the young people of the community. The event was on Saturday night, October 30. The Haynesville pastor is the Rev. Jack Winegeart.

NORTH HIGHLANDS METHODIST Men of Shreveport heard Norbert Johnson tell of his recent trip to Russia when the men held a boiled shrimp supper, November 3. The Rev. Lonnie Sibley is pastor.

THE MANGHAM United Methodist Church held a revival the week of October 24-29. Guest evangelist was the Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr., pastor of the Rayville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ted T. Howes is pastor of the Mangham and Crowville Churches.

MOANING AND GROANING music, weird lights, a 10-foot ghost, live witch, and dangling corpse helped the Wesley Bible Class of Trinity Church, Alexandria, observe Halloween. The Rev. Dave Corley is their pastor.

A FAMILY CAMPING TRIP has been scheduled by members of North Highlands United Methodist Church of Shreveport, this weekend, November 12 and 13. Families will gather at Bistineau State Park no. 1 on Friday evening and have the first meal together. The Rev. Lonnie Sibley is their pastor.

BIBLE-MISSION STUDY COMPLETED AT HAYNESVILLE

Throughout the month of October, under the leadership of Mrs. Sidney Sale the United Methodist Church of Haynesville has been involved in the study of Matthew's Gospel. This has been a joint Bible-Mission study with the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the entire church.

Programs have included weekly study sessions by WSCS members with special emphasis programs each Sunday evening during the month.

One of the outstanding programs was a "Guest Artist Tea" with Mrs. Rosaland Beene McKenzie as guest speaker. She spoke on "The Life of Christ in Masterpieces of Art," covering the history of art and showing how specific works of art depict the account of Jesus' life according to the Gospel of Matthew. Mrs. McKenzie, a member of First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, is a native of Haynesville. She spoke not only from a deep understanding of Christianity and art, but also from her recent trip in Europe where she made colored slides of original works of art.

Shown at one of the sessions of the Haynesville Bible-mission study are Ruston District Superintendent Ralph Cain, Mrs. Sidney Sale who was superintendent of the special studies, Mrs. Rosalind McKenzie of Baton Rouge, guest speaker, and Mrs. Jack Winegeart, WSCS vice-president and minister's wife.

BELOW: Haynesville members enjoy fellowship after the study.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Nov. 14—Sunday	Eph. 5:15-20
Nov. 15	Psalms 26:1-12
Nov. 16	Psalms 50:14-23
Nov. 17	Isaiah 51:1-3
Nov. 18	Amos 4:1-5
Nov. 19	Philip. 4:4-8
Nov. 20	Col. 4:1-6
Nov. 21—Sunday	I Tim. 4:1-5

LAYMEN'S DAY SPEAKERS

WESLEY CHURCH of DeRidder observed Laymen's Day on October 31. Richard Baggett, lay leader of the Elizabeth United Methodist Church, was guest speaker. Participating in the service was Mrs. Margaret Crowe, James Bailey, Gilbert Blankenbaker, Jerry Kehoe and Elizabeth Frusha. Floyd Martin, Wesley lay leader, was in charge of the service. The Rev. George B. Cunningham is the pastor.

DR. WILLIAM NORRIS, JR. of West Monroe was lay speaker in Harmony Chapel, and Billy Howard Copeland of Homer was speaker at Lisbon and Arizona Churches on October 10. The Rev. Joe H. Robinson is pastor.

LAY LEADER JOHN ALLEN was in charge of worship in St. Paul's Church, Monroe, on October 31. Lay men and women participated in both morning services. The Rev. Clyde Frazier is pastor.

BROADMOOR CHURCH, Shreveport, observed Laymen's Day on October 31, with Kenneth Rigby, Shreveport attorney, bringing the message. Lay leader Francis Barnett was in charge of planning the day. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor.

LAKE CHARLES FIRST Church had lay speakers at morning and evening services, October 24. Robert A. Williams, who spoke at both morning services, is the Scout Executive for the Calcasieu Area Council, and is the local church adult coordinator. Evening speaker Lawrence F. Skrine is a specialist for the Calcasieu Parish School Board, and active in many phases of the local church, of which Dr. George Pearce is pastor.

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST Church of Lake Charles observed Layman's Day on October 17, with four services during the day, including a special youth rally. Richard Baggett, Elizabeth pharmacist and certified lay speaker, preached at each service. George Bonin of Elizabeth led the music. Abe Fontenot, Simpson lay leader, and Bryant Gore, associate lay leader of Lake Charles, presided over the services. Sixty decisions for Christ are reported. The pastor is the Rev. Stone Caraway.

Women: Meet your new leaders

WSCS president

AN INTRODUCTION

On September 24, 1971, following the merger service of Conferences A and B Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds, the first president of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild was elected. She assumed her duties immediately. She is Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick, of Shreveport, and it is our privilege and honor to introduce her to you.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick (Florence) is a native of North Louisiana. She graduated from Louisiana Tech and did her graduate work at Louisiana State University. She has made a contribution to the Educational Program of Louisiana having taught Business Education at Northeast State College, and in Business College, High Schools and Vocational Schools.

Her hobbies are playing golf with her husband who is owner of Kirkpatrick Southmoor Drug Company in Shreveport; she is an avid reader and expresses herself in art through the medium of oils. She is active in Community activities having served on the Caddo Parish Charter Commission and is a former president of the League of Women Voters of Shreveport. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Inn, formerly Business Girls' Inn, in Shreveport.

She and Mr. Kirkpatrick are members of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church where she is vice-chairman of the Administrative Board and is a member of the Finance Committee. She is a member of the Conference Committee on Ecumenical Affairs, has served as President of the Shreveport District Women's Society of Christian Service, as dean, and later as a teacher in the Conference School of Christian Missions. At the time of her election she was serving as Chairman of the Conference Society Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, a lovely young woman, brings to her office a knowledge of the General Church and the work of the office which she holds. She has an inquiring mind and is interested in increasing her knowledge. She is a most skillful and capable leader, a devoted Christian.

This is your new president, a woman of many gifts and talents. Under her capable and devoted leadership and with the continued love, help and prayers of each of you, the Conference Society and Guild will reach new heights and a greater understanding and realization of the purpose of the organization.

Elizabeth McGowan, former president Conference A; Miss Ethel Alston, former president Conference B.

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PINEVILLE'S WSCS and WSG are sponsoring a bazaar and bake sale to be held in the Pineville Community Center on Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13.

WSG chairman

New Orleans, Louisiana
October 19, 1971

Dear Guilders,

It is a privilege for me to introduce to you our new Conference Chairman, Mrs. Louis M. (Gloria) Bennett.

Gloria is a wonderful person and a delight to know, having a warm, friendly and glowing personality. I would like all of you to come to know, appreciate and love her as I do. You can do this by giving her your whole-hearted support and cooperation and attending all of the meetings at which she will be presiding, starting with our Annual Guild Weekend in Shreveport, Louisiana at Centenary College, July 21-22, 1972.

Gloria was born in Monroe, Louisiana on December 27th of a year that she, like all of us, prefers to forget. Her parents moved there from Decatur, Alabama. She has a brother living in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is married and has four children whom she adores.

She is private secretary to one of the senior partners of the law firm of Theus, Grisham, Davis and Leigh in Monroe. She is a part-time student at Northeast Louisiana University.

Gloria tells me she has no special skills except typing and shorthand, that she has experimented in art, music and writing but excels at none. Her interests are people in general and in her family and friends, particularly. She loves to travel, enjoys taking snapshots, reading, knitting, shopping for new clothes, browsing in book stores and antique shops, ice cream and anything chocolate. She has been secretary and president of her Church School Class and has held every office in her local Guild. She is presently completing her term of office as District Chairman of the Monroe District Guild and at one time served as recording secretary. She has held every elected office, except treasurer, in The Career Club of YWCO and has served on various committees of the new disbanded Legal Secretaries Club.

She and her husband, have no children. They have, in the past, raised Beagles but now have only two.

I know that all of you will want to meet Gloria and that she can count on your support and cooperation.

Mildred Evans

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J. G. BRIDGES, executive director of MacDonell Center, was guest speaker for the October meeting of women of St. Bernard Church, Chalmette.

CAMPUS MINISTER at the Monroe Wesley Foundation, the Rev. James Wilson, was featured speaker for the Monroe First Church Women's Society, November 2.

THE JENNINGS FIRST Church Wesleyan Service Guild members heard Deputy Sheriff Ledal Forestier speak on drugs and show films at their October meeting.

Districts hold Merger Services for women

HAMMOND DISTRICT GUILDS ELECT OFFICERS

The Annual Fall Meeting of the Hammond District Wesleyan Service Guild was held Sunday, October 17 in the sanctuary of the Hammond United Methodist Church. Mrs. Vera Packer, chairman, presided over the program which included announcements of coming events, recognition of newly elected local presidents, presentation from Mrs. Virginia Freeman, district treasurer, of the District Pledge, and election of officers.

Mrs. Packer was re-elected chairman, Mrs. Beatrice Garrett elected secretary, and Mrs. Frances Bell, chairman of Committee on Nominations. The Rev. James Caraway, district superintendent, installed these officers. He was presented the Elizabeth Langford Plaque which the District had recently been awarded for having organized new Guild units during the past year.

Guest speaker was Miss Vivian Crook, Hammond, who spoke of her years as an employee of the Dept. of Public Welfare. Her message, which stimulated a question and answer period, was most informative.

Mrs. Nancy Kemp, Hammond, WSG president, and the Rev. Henry Blount, host pastor, invited the ladies to enjoy the new educational facilities which have just recently been completed in the Hammond church.

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THE INGLESIDE D.M.A. CLUB is sponsoring the church bazaar to be held Saturday, November 13.

MONROE DISTRICT WSCS MET AT ST. PAUL'S

The Monroe District Women's Society of Christian Service met at St. Paul's Church in Monroe on October 13 for the merger ceremony and fall annual meeting. Mrs. A. D. St. Amant of Wisner gave the principal address on "Building A Bridge Over Troubled Waters." Mrs. James Dennis sang the solo "Rest in the Lord," accompanied by Mrs. Bruce Seeber.

The Rev. W. D. Boddie, district superintendent, recognized outgoing officers of the former conferences A and B. He then conducted the installation service for the newly elected officers, as follows: president, Mrs. Lucille Goodwin; vice-president, Mrs. Donald Elliott; secretary, Mrs. O. B. Medlock; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Walker; chairwomen: spiritual growth, Mrs. St. Amant; missionary education, Mrs. Malcolm Mason; Christian social relations, Mrs. F. M. Terral; secretary, program materials, Mrs. H. C. Steptoe; chairman of nominations, Mrs. Don Wineinger.

The service closed with the women joining hands, as they sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

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AN AFRICAN STUDENT at Xavier University, Christopher Odozi was guest speaker at a recent meeting of women in Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans. His appearance was a feature of the WSCS study on Africa.

COMMENT

To the Louisiana Conference A Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild: I wish to express to you my deep and sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving with you for the past five years. These have been enriching years in my life. Your thoughtful kindness to me has made me very proud and at the same time most humble.

I owe a debt of gratitude to you for having elected me to the office of president. My privileges and opportunities have been many.

As I wear the lovely Sustaining Membership pin and the Honorary Membership pin, outward symbols, presented to me by the Women's Society and Guild, I am most grateful. Your gift to Missions in my honor will be far reaching in carrying on the program of Missions of the United Methodist Church. Thank you.

May we draw closer together in achieving our common purpose.

Lovingly,
Elizabeth
(Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, past president, Women's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference A)

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Baton Rouge District Porsonettes met in the Broodmoor parsonoge, home of Mrs. Barry Boiley, on October 21, with 24 members present. Mrs. Eugene McGehee gove o demonstrotion of Tole pointing. Hostesses pictured are, from left: Mrs. Sole Lilly, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Willie Lafoyette and Mrs. Walloce Blockwood.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 21: God Conquers Evil

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Romans 5; 8:28-39; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

MEMORY SELECTION: In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:37)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To undergird our faith in God's purposes and in his power so that we may share with him in ultimate victory over the evil in the world and in our lives.

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In today's lesson we will be looking at one of the major emphases of our doctrine of God—that which recognizes evil in the world which he has created and which affirms that he is able to overcome it. We will again be leaning heavily on Paul's letter to the Romans, one of the most profound theological documents in the Bible.

Through the ages men have sought to come to answers to the questions raised by pain, suffering and sorrow in their world and in their personal lives. Job struggled with God as he sought an explanation for the great load of sorrow and heartbreak that flooded in upon his life. Others have tried to ignore the existence and question the reality of evil. None of these is the stance a Christian should take, and Paul tries to explain why in the fifth chapter of Romans.

Unless we understand the wide alienation which had come between God and man through evil, we cannot begin to appreciate the magnitude of the gift of his Son—something so great and wonderful that it deserved to be referred to as "good news." As Dr. Lawrence C. Hays says in Adult Bible Studies: "Although the fact of evil in the world seems to contradict the Christian claim that creation is essentially good, it is precisely this belief in the goodness of creation that enables the Christian to understand sin and have faith that evil can be conquered in life."

As we come close to the end of our study of the nature of God we realize that we must confront the problem of evil in our world. As we have moved through a catalogue of his many attributes we question the presence of evil and wonder how it fits the love, goodness and majesty which are a part of his nature. The question is put this way in Adult Leader: "Assuming that God is love and wants the best for man, that God is powerful and can do all that he wills, why does he allow evil in the lives of his people? Should not all of God's actions be consistent with what we can learn about the nature of God?"

As Christians we are more concerned with overcoming evil than we are with explaining it. The message of our memory selection today is one which has lifted men from the depth of despair in many ages and one which strengthens our determination against the difficulties which we see all around us. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Rom. 8:37)

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THE REALITY OF JUSTIFICATION

How is it that Christians can celebrate and rejoice in this kind of world? Why should personal joy and happiness be the cornerstone of the Christian's faith, especially when there is so much suffering and sorrow in the world? One has answered these questions by saying, "The Christian is called upon to rejoice—not because he is spared the common elements of all human suffering—but because he sees in Jesus Christ the one who gave meaning and purpose to suffering, and who is the assurance that hope is not in vain." Yes, Christians can talk about rejoicing in their faith, not because they have been spared trials and tribulations, but because they know one who gives them peace, joy and hope.

Paul tells us why Christians should not be always in a state of turmoil concerning the evil around them. "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1) We will note that he uses three different terms to explain what happens to a person who has an experience of salvation through Christ — justification, freedom, reconciliation. We hope that we can help you come to an understanding of these three words which are so important in the Christian's vocabulary.

To understand the word "reconciliation," we must see the whole of Paul's line of reasoning. Earlier in his letter to the Romans he has pointed out that all men have sinned against God and are therefore under his judgment. Then he affirms that God has taken the initiative to bring man back into a right relationship. This has been made possible through the gift of his Son, and it is by believing in Him that we avail ourselves of this gift. Dr. Gerald R. Cragg says (Interpreter's Bible): "The man who receives a new standing in God's sight discovers that a new life opens before him, a life marked by an increasing appropriation of what God's mercy offers and inseparably related to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ."

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BEING "PUT RIGHT" WITH GOD

Since man has made those wrong choices which have alienated him from God, he must be "put right" with God if he is to know salvation. To be restored to a right relationship with God requires that there be an answer to evil, for sin separates man from God. Man does not have this answer, but he can find it in God. Paul insists that there is a dual source of justification: it is the work of God and it is the work of man.

First of all, justification is by grace. God takes the first step. He approaches man with the offer of reconciliation, not because man has earned it with any good works but because God chooses to open the way because this is his nature as a loving father. It is through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that this gift is made available. Someone has said, "We do not need to know why and how God does this; we need only to rejoice that it is so."

However, Paul makes it clear that man is not automatically justified because of God's nature, or because Jesus died and arose from the dead. Man has a part in his justification. He must respond to what God has done for him. This response we call faith, a word which means more than just believing. It also includes doing something about what we believe.

Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston speaks of "the peace of God" which Paul says will result (International Lesson Annual): "The peace referred to may be related to having been declared righteous, free from condemnation. It points to the term 'reconciliation,' used later, since it is peace with God. This is not a negative peace or a peace of indifference but rather the peace of right relationships."

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THE FRUITS OF JUSTIFICATION

The apostle lists three types of Christian experience which are the result of justification. This is not a feeling within us, but is a declaration from God. Unless we believe that God has declared us righteous, we will not be able to appreciate the corresponding fruits in our lives.

The first fruit is peace with God. Can we deny that this is every Christian's richest possession? It is his through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the means whereby a rebellious sinner can accept the fact that his enmity with God is over. In recent years authors of religious books have known that the surest route to success is with a title that suggests the contents can do something to promote inner peace. We can recall three such books in recent years: **Peace of Mind, Peace of Soul** and **Peace With God.** We do not like to be at war with God, and the man has found a taste of heaven who has replaced hostility and guilt with quiet and tranquility.

Paul mentions the second fruit in these words: "Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand." Dr. Cragg suggests that the language is that of an eastern court where only a few special ones could come. The rest were excluded, unless they could find someone to introduce them. The Christian stands in a grace relationship to God and does not have to depend on anyone else to approach God for him. Paul reminds us that it is through Christ that we have this new status with God.

The third fruit is "hope and glory." The pertinent passage says: "We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God." When he was alienated from God, man fell short of God's glory, but in Christ he looked forward to living for God's glory and one day being made like him. The Christian is acutely aware of his imperfections, but he has confidence that he will stand one day in his presence. The tone of this third fruit of justification is rejoicing and celebration, and these should be dominant characteristics of the new creature of whom Paul speaks.

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REJOICING IN SUFFERING

Paul had not gone far in this chapter when he changed the emphasis from that of rejoicing in the hope of glory to telling Christians they should "rejoice in suffering." Normally we do not think of suffering as bringing glory or joy. Why then does Paul make such a statement? The answer is in what suffering can do for one.

Just as the suffering of Christ has been used to overcome evil, so Paul is sure that the character resulting from a proper approach to suffering is another of God's rich gifts to man. It is easy to affirm that hope is a ground for glorying, but it is a daring paradox to affirm that we can also boast because of hardship.

Dr. Cragg says: "The explanation is not hard to find. Justification is the prelude to a life of steady progress in spiritual understanding and in moral development. It is possible for a man to recognize that the expectation of future good—the full appropriation of the glory of God—goes hand in hand with the acceptance of present hardship."

But more than this is also involved. Exhilaration amid suffering is due to a recognition of the value of the discipline which it supplies. But this is possible only in a world which we have reason to believe is friendly.

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MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING PAUL'S TEACHINGS

Although Romans has been one of the most important theological stones of which the foundation of the Christian faith has been built, many misunderstandings have resulted from what he said. Some have felt that the assurance here promised them that they would be above sin and would never again be bothered by temptation.

Paul recognized that some might say that, and so he testified later in Romans that he knows personally that such is not the case. As Dr. Lawrence C. Hay says: "Paul, like us, recognized that he was in the grip of forces that were too strong for him. But then he reaffirmed, as we must, that his victory over sin was not the result of his efforts but of the work of God in Christ. It is Christ who makes possible the conquest of sin. Trusting in the love of God, we stand victorious over sin and death."

This new life is a gift and is not forced upon us. Let us accept God's victory over sin and death as the fundamental fact of our existance.

Spiritual and theological basis for Fund for Reconciliation re-emphasized

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UMI) — A reaffirmation of the spiritual dimension and of the Biblical and theological basis for the 1968-72 Quadrennial Emphasis of the United Methodist Church emerged from a meeting here Oct. 26-27.

Meeting at the same time as the United Methodist Board of Missions was a special committee of Quadrennial Emphasis Committee working on recommendations to the 1972 United Methodist General Conference next April. Theme of the Quadrennial Emphasis is "A New Church for a New World," and it has primary thrusts in a $20,000,000 Fund for Reconciliation, a Bible Study program and a national voluntary service program.

Bishop James K. Mathews, episcopal leader of United Methodism's Boston Area and chairman of the Quadrennial Emphasis, chaired the special committee meeting. Following the meeting, Bishop Mathews made this statement:

"The Fund for Reconciliation was created in response to the teachings of Jesus about the will and judgment of God, and in recognition of God's concern for those who are in need because of discrimination. The program specifically acknowledges and testifies to God's initiative in reconciling men to Himself.

"The purpose of the Quadrennial Emphasis, as stated by the 1968 General Conference is: 'Renewal of the church through three interrelated responses of significant witness: The Church and the Word, The Church and Its Work, The Church and the World.'

"Bible study has been an important part of the Quadrennial Emphasis and is being conducted simultaneously with the raising and use of the Fund for Reconciliation. Every church has been challenged to make a fresh study of the Sermon on the Mount. Half a million special printings of the Sermon on the Mount were distributed for study and 10,000 study kits — filmstrips, records and study guides — were sold. They have been used in at least a third of the United Methodist congregations for spiritual renewal.

"The second phase of the Bible study, 'The Life and Teaching of Jesus,' was released eight months ago, and already more than 98,000 copies of the book and almost 23,000 copies of the leader's guide have been sold. All of this emphasizes Scriptural Christianity. The program has not been mere humanism but has constantly reiterated the understanding that anyone in Christ is a new creature.

"Because of the Fund for Reconciliation, hundreds of youth have participated in the United Methodist Voluntary Service program, most of them in difficult places. Hopeless persons in Vietnam have been rehabilitated by our program for amputees and the homeless. Black Community Developers are helping ghetto churches to be relevant and better servants of our Christ. Seed money has been provided for low-cost housing projects. Many members of minority groups have been helped to become whole persons.

"Approximately 800 projects have received assistance from the Fund for Reconciliation. The whole Gospel of redemption has been furthered, and love of God and neighbor increased.

"More than 50 annual conferences in the church are emphasizing the Fund for Reconciliation at Thanksgiving, and others have set special dates between now and April in an effort to reach the full $20,000,000 minimum goal set by General Conference."

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RENAME REFORMATION DAY? 'FAITH RENEWAL DAY' URGED

RAHWAY, N.J. (RNS) — A United Methodist congregation here proposed that other area churches join it in abandoning a stress on "breakaway" in observations of the start of Protestantism.

Specifically, Trinity church wants to rename Reformation Day (Oct. 31) as "Faith Renewal Day."

The invitation to bring about the switch came from Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Paul N. Jewett, and the lay administrative board.

"Such revision does not discredit Luther or any other Reformer," Mr. Jewett said. "It simply puts the emphasis where it should be—on God's continuing work to 'make all things new,' especially the church through our faith."

The congregation's administrative board cited "changes already sweeping major denominations and apparent in Roman Catholicism since Vatican II" in urging a new conception of Reformation Day.

In keeping with the proposal, the Trinity board sent its congratulations to St. Mark's Catholic church in Rahway on its centennial.

Reformation Day marks the anniversary of the posting of 95 theses for debate on a church door by Martin Luther in 1517. Discussion of those theses is credited with launching the Reformation.

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New opportunities for local churches

Exciting opportunities in which you may share in rural small church ministries, new styles of communication designed to aid directors of children's work, developing leaders in age level and family ministries, projects in area learning centers, and many other innovations in Christian education are offered to you through The National United Methodist Foundation for Local Church Education.

The foundation was established under the supervision of the Division of the Local Church in the General Board of Education of The United Methodist Church and is designed to offer opportunity to laymen of Methodism to share in experimental Christian education.

The foundation is prepared to handle all charitable funds from trusts, individual donations, and gifts of any nature that evidence concern for growth through Christian education. We will serve as trustee of benefactions and bequests to specific projects and undertakings of the Division of the Local Church.

Many new and exciting experiences are being developed on local church, district, and annual conference bases as well as in regional efforts.

For further information, write to The National United Methodist Foundation for Local Church Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202, T. Poe Williams, director.

the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

To talk about the British scene is quite impossible without returning to the terrible plight of the people of Northern Island. This province, without its own government, based in Belfast has for a long time regarded itself as an integral part of the British Isles, and the present agony of the area is one which is very much part of the British concern.

The IRA "provisionals" are not a true branch of the Irish Republican movement, but, as many think, anarchists whose aim is to provoke a situation which will lead to the withdrawal of British troops and the starting of civil war in Northern island are active in a terrible manner so that not a week passes without further outrages of bombing and shooting—two more Irish policemen have been killed in cold blood as I write.

The heart of the problem is what the moderates who, paradoxically form the greater proportion of the population, feel paralysed by the situation as the menace grows especially through the city of Belfast. The gunmen have been taking control by the simple and ruthless method of shooting and killing without any regard for humanity. They finance their activities by bank raids, and pick up perhaps 5,000 pounds a week by this method. Business is grinding to a halt and the life of the city is almost at a standstill in some areas.

The economic problem is the urgent one, because businesses, shops and offices are in danger of closing down, one theatre already has done so, and the National Theatre which can only keep going because of subsidy has only twenty or thirty people in its audience at the opening of a new production.

The concern of Christians is deep yet it seems that little can be done from England, hence the sense of impotence which grows.

In his address to the Convocation of the Anglican Church in England, the Archbishop of Canterbury said this: Our hearts at this time go out to the people of Northern Ireland, both Protestants and Roman Catholics. We know that there are Christians of all churches in Northern Ireland who want only to have peace, restraint, tolerance and mutual respect.

"Their leaders have been courageously upholding these Christian aims, as when the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Ireland condemned the use of violence, and as when the Anglican Primate and his colleagues spoke out against the fallacy that Catholics as a whole are supporters of violence.

"We pray that those who bear Christian witness may be strengthened in their efforts to uphold faith against those fears, which, bound as they are with a long history, are really faith's opposite."

These words illustrate the real feelings of the great majority of people, and the idea that this is in any sense a "religious" battle is one which is completely rejected by all the leaders of the denominations in Ireland itself. The difficulty lies in the fact that the fears and prejudices of peoples have been exploited mercilessly by those who want to see a political end to British rule in Ulster, and the lengths to which they are prepared to go are outlandishly ruthless.

The declaration by the Home Secretary that British troops will continue their peace-keeping role lays upon our forces there a very grave responsibility, and the hope is that Mr. Brian Faulkner, the present Prime Minister, will manage to hold together the very many strands which make up the people who belong to his party which sees itself as an integral part of the British way of life. The prayers of Christians must undergird those who are struggling to keep things going in what is now a beleagured city and the general hope is that at the last wise counsel will prevail.

Some hopeful signs are present that the army has begun to make some impression, and this is due not least to the fact that under the most terrifying provocation, the discipline and steadiness of the troops has been a positive revelation, and a living contradiction to the ridiculous and malicious charges of the IRA that they are the representatives of oppressors.

Missions Board votes cuts in budget and personnel

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Consideration of budget and personnel cuts and adoption of resolutions on Pakistan and the World Council of Churches marked the annual plenary session of the United Methodist Board of Missions here.

Directors of the agency, one of the largest church units in the nation, approved a $34,474,474 budget for 1972, 5.8 per cent (or $2.4 million) less than the 1971 figure.

Of the total, $19,400,899 was set for overseas missions through the board's World Division. A National Division received $11,644,577.

The World Division reported that the missionary force in 1972 will be 950, a drop of 450 since 1969. A "limitation of funds" and the "increased strength" of Churches in mission lands were given as major reasons for the decline.

A study group on personnel stressed, however, that "we do not share the prophecies of doom foretelling the demise of the missionary movement."

Tentative goals for 1972-76 were passed by the lay and clerical members of the agency. These included interpretation of the Gospel in "word and action," interpretation of a Biblical understanding of mission, sustained emphasis on the global nature of mission and strengthening efforts for "peace, justice and more fully developed societies."

Dr. Tracey K. Jones, the board's general secretary outlined changes in the patterns of mission. He said that the concept of white Americans taking the Gospel to "heathens" overseas was being supplanted by more mutual interaction between Western Churches and newer Christian groups in Africa and Asia.

The board asked President Nixon to halve foreign aid to Pakistan in an effort to produce a negotiated settlement of the troubles in the country's eastern area. The U.S. was also urged to give massive help to India to aid 9 million East Pakistani refugees who sought refuge there.

Dr. J. Harry Haines, head of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, said the Pakistani refugee situation is the "worst human tragedy of modern history."

He said $4 million is required daily to care for refugees. Dr. Haines urged the denomination to give $1 million in aid over the next 90 days.

A vote of confidence in the World Council of Churches was unanimously adopted. The resolution particularly noted recent criticism which appeared in the Reader's Digest of a WCC Program to Combat Racism. Under the program, "humanitarian" grants have been made to "liberation" groups, some of which reportedly use guerrilla tactics against white minority regimes in southern Africa.

"We assert the basic integrity of the WCC," the mission board said. "Anything which weakens its faithful witness threatens the health of the whole church."

Prior to the board's plenary session, directors of each of three divisions—World, National and Women — met separately.

A policy decision on investments came before the World Division. A ban on making profits from companies "deeply involved" in making or promoting gambling equipment, liquor, tobacco or armaments was reaffirmed.

At the same time, the division said it would use its investment funds to oppose pollution, support fair and equitable employments and to eliminate apartheid (racial separation) in southern Africa.

Decisions did not include any provision to sell stock already owned in companies having policies the mission board dislikes.

Sale of securities, the division said, would have a "minimal impact on the corporation and minimal effectiveness" in advancing social goals. The liklihood of more church-spurred proxy fights was indicated.

Operations of Gulf Oil in Angola have been the particular target of Church groups which argue that U.S. investments support, in effect, the colonial rule of Portugal. Kent S. Manning, a Gulf vice president, defended his firm's role in Angola in an informal session during the Minneapolis board meeting.

The Agency's National Division urged the United Methodist General Conference of 1972 to continue a Black Community Developers Program. Since 1969, the program has recruited 46 workers for development linked to black rural and ghetto churches.

National and Women's Divisions each voted $7,000 in 1972 for a ministry among returning Vietnam war veterans, war resisters and the families of both.

Demands for funds from American Indians, who made a presentation to the board, were referred to a committee.

The board learned that in the year ending Sept. 30. a fund for building loans to congregations had increased $5 million, reaching a high of $35.5 million. The first new loans since June 1970, were approved. Five allocations totalled $520,000.

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The Rev. Leon Smith, director of Ministries in Marriage for the United Methodist Board of Education, has been named to a three-year term as chairman of the committee on legislation of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors.

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Two agencies for United Methodist women to unite

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Representatives of United Methodist Women voted here to unify two denominational women's groups.

The decision, made by the annual meeting of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, will require the approval of the Church's General Conference in April.

Plans call for bringing together in "one new inclusive organization" the present Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The latter is primarily for employed women.

A new name will be selected for the merged organization, which will include local groups having about 1.6 million members.

Officials of the Women's Division stressed that neither the WSCS or the Guild were being "phased out," nor is one absorbing the other.

The plan is to move toward an organization with greater flexibility and one potentially attractive to women who have taken part in either of the two groups.

The decision to propose the inclusive structure followed a year of study in which formal and ad hoc gatherings of United Methodist women made essentially the same recommendation.

Organized women's work in the denomination will continue, should the new plan be approved, to stress mission, according to the three top officials of the Women's Division.

Mrs. Wayne Harrington, division president; Miss Charlotte Andress, chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild Committee, and Miss Theressa Hoover, staff executive of the division, issued a joint statement in which they described mission as entailing such "varied concerns as support of home and overseas missionary work, spiritual growth, leadership development, theology, women's liberation and a host of social justice issues."

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Health/Welfare Council adopts new standards for some agencies

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — New standards for United Methodist-related agencies serving children and youth and for chaplaincy services have been adopted by the denomination's Health and Welfare Certification Council.

Adopted unanimously, the children and youth standards list 63 points governing agency organization, administration, personnel, personnel policies and specific services. A total of 52 agency administrators and board members, as well as nationally-known child and youth care experts, assisted in development of the document.

The chaplaincy standards were also adopted unanimously and are designed to set guidelines for hospital administrators in setting up pastoral care programs. They represent the first such standards the council has developed.

Among other things, the standards give denominationally-related hospitals, depending on size, the option of developing volunteer chaplaincies through local ministerial associations, or of adding a full-time chaplain to the staff.

In other actions at its session October 15, the council gave "certification," the highest recognition achievable, to Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Ind., the Methodist Home and Wesley Nursing Center, Charlotte, N. C., the United Methodist Home, Elyria, Ohio, and the Otterbein Home, Lebanon, Ohio.

Nine homes for the aging were not approved for "certification" because they did not meet all of the professional standards required by the council.

Affiliation status was given Asbury Towers, Bradenton, Fla. Five other agencies were given affiliation, pending receipt, review and approval of necessary documents.

To date, the council said, 75 per cent of the some 330 agencies related to the United Methodist Church have achieved either "affiliation" or "certification" status.

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Lambuth College, a 128-year-old United Methodist-related college in Jackson, Tenn., is featured in the October issue of the Holiday Inn magazine.

Preachers and choirs for 1972 General Conference announced

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Selection of ten choirs to participate in worship services at the 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta, Ga., and seven pastors for afternoon preaching hours has been announced.

According to the Rev. Irving L. Smith of Oklahoma City, Okla., a vice-chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program for the conference and head of its program committee, the pastors who will be heard are the Revs. Charles L. Allen, Houston, Texas, April 17; Robert M. Blackburn, Orlando, Fla., April 18; Emerson S. Colaw, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 19; A. Cecil Williams, San Francisco, Calif., April 20; Wayne K. Clymer, Naperville, Ill., April 21; John B. Warman, Pittsburg, Pa., April 24; and W. Harold McElvany, Rockford, Ill., April 25.

Choirs to participate in the conference, according to Prof. Carlton R. Young of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, conference musical director, will be:

Columbia College Choir, Columbia, S. C., Brevard College Glee Club, Brevard, N. C.; McMurry College Chanters, Abilene, Texas; Baldwin Community United Methodist Church Choir, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Choir, Washington, D. C.; Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir, Annville, Pa.; Junaluska Singers, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; Clark College Choir and Candler Choraliers, both of Atlanta; and the Emory and Henry College Choir, Emory, Va.

The 1972 General Conference will open April 16.

Miss Martha Lou Carroll has been appointed to the position of Educational Assistant at First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches. Before coming to the new appointment, Miss Carroll was a member of the staff of the Lassie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis. Dr. Jolly Harper is pastor at First Church.

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MRS. KATIE BAKER

Mrs. Katie Baker, long time member of the Slidell United Methodist Church, died Oct. 26, age 82. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rena B. Bowden, Mrs. Elinor B. McGinty, and a son, W. A. "Buster" Baker, all of Slidell and the late Lewis A. Baker, 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was an active and faithful member of Slidell Methodist Church for more than 60 years.

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THE REV. IRA LOVE of West Monroe, a retired minister, filled the pulpit in the Harmony Chapel Church, of which the Rev. Joe H. Robinson is pastor, on Sunday evening, October 17.

Centenary students fast for Pakistani relief

Centenary College students, participated in a nation-wide fast aimed at helping the nine million East Pakistani refugees now in India. Students, staff, and faculty members were urged to fast for at least one meal on Wednesday, Nov. 3, and to donate the money normally spent for this meal to Pakistani relief.

The Centenary observance of THE NOVEMBER 3 FAST TO SAVE A PEOPLE was sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement (MSM). Those who participated were asked to sit outside the cafeteria during the morning, noon, and night meal times as a symbol of their concern for the more than nine million East Pakistani people who have fled their homeland into India.

The Nov. 3rd event was designed to focus national attention on the shocking conditions that still exist for the Pakistani refugees. They were victims of a devastating cyclone last November and civil strike in March, two events that claimed 750,000 lives and started an exodus to neighboring India.

Although the Indian people are contributing a billion dollars for their care, it is feared that the majority of these people will perish if there is not substantial help from other countries.

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ST. PAUL, SHREVEPORT PASTOR HONORED

Word has come to the pastor of Saint Paul United Methodist Church, the Rev. Abraham E. Davis, from Dr. Ernest Kay of London, England that his name and picture has been selected for inclusion in Volume IV of Two Thousand Men Of Achievement 1972 to be published in June 1972 by the Melrose Press, Ltd. of London, England.

The fourth Annual Volume of Two Thousand Men of Achievement 1972 is scheduled for publication throughout the world in June 1972.

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Participants in recent Shreveport District Layman's Day program. FROM LEFT: W. A. Brown, Reace Claiborne, Mrs. E. P. T. Brown, Nick Jones, Mrs. Ethel Williams, H. H. Smith, co-district lay leader of the Shreveport District and Bossier City postmaster who spoke to the District laity, the Rev. J. D. V. Hamilton and W. C. Patterson.

LAYMAN'S DAY OBSERVED BY SHREVEPORT DISTRICT LAITY

H. H. Smith, co-district lay leader of the Shreveport District, was the featured speaker at Layman's Day services Sunday evening, Oct. 31, at St. James United Methodist Church in Shreveport. Willis C. Patterson, also co-district lay leader, made the introduction.

Smith spoke on the subject of the inevitability of being a Christian witness. Using the example of an automobile accident, he said that there are three types of witnesses: the bystander, who sees but does not take part; the survivor of the accident, and the victim of the accident. One sees, but one does not act; one is partially involved and one is totally involved. The one totally involved dies to himself and is born again in Christ.

Patterson announced that proceeds from the event would go to the support of the seminary students and other students in religion education. Music was provided by the St. James choir, with special music by Rev. J. D. V. Hamilton, and Mrs. Howard L. Milo at the organ. The Rev. C. J. Harrison was host pastor.

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YOUTH DIRECTOR NEEDED

The Pharr Chapel United Methodist Church, in Morgan City, Louisiana is looking for a full time Youth Director.

Any qualified young person should write to Rev. G. Eldred Blakely or Mrs. Jackie Adams, c/o the Pharr Chapel United Methodist Church, 517 Federal Ave., Morgan City, Louisiana, or call Rev. Blakely – 459-2246 - 458-8601, Mrs. Adams – 384-1795.

Grace Church, Ruston initiates new weekday program of Christian nurture

Handicraft—an important phase of the "Wednesday Club" program begun at Grace United Methodist Church in Ruston this fall, for grades 1 through 6. Planned recreation and a snack are also a part of the Wednesday-after-school program.

The two hours of Christian enrichment for the "Wednesday Club" includes Bible study complete with individual workbooks for in-depth study for the three groups comprising the Club. Parents are encouraged to read Bible stories in their homes each evening.

One segment of time in the weekly program is devoted to practice sessions for two choirs—the Grace Notes and the Cherub Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Hal Barker. The total Wednesday program at Grace Church, designed to undergird the Sunday Church School program, has met with enthusiasm from children, parents and church leaders.

LEFT: Delegation of laymen from Winnfield Church, who recently visited Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette to study that church's plant and program, in an effort to give more effective leadership to the Nov. 18-Dec. 1st Stewardship Crusade at Winnfield. The Crusade goal calls for the raising of $75,-000 above the regular budget, to be used for renovating the physical facilities at Winnfield church. Denton Shell (second from left, front row) is Crusade chairman; the Rev. J. C. Skinner is pastor.

ABOVE: Participants in Laymen's Day program at Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport. From left to right; Dr. Bill Baldridge, Jerry Googe, Kenneth Rigsby, John Bray, DeWitt Vickrey. Rigsby, Shreveport attorney, was guest speaker. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor at Broadmoor.

Brothers received Eagle Scout awards at a recent ceremony in First Church in Houma. Taking part were, left to right: Dr. S. J. Hymel, who presented the awards, Mark Broome and Joe Broome II, the recipients, Mrs. J. H. Broome, Scoutmaster Broome, and W. D. Harper, chairman of the Administrative Board at First Church who spoke of the achievements of the young men. The Rev. Jerome Cain is minister.

Recently elected United Methodist Fellowship officers at Epps Church, who participated in a travel retreat during the summer, shown with their counselor Mrs. Beth Stegall (at right). The Rev. Richard R. Stegall is pastor.

The above scenes were photographed at recent memorial banquet held at Philips Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans. This annual event honors members of the church who have passed away during the preceding year. TOP: Leroy Crump pays tribute to deceased members at the 4th annual banquet. LOWER: Johnny Sneed presents token of appreciation to the Rev. Howard L. Milo, associate director of the Louisiana Conference Program Council, featured speaker for the event sponsored by the Men's group of the church.

RIGHT: Two members of the D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) Club at Lake Charles First United Methodist Church—Mrs. J. W. Batchelor and Mrs. W. W. Paxton admire some of the Christmas items ready for sale at the Annual D.M.A. Bazaar.

RIGHT: A group of D.-M.A.s enjoy gumbo while sales are in progress in other parts of Fellowship Hall at Lake Charles First Church. One hundred and twenty-one members representing nine denominations take part in the Club program. The Rev. George Pearce is pastor.

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Centenary Homecoming to coincide with Gents opening game

by Maurie Wayne

The 1971 Centenary College Homecoming has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, to coincide with the opening of the new Gold Dome for the 1971-72 basketball season for the Gents, according to Juan Watkins, president of the Centenary Alumni Association.

Watkins said the Board of Directors of the Association agreed to move the annual reunion from a spring date to the December time so they could schedule all of the events on campus and center it around the new physical education and athletic complex on the south campus. Several of the other activities have been scheduled in Hamilton Hall, another new building that has been occupied since last year's Homecoming.

Registration and a faculty-alumni reception will be held in the lobby of Hamilton Hall at 10:30 on the morning of the reunion. Lunch will be available in the college dining hall, followed by a matinee performance of the comedy play, "You Can't Take it With You," at the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse at 2 p.m.

At 5 p.m. the classes of 1962 and 1947 will hold their tenth and twenty-fifth anniversary reunions in the Board Room of Hamilton Hall and the Centenary Room of the Dining Hall.

The annual awards banquet will be held in the College Dining Hall at 6 p.m. at which time the three major alumni awards, Hall of Fame, Honorary Alumna, and Outstanding Teacher, will be made. The Centenary College Choir will entertain and President John H. Allen will speak to the former students about present conditions at the College.

The Homecoming basketball game, pitting the Gents against East Texas Baptist College, will be played in the Gold Dome and will offer the alumni a good look at the new physical education and athletic complex, one of the most modern in the South.

A post game victory reception will be held in the Gents Club Lounge in the Dome.

Watkins said that notices of the Homecoming have gone out to all of the approximately 6800 alumni of the college, and he urged them to make reservations soon for events. These can be made through the Alumni Association Office in Hamilton Hall, telephone 869-5141.

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND CANCELLED

The "Marriage Enrichment Weekend" sponsored by the General and Conference Boards of Evangelism, has been cancelled. Reverend Garland C. Dean, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Evangelism, in announcing the cancellation, said that the reason was the low number of registrations.

There were a total of only 7 registrations.

Mrs. Virginia Law, Director of the Family Worship Department of the Upper Room, who designed the program, stated that the event with less than ten couples would not prove beneficial to the participants.

The weekend, set for the weekend of November 19-21 at the Mary Hill Retreat House near Pineville, Louisiana, was not rescheduled.

Council of Bishops meeting in Des Moines

DES MOINES, Iowa (UMI) — The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church is meeting Nov. 15-18 in Des Moines. Bishop and Mrs. James S. Thomas of the Iowa Area will be hosts to the 64 bishops and their wives who will gather from all over the United States and five foreign countries for the semi-annual meeting of the Council.

The Council is composed of 42 bishops assigned to areas in the United States and 16 assigned to overseas areas as well as the retired bishops of the church.

While the bishops hold their meetings, Mrs. Thomas has planned activities for the bishops' wives and widows which will include business meetings, a trip to Simpson College, Indianola, a tour of the United Methodist Area Headquarters in Des Moines, a tour of the Des Moines Art Center, and a brunch at the Episcopal residence at which Mrs. Luther Glanton, a Des Moines attorney, will speak.

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Laymen's Retreat speaker for 1972 chosen; projects discussed

The Conference Board of the Laity Executive Committee met recently in Alexandria to plan next year's Layman's Retreat. Dr. Mark Gibbs, well known British author, world traveler and Christian layman was selected to be invited to be the principal speaker at the event held each year at Centenary College in Shreveport.

Dr. Gibbs is the co-author of God's Frozen People and God's Lively People, two books on lay renewal. He is associate secretary of the Association of Lay Centres in Europe and editor of publications for the Audenshaw Foundation. He is a frequent speaker at seminars at various seminaries around this country and in Europe.

Dr. Gibbs has accepted the invitation to take part in the Retreat and information will be forthcoming as to the program of the meeting which is scheduled to take place the weekend of Aug. 12-13, 1972 on the Centenary College Campus.

Two other proposed projects were the outcome of the Executive Committee meeting.

One is related to the problem of communications within the Louisiana Conference. A newsletter, to be prepared from the Program Council office with information of special interest to conference, district and local church layleaders was suggested as a possible way to provide information. Another was to make better use of the present news and information sources, the **Louisiana Methodist** and **Saddlebags,** the monthly newsletter from the Program Council Office.

The District Lay Leaders felt that selected key people in the districts could help in the dissemination of information to the laity.

The other project was the suggested setting up of a "United Methodist Foundation" of the Louisiana Conference. Both former Conference A and former Conference B brought to the merger (through the Boards of the Laity) various programs for financing seminary students, Christian education workers, etc. It was felt that rather than keep a number of separate small programs, that a Foundation to which anyone could contribute through donations, wills and legacies, would provide more help for the various student programs.

It was also suggested that 1000 Club Sunday, an event scheduled normally in the middle of August each year, be moved to sometime in September, and the entire month of September be called "Enlistment month for the 1000 Club."

Hosting the meeting were the Rev. and Mrs. Warren Blakeman of the Horsehoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

SMU Board acts to strengthen executive leadership

Four major actions to strengthen and to expand the top executive leadership of Southern Methodist University were taken Friday by the SMU Board of Trustees.

At its semi-annual meeting on the SMU campus, the 76-member board voted:

- To authorize two top executives for the University—a chancellor as chief executive officer and a president as chief operations officer;
- To elect Dr. Willis M. Tate, who has served as president of the University since 1954, as both chancellor and president of SMU;
- To appoint a nine-member Trustee Committee to begin a search for a new president and to authorize an advisory group representing the constituencies of the SMU community for the committee, and
- To elect Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of Dallas as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Bishop Pope has served as acting chairman of the board since the death of Eugene McElvaney last June.

The actions to expand SMU's leadership, which were initiated by Dr. Tate, are the result of many months of work by the SMU president and the leadership of the University's Board of Trustees and the 18-member Board of Governors. The latter body formally presented the proposal to the trustees Friday, but the proposal was made public by Dr. Tate on Oct. 28.

W. P. Clements, Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors, was named to chair the Trustee Committee charged with searching out a new president.

Other trustees named to the committee were Bishop Pope, Robert B. Cullum, Algur H. Meadows, Edwin L. Cox, and Eugene McDermott, all of Dallas, Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, Floyd James of Ruston, La., and Mrs. J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls.

The search committee was authorized by the board to invite each of six SMU community groups to elect advisers to the committee. The six groups are the faculty, students, University Assembly, Alumni Association, vice-presidents, and Council of Deans. The committee was directed to begin the search immediately.

Mr. Clements, who heads the SMU Commission for University Advancement, reported to the board that the Phase I goal of $25-million in the University's five-year $159.8-million Advancement Program had been ex-

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Second fire causes heavy damage in Arkansas church

Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was heavily damaged the night of Nov. 4 in a fire which police called "arson." It was the second time in 23 months that the church has been struck by fire.

Repairs after the Dec. 14, 1969 fire cost more than $500,000. The extent of the damage in this latest fire had not been estimated Friday.

Dr. Joel A. Cooper, the pastor, said that fires were started in both the front and the rear of the sanctuary. The altar with its beautiful carving of the Last Supper and the dossal curtain behind the altar were completely destroyed.

Pew cushions were piled in thc center aisle and set afire in the rear of the sanctuary totally destroying the doors leading to the narthex. Dr. Cooper could not say what damagc had been suffered by the church's organ.

Thc person or persons responsible for the fire placed hymnals against cach of the return air duct openings along the outside aisles of the church. They also piled pulpit choir furniture ncar the chancel rail and apparently attempted to set another fire there.

The Central Church congregation hcld worship services Sunday at Mt. Sequoyah just as they did following the fire in 1969.

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DR. DeWITT GINN spoke on "The Aged in our Changing Society" at the November 3 meeting of women in First Church, Alexandria.

Year's benevolence giving due for completion by Dec. 31

Will your year's work be done by Dec. 31?

That's not a fair question, because all of us run behind in our work. Ask it another way. Will we, as United Methodists, complete by Dec. 31 the things we set out to do through our churchwide benevolences?

At the end of 10 months the issue was yet in doubt. World Service, with $13,427,910 given by Oct. 31, was lagging behind the previous year. And in 1970 we did not raise the full $25,-000,000 that is our goal for the World Service Fund.

"Clearly, united effort will be needed to reach our declared objective," said the Rev. Howard Greenwalt, Associate General Secretary for the Division of Interpretation of the Program Council. He went on to point out that "this is the fund that provides basic support for missions, Christian education, evangelism, and much more. It is the lifeblood of our outreach and general church program."

The Oct. 31 report showed gains and losses as compared with the same period of 1970. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering, for instance, is running well ahead of the previous year. Advance Specials are mixed, with more being given in 1971 than in 1970 for National Missions projects (within the U.S.A.) and less than last year for World Missions (overseas) and for overseas relief. Still, the largest giving of Advance Specials is for forcign missions—$5,096,091 so far this year.

General benevolences also include the World Communion Offering, World Service Specials, the Temporary General Aid Fund, the Fund for Reconciliation, the Ministerial Education Fund, the Race Relations Sunday Offering, United Methodist Student Day, and the Youth Service Fund. Dec. 31 is the end of the year for all of these funds.

So that gifts church members have made for any of these causes during 1971 may be credited to this year's work, it is important that local treasurers remit to their conference treasurers well before the end of December.

Even more important, however, is for each church member to make a personal vow that his giving to witness and service through these benevolence funds will adequately represent his stewardship for 1971.

Of particular importance is World Scrvice. Each United Methodist church has been asked, through its annual conference, for a specific amount for "World Service and Conference Benevolences." Only as each church is able to write "paid in full" on its own record will we be able, as a denomination, to reach the objectives we have set for ourselves.

Let's finish this job by Dec. 31!

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AFRICA was the subject of the program for the Women's Society of First Church, Houma, November 2. Mrs. M. F. Houston presented a study from the text, and Mrs. A. N. McIntyre, chairman of missionary education, showed movies on Africa made and narrated by U.S. Senator Allen Ellender.

Dr. Richard G. Milk, professor of Economics at Northeast State University, Monroe, and former Missionary to Cuba and Mexico was the guest speaker at the Monroe District Preachers' Meeting, Monday, Nov. 8. Following the business meeting the ministers' joined their wives, who were meeting in another section of Wesley Foundation, for a covered dish meal.

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CARROLL HATCHER of Winnfield was lay speaker in First United Methodist Church of Zwolle, October 24. The Rev. H. V. Crammer is pastor.

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ceeded with $26,587,550 reported in contributions and pledges on the deadline date of June 30, 1971.

He also reported that the Executivc Committee of the Advancement Program has set goals for each of thc advancemcnt committees which, if reached, will bring the grand total to approximately $50-million by June 30, 1972. Gifts totaling $28,091,748 werc reported on Oct. 31.

Thc board approved two new master's degree programs—one in religion and thc other in public administration. SMU's Perkins School of Theology and thc Religion Department of thc School of Humanities and Sciences currently cooperate in offering a Ph.D. program in religion, but the new master's program in religion will be based entirely in the Humanities and Sciences. The public administration program will be offered by the Political Sciencc Department.

A leave of absence was granted to Dr. C. Jackson Grayson, Jr., dean of the School of Business Administration, to serve as chairman of the newly-crcated Price Commission in Washington, D. C.

In related action, a change of assignment was approved for Bobby B. Lylc. Lyle, who has served since July of 1969 as assistant dean of the Business School, will serve as acting dean in Dean Grayson's absence by virtue of the action.

Charles W. Hall of Houston was re-elected by the Board of the School of Law Board of Visitors and four new members were elected to that body. Thcy are W. H. Fogleman, Jr., of Houston, G. Kenneth Hobbs of Lubbock, and Henry D. Schlinger and Robert H. Thomas, both of Dallas.

A total of 25 faculty appointments, including 16 to full-time positions, was approved by the board.

A powder-puff football game during recent All Campus Weekend at Centenary College in Shreveport took on the proportions of a LSU-Notre Dame struggle.

Editorial

Deliver Us from the Sin of Ingratitude

One of the war-time experiences which remains most vividly in our mind occurred at the beginning of the Christmas season in 1943. Stopping off for a few days in Australia waiting for the assignment to a specific unit in New Guinea, we were visiting one evening with another American chaplain. He delivered a Christmas gift to the child of a family which had befriended him, and as we drove away from the home he said, "Did you notice that no one in the family thanked me for the gift? I've noticed that these people do not know how to express gratitude." This is a sharp indictment to make of any people, and yet it seems so easy for all of us to fall into it.

Dr. William F. May said some years ago, in a book called **A Catalogue of Sins:** "The sin of ingratitude, after all, is a sense of numbness, uneasiness and resentment directed to all those to whom we are beholden. Their aid, however well-intended, humiliates us with a sense of our weakness and immorality. The sin of ingratitude extends backward and upward toward all those in positions of responsibility, but it focuses most keenly in the father. In like fashion, still other sins might be traced back to that social relation decisive for the man caught in its throes."

Considering the mood of so many people in our day, we feel we should pause with you and ask that you take a look at the fecling of ingratitude expressed by so many. There is something within all of us that makes us reluctant to express our indebtedness to anyone, so our sensitivity is dulled in this area. When we tune out the vibrations which come to us from our hcritage from the past, we are deprived of one of the most profound forces which can motivate us..

We have a feeling that Thanksgiving Day would never have come into being if the elders of the Plymouth Colony had numbered their many hardships and sorrows, and then decided thcy would thank God that things had not been any worse. What was really the case was that having come through the hardest kind of year, having sufferod the loss of many dear loved ones and close neighbors, they turned their backs on the negative and focused on the picture of what the nation could become. The first Thanksgiving crystallized their resolution to help this nation become great and they praised God because he had allowed them to remain alive to be a part of this great development.

When Governor Bradford issued the proclamation for the first Thanksgiving, he said:

"The whole country, full of woods and thickets, represented a wild and savage hue. If they looked behind them, there was the mighty ocean which they had passed, and was now a main bar and gulf to separate them from all the civil parts of the world. What could now sustain them but the spirit of God and his grace? May not and ought not the children of those fathers rightly say, 'Our fathers came over this great ocean, and were ready to pcrish in this wilderness; but they cried unto the Lord, and he heard their voices, and looked on their adversity.' Let them therefore praise the Lord, because he is good and his mercies endure forever."

Can we thank God for a different set of blessings this year? Let us thank him for the uncertain times in which the church seeks to discover her mission today. Sometimes when the church seemed to have all the answers there was a dullness about the fellowship. Can we, in real honesty, thank God next Thursday for those disturbing persons who raise all kinds of questions about the church and its agencies? Can we be thankful for the problems which we confront in our own towns and cities—grateful because thcy have made us turn to God for a deeper sense of fellowship than we have known? Can we be thankful for those with life styles different from our own who have shocked us into confronting the future and its possibilities with sharpened perspectives and a more firmly established foundation for our faith?

There is a very real sense in which we can question whether the man who has everything can truly experience the grace of gratitude. Most of the people we have known who truly exemplified the spirit of Thanksgiving were those who had vcry little of the world's goods. In many instances, they have been people for whom things have been gcing rather badly.

Think about it, anyway, on Thanksgiving.

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the Editor's Corner

REFLECTIONS FROM BUFFALO RIVER

Those of you who have followed this column regularly will recognize the inclination of this writer to return agaìn and again to the Buffalo River for re-fueling. It was his privilege to spend last week-end in Buffalo River Statc Park and to preach on Sunday morning to that small, but select, congrcgation of like-minded souls who listen for God's voice along that stream which has so much to offer in its natural, free-flowing state.

This has been such a mild fall that we were afraid there would be little color in the woods, but just north of Clinton we began to see the gorgeous red, yellow and orangc trees that kept us in a state of continuing admiration throughout the week-end.

The weather was much warmer than is usual for this time of the year, but this in no way interfered with our group's hikes along familiar trails and a look at one or two spots it had not been our privilege to visit previously.

Four couples made the trip this year —Gene and India Swcpston, Rex and Winona Thompson, Frank and Glenna Carter, and Imogene and I—plus our daughter Jean, who thinks Buffalo River has celestial qualitics.

On Saturday morning we visited the community of Rush, which was a lead-mining boom-town during World War I. Then we ate lunch together and listcned whilc the Arkansas Razorbacks squeczed by thc SMU Mustangs. Then we were off again on an expedition to a quaint art and curio center along the Yellville highway. On Saturday evening we brought our food together for our evening meal, and visitcd over the dinner table as we listened to some delightful music from the FM radio station at Mountain Home.

Sunday morning, we gathered together for the heart-warming experience of worship with this most appreciative congregation. Then we took two more quick trips of exploration before the noonday meal and the start back from the "mountaintop experience."

How we all love Buffalo River!

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Fourteen American church executives arrived in Johannesburg, South Africa in early November to investigate the operations of American businesses in South Africa. Some observers say the surprise visit may signal a warming trend in relations between American churches and South Africa. The granting of visas allowing the churchmen to visit came as a surprise to some in view of recent refusal to grant two Lutheran World Federation staff members permission to enter, and the expelling of a number of foreign missionary personnel during the past year. The delegation included Episcopalian, United Presbyterian, American Baptist, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) executives — all representatives of bodies that have been critical of some American corporations who operate in that country.

The Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission will receive $500,000 from an anonymous donor, if the agency can raise a matching amount within two years. Committees are being formed to conduct a fund-raising campaign, according to Paul M. Stevens, executive director, who announced the potential gift to the 36 commission members. The anonymous donor stipulated only that the gift be used for "program production and maintenance." The commission currently produces 28 weekly radio and television programs and several specials each year.

New application procedures for conscientious-objector status and a new classification for divinity students are part of the revised Selective Service rules issued in Washington, D.C. The 1971 Selective Service Act continues the draft for two years. CO applications will not be accepted until a man receives a lottery number and only then if his number places him below 1-H. Students in theological seminaries and college students preregistered for seminaries will be classified 2-D instead of the former 4-D. The new rules make substantial changes in the means of approving alternate service jobs for conscientious objectors.

Astronaut James Irwin, a guest at the recent Baptist General Convention of Texas and a member of a Baptist church in Nassau Bay, Tex. near the Manned Spacecraft Center, reminded the tri-ethnic conventioners that while he had been the eighth man to walk on the Moon, he was the "first Texas Southern Baptist on the Moon."

Participants in a Conference on Economic Activities in the Christian World Mission held in St. Louis suggested that "it may indeed be valid and wise for the church to enter into profit-making economic activities" at home and in the mission field. However, Prof. Robert W. Bertram of Concordia Theological Seminary warned that such activities risk blurring the church's primary purpose of showing God's love "which calculates no man's deserving," and could lead to the rise of "economic sects." The Rev. William J. Danker related that as head of a Missouri Synod mission in Tokyo early in the 1950s, he bought several small plots of land for the Japan Lutheran Church. Less than two decades later one plot—purchased for $5,000—was sold for $330,000. "We have too long been content with the stewardship of income," said Dr. Danker—"We must challenge Christian people and the Church itself to a stewardship of capital and economic talents."

A United Presbyterian clergyman was installed as president of a United Church of Christ seminary at a service in Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis recently. And a Roman Catholic seminary rector read the Scripture lessons. The ecumenical ceremony marked the inauguration of Dr. Dayton Delano Hultgren as president of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Dr. Hultgren said he would seek to lead the seminary in "relating our Biblical heritage to all human circumstances."

Baptists should not move towards structural union with the Roman Catholic Church but should work with it in common areas of concern, according to a report submitted to the Baptist Union of Scotland during the annual assembly in Edinburg. The report presented 450 delegates representing some 16,000 Scottish Baptists said: "Without compromising our distinctive emphasis as Baptists on the teaching of the New Testament, where appropriate we should not raise artificial barriers to working together . . ."

In his new book, The Jesus Generation, Evangelist Billy Graham says: "I have become convinced that the Jesus Revolution is making a profound impact upon the youth of America —and shows all signs of spreading to other countries . . . People everywhere ask me: Is it genuine? What brought it about? Will it last? Are the youth really getting the old-time religion?" He continues, "One thing is certain: Young people today are searching for individual identity; for a challenge and a faith. Whoever captures their imagination will change the world." He noted that the movement "is causing discussion from the editorial room of The New York Times to the dining room of the White House."

The number of "non-stipendiary" clergymen in the Episcopal Church jumped from 602 in 1966 to 1,426 in 1970, according to a statement by the Ministry Council of the Episcopal Church. These "worker-priests" hold secular jobs to earn the bulk of their income but function as clergymen in small parishes, or on a part-time basis. A survey revealed that such ministers usually hold higher degrees than their counterparts in the parish ministry and that the average income of the non-stipendiary clergyman is generally more than that of parish priests.

Dr. Robert J. Marshall of New York, president of the Lutheran Church in America, strongly defended the church's role as a teacher trying to assist people in deciding the right course. Addressing members of the Lutheran Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee, he said the church must act out of the perspective of the Gospel and should guard against being dogmatic. It should keep up a running debate during which all sides of an issue can be heard, Dr. Marshall said.

Catholics and Lutherans prayed together for Christian unity in a balcony overlooking Fountain Square in Cincinnati, Ohio, during a joint candlelight service commemorating the 454th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Leaders of the service confessed the sin of their division to the blasts of rams horns and prayed a litany specifically written for the observance. The Rev. Ronald Reider, pastor of Christ the King (Missouri Synod) Lutheran church, said the hundreds of people holding candles in the square "stand in contradiction to 454 years of separation." Organized by an informal and unofficial group of clergymen, participants included Roman Catholics and members of three branches of the Lutheran Church.

More than 41,000 Baptists, black, white and Mexican-Americans, jammed the Astrodome in Houston for a "spiritual spectacular" that emphasized the brotherhood linking various Baptist ethnic groups in Texas. The joint evangelistic meeting, which featured representation of four black, one white and one Mexican-American Texas Baptist groups, was part of the week-long annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Each of the six groups had originally scheduled annual meetings at different times and places, but on less than a year's notice agreed to join together for the "spiritual spectacular" following individual business meetings.

The World Synod of Bishops voted overwhelmingly to retain the law of mandatory celibacy for priests in the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church. But a proposal to exclude the ordination of married men "even in particular cases" — unless the Pope personally approved — failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority.

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NEW YORK – Lt. Col. Orval A. Taylor (far right), Greater New York Unified Commander of the Salvation Army, and Mrs. Taylor (second from left), accept a "check" for $8,658,818 – the total received in cash and pledges during 1971. This was a world record for the Salvation Army and $734,459 more than the total raised last year in Greater New York. Presenting the check are, left to right, Charles S. Mitchell, chairman of the 1971 drive and chief executive director of Cities Service Co., New York; stage and television star Betsy Palmer, chairman of the Women's Division for the 1971 campaign, and Ralph E. Chamberlain, public relations director for the Salvation Army. (RNS Photo)

Dedication of memorial chimes to honor former organist

A memorial-dedication service will be held at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in New Orleans on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 6:00 p.m., at which time chimes for the organ will be presented to the church to honor the memory of Mrs. Mary Hoppmeyer, our former faithful organist, who died as a result of an automobile accident in February. Mrs. Hoppmeyer had served as organist in Methodist Churches in New Orleans for over 50 years.

The Dorcas Circle of the W.S.C.S. will also honor the memory of Mrs. Gayle Palmes, through the gift of new altar cloths.

The choir of 30 voices will present a special program under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn Davidson, the daughter of Mrs. Hoppmeyer. Mr. Melvin Alford, the new organist will be the accompanist. New robes for the choir will also be dedicated at this service. The Rev. Roy Garrett is pastor of the church.

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Mozart/Haydn Sacred Concert at New Orleans First, Nov. 21

A Sacred Concert by the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist, New Orleans, along with members of the New Orleans Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Wayne Hobbs, choirmaster, will be presented Sunday, Nov. 21 in the sanctuary of First Church. The program includes Church Sonatas for Organ and Orchestra by W. A. Mozart, and Mass in D Minor ("In time of anxiety"), by F. J. Haydn. Soloists for the occasion are Barbara Nester, soprano; Virginia Brasseaux, contralto; Earl Owen, tenor, and Earl Crisp, baritone, all of whom are members of the choir.

A reception honoring the participants in the concert will follow the musical presentation.

The Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of First Church.

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News in Brief

The first woman to receive a bachelor of divinity degree in the 52-year history of the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, the Rev. Candida Bauza, is a minister in the United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico, which is related to the United Methodist Church.

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THE REV. J. B. MCCANN

The Rev. James Buchanan McCann, 72, a retired associate member of the Louisiana Annual Conference, died on Nov. 8 in an Alexandria Hospital.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 9, in First United Methodist Church, Pineville, with Dr. Jolly B. Harper, the Rev. Richard E. Walton and the Rev. Clyde S. Clark officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park.

He retired in January, 1969 from Oak Ridge Methodist Church in the Monroe District. Other churches he had served included Palestine, Epps, Kaplan and Indian Bayou.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Prusilla L. McCann of Pineville; two stepsons, James M. Lain of Baton Rouge and A. Harold Lain of Alexandria; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Jeanette L. Swofford of Memphis, Tenn.; a brother, Jeff McCann of Centerpoint; and three sisters, Mrs. Eva LaPrairie of Centerpoint, Mrs. Betty Franklin of Alexandria and Mrs. Iola Clark of Pineville.

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The Rev. J. J. Caraway (second from left), Hammond District superintendent, officiated at the recent Charge Conference held at Winan United Methodist Church for the Franklinton Charge. Shown with him, left to right, are T. J. Butler, lay leader; Mrs. Eva Kohla, acting secretary, and the Rev. William L. Jones, pastor.

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Retirement plans for three executives of the United Methodist Board of Pensions have been announced. The Rev. Versile D. Bentley will retire December 1 after ten years service, the Rev. Edge W. Gamble retired November 1 after 15 years service, and the Rev. W. Henry Shillington will retire early in 1972 after 13 years service.

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During the month of October, members of the Work Area on Missions of Trinity Church in Ruston, packed 430 pounds of warm clothing and bedding items for distribution among Oklahoma Indians. Shown here are some of those who helped with the packing and shipping of the items to the Rev. George Braswell in Tahlequah. FROM LEFT: Dr. Bill Davis, Mrs. Philip Rice, Mrs. John Maxwell, WSCS president, Mrs. F. E. Kirkley, Frank Busch, chairman of work area, and Dr. Philip Rice. (Miss Ruth Johnson served as chairman of the clothing drive.)

Three resource persons who took part in Oct. 23-24 Mission Festival '71 at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. FROM LEFT: Barney Wright, US-2, St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans; Miss Emma Burris, formerly with the Women's Division, Department of Homes and Residences, now living in Franklinton; the Rev. Jan Milburn, independent Methodist Missionary engaged in Christian Social Work, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Other resource persons for the Mission Festival entitled "Let's Talk Mission," sponsored by the Commission on Missions at First Church, Baton Rouge. FROM LEFT: Miss Carol Wood, graduate student at Louisiana State University and former K-3 to Korea; Dr. Robert F. Lundy, executive secretary, Southeastern Jurisdiction Program Council and former missionary to Southeast Asia; Patterson Benner, professor of English at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo. Special features of the Festival included a fair where various displays pinpointing areas of mission service were displayed by classes, clubs and age groups in the church, and tours conducted over the city to show areas of special need.

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A large group of young persons assembled at Benton United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, Nov. 7th for a program presented by The Caravan Team and members of the Cheerful Givers group. The Rev. G. B. Krumnow is minister.

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NEWS and NOTES

AN ORGANIST EXCHANGE was effected by John Hutton, Jr. and J. Marcus Ritchie, organist-choirmasters of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church and Trinity Church, Episcopal, both of New Orleans. The one-service-only exchange took place November 7.

IN OBSERVANCE OF YOUTH Week, the young people of Munholland Memorial United Methodist Church planned a joint worship service with the youth of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. The program on Ecology of Physical and Human Environments was held on November 7 in Metairie.

THE LIVING FLAME, folk singing youth group of Lakeview United Methodist Church, Minden, sang on Sunday morning, November 7 at the Beech Grove United Methodist Church and at First United Methodist in Bernice. The group is scheduled to sing at the Sibley United Methodist Church and at First United Methodist in Bernice. The group is scheduled to sing at the Sibley United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, November 21.

SINGING GUESTS in First United Methodist Church of Bastrop last Sunday night, November 14, were THE TRAVELERS, a gospel quartet from Monroe. The Rev. Cleburne Quaid was host pastor.

FIRST CHURCH OF MINDEN devoted all services to the Methodist Children's Home on Sunday morning, October 17. At the church school hour all adult classes, plus some of the younger people, gathered in fellowship hall as the Rev. Harry Ezell, superintendent, presented the work of the Home, showed the filmstrip "Worth A Cross," and answered questions. At the 10:50 service he again presented the Home briefly and delivered the sermon. The Rev. Kirby Vining is pastor.

"TRIPLE L" ORGANIZED AT HENNING MEMORIAL

Older adults of Sulphur met in the Henning Memorial United Methodist Church in October to organize for Christian fellowship. The group chose the name "Triple L (LLL)" to symbolize Love, Laughter and Lift. The Rev. L. Ray Branton is the Henning pastor.

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THE ELIZABETH UNITED Methodist Church observed Layman's Day October 24 with Larry Henning, associate lay leader of the Lake Charles District, as the featured speaker. George Bonin led the music and Richard Baggett, Elizabeth lay leader, conducted the service. The Rev. Louis E. Milem is the pastor.

THE WYNN MEMORIAL United Methodist Church in Shreveport had a "Halloween Spookhouse" on Saturday, October 30, sponsored by the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. Part of the money collected was donated for the heating fund of the church. The Rev. Harold Longfellow is pastor.

THE JENNINGS MINISTERIAL Association will sponsor the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, which will be held in the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 24 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Gerald Daggett, Assembly of God minister, will be the speaker. The Rev. Eskel Tatum is host pastor.

BAPTISTS AND METHODISTS of Wisner will hold a joint Thanksgiving service on November 24 at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Jr., Methodist minister, will bring the message.

JIM BOPP, DIRECTOR of Dulac Community Center, an agency of the United Methodist Board of National Missions, described the work at the Center when he spoke in Trinity Church, Ruston, on Sunday evening, October 24. His appearance was sponsored by the Commission on Missions, Frank Busch, chairman. The Rev. Merlin Merrill is the Trinity pastor.

RICELAND UMYF SUB-DISTRICT REPRESENTED AT FAIR

The Riceland Sub-District of United Methodist Youth was represented in the Jeff Davis Parish Fair Parade. Members of the group decorated a car, given by courtesy of the Oustalet Ford Company in Jennings. The 1971-72 Sweetheart, Louise Ferguson of Roanoke rode in the car.

The October meeting of the Riceland Sub-District was held at the Gueydan Church on October 10. After the business meeting, the Gueydan group presented a choral reading.

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MRS. L. M. COUVILLION directed the study on Africa which was held in Henning Memorial Church of Sulphur on four Tuesdays of October.

JOHN HUTTON, choirmaster-organist of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, directed the Concert Choir of New Orleans in the first concert of the season on Friday, November 12 in the Jesuit High School Auditorium.

ASBURY CHURCH of Lafayette held the Annual Missionary Conference last weekend, November 12, 13 and 14. Program guests were Senora Ester deRossel of Santiago, Chile, Jonah Kawadza and his son, Emmanual of Rhodesia, Africa, and John Sias of Atlanta, Georgia, who represented the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Jack L. Paris is chairman of the Asbury Commission on Missions, sponsoring the program. The Rev. George Ross is pastor.

THE ROANOKE UMYF gave a Halloween party for the younger children of the church. The party was held on October 26 from 6:30 until 8 p.m. The young people dressed in costumes. Boys made a spook house while the girls had games, such as bobbing for apples, egg races and balloon races for the children. Money for the event was raised by a bake sale held by the UMYF in downtown Roanoke, October 9. Counselors of the group are Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus William Tietje. The pastor is the Rev. Homer Bailes.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Nov. 21—Sunday	I Tim. 4:1-5
Nov. 22	Rev. 7:9-12
Nov. 23	I Chron. 29:10-13
Nov. 24	Matt. 11:25-27
Nov. 25	Rom. 6:11-18
Nov. 26	I Cor. 1:1-8
Nov. 27	II Thessa. 1:1-12
Nov. 28—Sunday	I Tim. 4:1-5

HENNING MEMORIAL CHURCH of Sulphur observed Laymen's Day October 10 with two morning services, a special youth service during the afternoon and an evening service. Larry Henning, associate lay leader of the Lake Charles District, conducted all services and reports 183 rededications to Christ. Featured lay speaker was Richard Baggett, Elizabeth pharmacist and certified lay speaker, who preached at all four services. George Bonin of Elizabeth led the music. Other laymen from Henning taking part were Earl Koonce, Bill Henry, Jim Racca, Sam Holden, Kenneth Dalquist and Tommy Stark. The pastor is the Rev. L. Ray Branton.

THOMAS MATHENY, conference lay leader, was the speaker in New Orleans, October 24, in Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church. Dr. B. A. Galloway is the Rayne pastor.

P. K. KORNER

JOHN BRADLEY LAWRENCE was born in New Orleans on October 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lawrence, their second child. The Rev. John Koelemay, chaplain of the Methodist Hospital in New Orleans, and Mrs. Koelemay are grandparents.

COURTNEY CELESTE ADKINS was born to Captain and Mrs. I. D. Adkins at Wurtzburg, Germany on October 30. She is the grand-daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth McDowell of Lafayette, where Mr. McDowell serves as district superintendent.

In the Golden Meadow Church, yaung peaple taak various parts in the warship service on National Youth Sunday. Pictured abave fram left are: Byron Bernard, Neil Adams, Farrell Cheramie and Murphy Callais. David Terrebonne, not shown, also participated. Flayd Callais, at right, was the Laymen's Day speaker at Galden Meadaw.

These members af the Jennings First Church UMYF callected far the Jerry Lewis Telethan. Shawn abave are Ricky Stackhause, Glen Carter, Kayla Precht, Julia Stackhouse and Carrie Braussard.

LAFAYETTE WOMEN MAKE STUDY OF AFRICA

The Women's Society of Christian Service of First Church, Lafayette, held three classes this month for a study of Africa, with the last session coinciding with the Sub-District III fall meeting.

The opening session was begun on November 2 as a part of the regular meeting of the Women's Society. A film, "Congo Christian Centers" was shown. Mrs. Richard Wiley led the program and Mrs. W. F. Atkinson read African prayers from "I Sing Your Praises All The Day Long."

At the second session, under the direction of Mrs. Atkinson, the theme was "Fun and Festival From Africa". The members learned some African songs and games, and sampled food made from African recipes. Mrs. David Miller and Mrs. Jim Allen led the singing. Dishes were prepared by Mrs. C. C. Cain, Mrs. Wallace Broussard and Mrs. Eno Bares. Each member brought two yards of material and dressed each other in native costume.

Mrs. Cyr Boudreaux had arranged bulletin boards with current news events. Members read African proverbs taken from a Proverb Tree. Proverbs play an important part in African daily life, as does folklore.

The closing session was held on November 12. Members of Methodist churches in Sub-district III of Lafayette District WSCS were guests at this meeting since it also served as the fall meeting for this group. The Rev. Jonah Kawadza of Rhodesia was the guest speaker. Mr. Kawadza is presently studying at Drew Theological University in New Jersey.

Following the message there was a short business meeting of Sub-district III with Mrs. Earl Warner, chairman, presiding.

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MRS. PATSY COOPER McDOWELL gave a talk on Americanism at a recent meeting of the Ingleside Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Mary Faulkner is president of the group.

THE ISTROUMA WSCS planned a trip to MacDonell Methodist Center at Houma for Tuesday, November 9. They took boxes of clothing and household items.

THE LAFAYETTE First Church WSCS recently held an auction to benefit the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR). Mrs. Clyde Creagh was in charge.

LOUISIANA WOMEN ATTEND BASIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP IN SAN ANTONIO

Four Louisiana church women attended a regional workshop held in San Antonio, Texas, in October for volunteers in adult basic education.

Attending from Alexandria were Mrs. Frank Tillman and Mrs. C. E. Spottswood, both active in Central Louisiana unit of Church Women United. Representatives of the Greater New Orleans Church Women United who attended the San Antonio workshop were Mrs. Charles Gould and Mrs. S. C. Graves. Other teams at the workshop were from Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Those who participated are expected to work on "Right to Read" projects in their communities for at least a year, primarily in the area of reaching the needs of underprivileged adults.

At San Antonio, the group visited work programs, including the Work Incentive program (WIN), the Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), the Migrant Program and the ABE classes of San Antonio Independent School District. Sessions on volunteer awareness, the psychology of the low-income adult learner and on teaching the basic reading skills were part of the workshop agenda. The goals are to provide volunteer assistance and encouragement to undereducated adult learners.

NELLIE KILPATRICK MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED BY CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

On October 28, 1971, Nellie P. Kilpatrick, treasurer for Church Women United in Louisiana, was killed in a private plane accident. She had just left Shreveport for the trip to Alexandria, where she was to attend the Executive Board Meeting of Church Women United.

Nellie had been active in C.W.U. in an official relationship only a year and a half, but she had brought to this new relationship her skill as a fine business woman, a dedicated Christian life, and a faith that had been refined in both the bitter and sweet experiences of life. Her pastor, who had known her for 29 years, said in his tribute to her, "I have never known Nellie Kilpatrick to be on the wrong side of a moral issue."

Church Women United in Louisiana has suffered a great loss. We shall miss our friend and co-worker. In loving appreciation of her life and friendship, we have established the Nellie Kilpatrick Memorial Fund for Continuing Education in Church Women United. In general, the fund will be used to provide opportunities for development and growth for C.W.U. leadership. We believe Nellie would have rejoiced in this continuing tribute to her great ecumenical spirit.

The initial gifts to the Nellie Kilpatrick Memorial Fund were contributed by those attending the Executive Board on October 29, 1971. Among the gifts was one from the National Board of Church Women United, which was accompanied by the following note from Alice M. Leppert for the National C.W.U. Board: "Please accept the enclosed contribution from the National Board of Church Women United to the Memorial Fund for Nellie Kilpatrick. The National Board joins you in honoring the memory of a distinguished and committed leader among Christian women."

Mrs. George Pomeroy and Mrs. George Dameron represented the Executive Board at the funeral at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport on Friday afternoon, October 29.

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MRS. BOBBY SALTER reviewed Alan Paton's "Cry, the Beloved Country" at the November 1 meeting of the Women's Society in the Jonesboro Church.

Officers of the Women's Society of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church in Bogalusa are shown above. Mrs. Earl Crowe is president of the group. Circle leaders are Mrs. H. E. Cassidy, Mrs. E. E. Sylvest, Mrs. M. L. Breland, Mrs. W. R. Matheny and Mrs. F. E. Pou.

Experiencing the Present

Anticipating the Future

(Ed. note: Miss Betsy Ewing is the top executive officer of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions. This speech, delivered by her to Methodist women in Little Rock, October 13, is a penetrating analysis of United Methodism's mission program.)

In the Gallery of the Accademia in Florence, Italy stands the magnificent statue of Michelangelo's DAVID, revealing all of the tension, anxiety and power that comes to life in the body of one who is about to act with deliberateness and confidence. One who has seen it never forgets the excitement and the thrill that she experiences when casting her eyes for the first time on the DAVID, not only in the terms of sculpture itself, but the evidence of one man's ability to fashion and create from a piece of marble a figure that looks as though at any moment it will come alive.

But in another part of the Accademia is another sculpture, one which Michelangelo chose to call THE PRISONERS. But this piece is not completed. The powerful, unfinished block reveals only the evidence of the partial shape of men who give the appearance of struggling to be free, struggling to take on the shape the artist intended.

As I recall the experience of seeing this piece of unfinished sculpture, holding something struggling to be free, I think of the Church and its constant struggle to be obedient to the claims of the Christian Gospel on its life and its responsiveness to being shaped by the spirit of the greatest artist of all.

Struggle is not new in the experience of man. Struggle is not new in the life of the Church if you recall history and the role which the Church has played in molding the lives and shaping the destiny of men and nations.

Contributing to the intensity of this struggle is the way in which the Church as a corporate body and you and I as a part of the Church are experiencing life today and the way we as Christians anticipate the future.

Some people experience age as described by Alvin Toffler in his best seller, "Future Shock." Toffler says that "in the three short decades between now and the 21st century, millions of ordinary, psychologically normal people will face an abrupt collision with the future." He refers to the "shattering stress and disorientation which is already being experienced by so many because too much change is taking place in too short a time as 'future shock'."

Others experience life from a perspective such as that described by a theologian. Jurgon Moltmann, in his book THEOLOGY OF HOPE, says that "those who hope in Christ can no longer put up with reality as it is, but must begin to suffer under it and to contradict it." He goes on to say that "Christianity is hope, forward looking and forward moving; revolutionary and transforming the present."

Viewing life from the perspective of Mr. Moltmann, one of the major struggles we have as United Methodists is that of discovering, understanding and translating into action what it means to "revolutionize and transform the present" as persons called by God—to announce Good News to the poor,—to proclaim release to the captive, and recovery of sight to the blind, and—to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

Next April representatives of The United Methodist Church will go to Atlanta to hear the Church report on its accountability since the action of the Dallas General Conference in 1968 which gave birth to a "New Church for a New World." As we recall the experiences of the last four years, what have we as Church learned in terms of relationships and style of operation that will give us a sense of direction as we participate in decisions that are being made and **will be made** in anticipating the future?

From the point of view of my own accountability I can only speak from the point of view of the Board of Missions, and more specifically, the National Division.

The first observation I would like to make has to do with attitudes, from our perspectives as professing Christians.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 28: God Brings the World to Fulfillment

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Micah 4:1-7, Romans 8:18-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Revelation 11:15

MEMORY SELECTION: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To bring to a conclusion our 13 week's study of the nature of God by pointing out the manner in which he intends to bring his creation to fulfillment; to discover what the Bible means by "the kingdom of God."

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As we come to the conclusion of our 13 week's study of the nature of God, it is natural that we should expect to put the finishing touches on an overall view of God plus some great climactic affirmations. Step by step we have been climbing a mountain peak from which we should anticipate a long view concerning what lies ahead.

Our quest for the meaning of God has in reality been a search for the meaning of life. How does this God who has revealed himself in so many ways bring his creation to fulfillment? Again we look to Paul for guidance and find that he spoke on this subject in the eighth chapter of Romans where he said: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Rom. 8:18) It is about that "glory" that we will be speaking in this lesson, hoping that it will be an appropriate conclusion for the series. We hope that these lessons have only whetted our appetites for a broader study of theology and a more intense search for the meaning of life.

Sometimes the term "progressive revelation" is used concerning the unfolding of God's truth through the Bible. This term is certainly appropriate as we think of the way in which man has learned of God's promises concerning ultimate fulfillment. Man has grown because it has always appeared that greater things were ahead for him.

At a college class reunion a man inquired about a friend whom he did not see present — a man who had shown great promise in college. He was told that the man had faded into mediocrity because he "had caught up with his horizons." This lesson speaks to us of our hopes and dreams which always appear to be beyond us. Can we deny that one of the great needs of the day is the return of expectancy? What great things do we believe are ahead for the children of God? We also need to consider the question of man's part in that fulfillment. Does he work for its coming, or does he wait for God to make it happen?

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THE DREAM OF FULFILLMENT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

If there is one theme that runs through every page of the Bible it is that which speaks of victory over the forces which threaten the people of God wherever they are. Dr. John Bright says in the preface to his book **The Kingdom of God:** "The roots of this idea lie in the very earliest period of Israel's history. Development is undeniable, but it must be viewed less as an evolution upward from lower forms to higher, than as a development outward from a concept which was normative in Israel's faith from the beginning onward. It was a concept which by its very nature pointed beyond itself and demanded its fulfillment."

The hope had its roots in Israel's faith and Israel's history from the beginning. From the earliest accents of these unique people the idea of the rule of God was present. Dr. Bright points out that in the history of Moses himself is found the beginning of this hope for the Kingdom of God. He said: "It is linked with Israel's whole notion of herself as the chosen people of God, and this in turn was woven into the texture of her faith from the beginning."

Israel believed that her God both could and did control the events of history, that in them he might reveal his righteous judgment and saving power.

As one examines this hope in the Old Testament he sees that Israel saw her status as a chosen people conditioned by a covenant. The covenant bond was neither mechanical nor eternal. It was a bilateral bargain, and as long as they gave him the strict obedience he demanded they could expect fulfillment in victory.

So we see that the expectation of great things in the future lay in the very nature of Israel's faith from the beginning.

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THE FUTURE CONTRASTED WITH THE PRESENT

Earlier lessons in this series have shown us pictures of God as creator and sustainer, and as active in human history for the realization of his purposes. This lesson speaks of God's bringing all the world to final fulfillment and victory. This is the culmination of God's conquest of evil.

Paul set the stage for the discussion of God's plan for the ultimate redemption of man and nature with his comment in the closing part of Romans 8: 17 to the effect that although his people suffer now, they will one day enjoy glory with Jesus Christ. In a sense he says that the spiritual experience of each believer must follow that of Jesus—ultimate triumph following suffering.

One does not have to make a case for the sufferings which we encounter. They are too much a part of the experience for anyone to dismiss them altogether. Paul pointed out that just as real and of far greater significance is "the glory that is to be revealed to us." Dr. Gerald R. Cragg says (Interpreter's Bible): "We are heirs of a greater destiny than we normally realize. Though its full splendor may elude our minds, there are available even now testimonies to both its nature and its character."

There is something beyond, and all that we are told about the nature of God assures us that Christ and his righteousness will prevail. Dr. Charles M. Laymon (International Lesson Annual) reminds us that Edmund Burke, the English statesman and orator, believed that experience served to prove that impediments to human advancement would be overcome "by steady good conduct, honest zeal, activity, and perseverance." Such faith, crowned by belief in the supremacy of God, inspires us to expect better things to come.

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DREAMS OF THE FUTURE

There are many contrasts between the thinking of the Greeks and the Jews that are reflected in our Bible. Dr. Lawrence Hay points out (Adult Bible Studies) that one of these primary differences lay in their views of history. The Greeks saw history as a great wheel that always returns to its starting place; thus they saw history as the constant repeating of that which had already been. This is illustrated in sections like Ecclesiastes which is depressing and pessimistic because there seems to be no release from this inevitable repetition of hopelessness.

The part of the Bible that we are emphasizing in this lesson speaks optimistically since the view of history is purposive. The major emphasis is that God from creation has been working intelligently toward the fulfillment of his own ends and purposes. When we can believe this, we can see that history moves toward some end. All that we have been studying during this quarter points to the fact that God is good and that his purposes will ultimately be realized.

The Bible does not gloss over the fact that there are evil forces and suffering in the world. However, it maintains that God's creation was and is essentially good. It inspires in us dreams of a future in which God's will is to be accomplished both for men as individuals and for men as nations. As Dr. Hay puts it: "The story of the Bible from cover to cover is the story of God at work with our somewhat rebellious clay, patiently working out his purposes."

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"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND"

The dream of the Old Testament that God would one day rule in the affairs of men reached its climax in the teachings of the Kingdom of God in the New Testament. Mark began his gospel with the declaration that "the Kingdom of God is at hand," and throughout the emphasis is on Jesus the Messiah—the one through whom all the dreams will be realized.

This was the good news which the New Testament proclaimed — that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of all the hopes of men. Dr. Bright points out the skill of the New Testament writers as they adapted this message to Gentiles who did not know about the dreams and hopes of Israel. They too, saw how these hopes remained at the very heart of the church's gospel.

Just as the Hebrews had been forced to do, the Christians saw these expectations being deferred, and yet they continued to hold confidently to their dreams. Although Jesus had told them that the kingdom was at hand, it would not seem to come. One temporal power after another stood in the way. For a long time it was Caesar who stood in the way of its coming, and so the writers of the later books of the New Testament had to revise the timetable for the ultimate victory.

The uniqueness of the New Testament in this connection was the word that the culmination of the kingdom was to be found in Christ and his teachings. Blended together in our dream is a conviction that we do have to work with him to build the kingdom, while at the same time we know that God will bring the victory in his own good time.

Dr. Hay summarizes it when he says: "In our best moments we manage to lay aside our arrogance and our self-centeredness and realize that we are after all quite small cogs in a very large machine. This awareness leads us to the realization that the meaning of our existence cannot lie within ourselves but must consist in a relationship to some eternal reality that transcends our finiteness."

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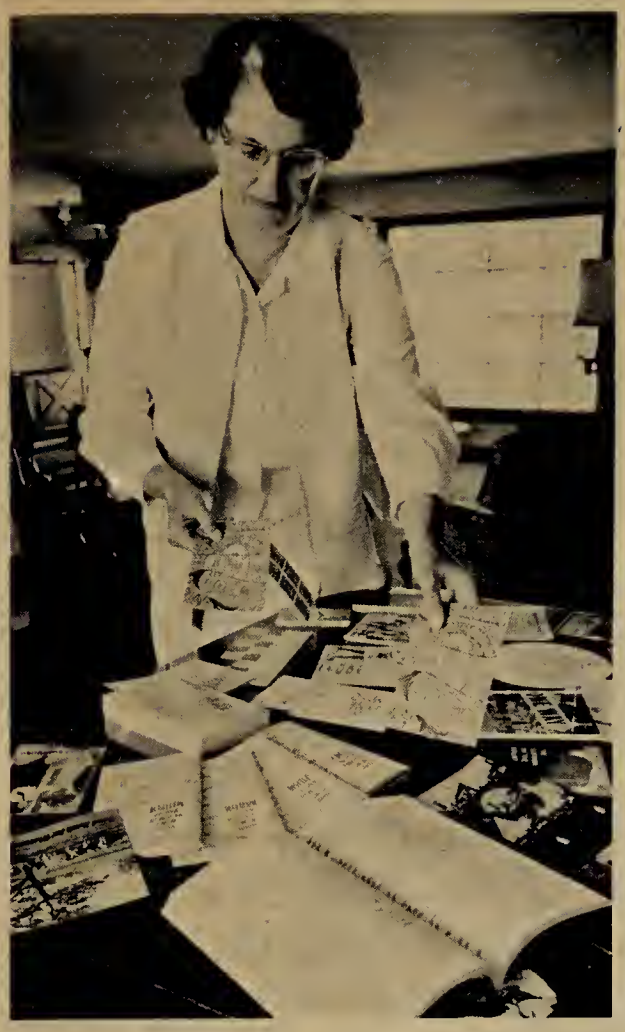
A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

There is a brief passage from Revelation 11 in our Bible material for today. It is an unqualified declaration that the world, long enslaved by the Devil, will become the kingdom of God.

There are many different concepts of what heaven will be like in its geography and its physical characteristics. We do not have to choose just which one of these is the source of our hope, but we do need to see that the primary affirmation is the one toward which we have been moving through all of these lessons and through the whole of scripture. This central theme is summed up in Rev. 11:15: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever." The sovereign God will in his own time demonstrate his sovereignty by destroying everything evil and reigning supreme in love and righteousness over all creation.

Dr. Laymon reminds us that Savanarola, more than 400 years ago, stood up in the midst of the people of Florence and cried: "Long live Jesus, King of Florence!" The author of the Book of Revelation had a broader view when he said: "Live forever! Christ, king of the universe!"



Mrs. Ursula Glander of Waukesha, Wis., is a volunteer representative of the American Bible Society for her community. Bibles and Scripture portions are distributed from the "Scripture Courtesy Center," which takes spare time of the entire family to operate. The Glanders are Lutherans, but their center serves all denominations. The American Bible Society receives support from World Service. Nov. 21-28 has been designated as National Bible Week.

—Photo by Waukesha Freeman

Broadened Health/Welfare services proposed for 1972-76 quadrennium

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (UMI)—Health and welfare ministries related to the United Methodist Church will serve almost 14,000,000 persons during the 1968-72 quadrennium and spend more than $2,000,000,000 in operating funds, a national agency of the denomination was told here Nov. 4.

"These ministries touch more people directly than any other United Methodist program beyond the local church," Bishop Paul V. Galloway of Little Rock, Ark., told the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries at its annual session. Bishop Galloway is president of the board.

"Last year alone these ministries touched more than 3,000,000 persons representing every age, every race, and every economic strata," the board was told. "More than $43,000,000 was given in free care the past year to persons unable to pay, or who can only pay for part of the cost."

Most of the annual meeting here was devoted to reviewing activities of the quadrennium to date and planning for the 1972-76 period.

Among other actions, the board voted to ask the denomination for $5,299,000 in operating funds from World Service for the next quadrennium, an increase of about $4,200,000 above what it is receiving in the current quadrennium. The requested funds would go for increased staff and programs.

"These proposals will seem unrealistic if they are analyzed from a 'business as usual' point of view," Roger Burgess, general secretary of the board said. "But the church is not interested in 'business as usual.'"

According to Dr. Burgess, the proposed programs are in line with what he said is increasing interest in the church in "programs which demonstrate solid, direct service to real persons facing crises in their lives."

Reviewing tentative proposals of the church's Structure Study Commission, the board voted "strong opposition" to any combination of Health and Welfare Ministries with Social Concerns.

"We believe this combination would be mutually harmful and blunt the assigned task of each agency," the resolution stated.

If changes are to be made, the board said, "a more logical alignment would be to place our board with the (proposed) Board of Global Ministries and the Board of Christian Social Concerns with the Board of Education."

In another action, the board approved grants totaling $102,500 for 1972 from the Kendall Fund, plus an additional $25,000 for scholarships. Kendall Fund grants go primarily to programs aiding black persons.

Grants approved for 1972 include sums for the Methodist Children's Service of Wisconsin, Heads-Up Day Care Center, Nashville, Tenn., Wesley Willows, Rockford, Ill., Lafon Protestant Home, New Orleans, La.; the Bethany Deaconess Society in Brooklyn, N.Y., and the Joint Task Force of the denomination's Commission on Religion and Race and Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

The board was told that its Job Training Program funded by the U.S. Department of Labor has resulted in 257 persons holding jobs in church-related hospitals at the end of September. The program's contract runs through January of 1972.

At a banquet session, recognition was paid to Bishop Galloway for his quadrennium's leadership of the board and to Clayton E. Nordstrom of Oakland, Calif., and Jack A. L. Hahn of Indianapolis, Ind., for their work on the Health and Welfare Certification Council.

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News in Brief

A delegation of American Indians challenged the United Methodist Board of Missions at its annual meeting October 26 to spend $75,000,000 on Indian work during the next ten years.

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The United Methodist Board of Missions' World Division has moved to expand its investment policy to include involvement with current social issues. Retaining traditional taboos on companies "deeply involved" with gambling equipment, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and armaments, the division also will use investment funds to oppose pollution, support fair employment practices, and oppose such practices as apartheid in southern Africa.

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

The subject of Northern Ireland has been featured with a good deal of regularity in this despatch, because it is of such seriousness. I return to it this week because of the astonishing statements of Senator Edward Kennedy whose suggestion that British troops should withdraw from Ulster show either a total lack of understanding of the situation, and a naivete that is dream-like, or such a devious and mind-binding political subtlety that every Presidential candidate must be trembling in his hand-made shoes.

When Nigel Lawson in the **Sunday Times** pointed out that Senator Kennedy's idea that Britain should make arrangements for any Ulsterman who could not live in a united Ireland to find a home in England would be like suggesting that arrangements should be made to hand America back to the Red Indians, he was uncannily accurate. In fact the people whom Senator Kennedy seems to regard as "immigrants" in North Ireland were there before the Mayflower landed in Massachusetts.

Not only did Kennedy get most of his statistics wrong, he misjudged very badly the core of the problem, which is that the rule of the gun and the bomb is intolerable, not only in Ulster, but anywhere in Ireland, or any part of the British Isles. This is the first problem to be solved, and the intervention of a man who cannot even spell the name of the Stormont Government centre properly, has done nothing but pile prejudice upon ignorance in a situation which needs cool and well-informed statesmanship.

It may be hoped that Mr. Kennedy will keep his piquant brand of political analysis for his home concerns where perhaps it will be more widely appreciated . . . perhaps.

In the meantime the desperate plight of Ulster continues to be the concern of everyone in Britain, though the news from the north of Ireland has been to some extent overshadowed by the vote in the House of Parliament to go, in principle for the Common Market of Europe. This ten-year old debate has now reached, not an end, but a real beginning, and has, in itself produced a crisis in the political line-up of the country.

When the Government gained a majority of 112, it did so with party men on both sides voting against their own party lines, but the more agonising situation is that of the Labour party when its own Deputy leader, Roy Jenkins led the lobby of the pro-marketeers against his own party's instructions.

While the Labour Party licks its self-inflicted wounds, the negotiations go on, and the first crunch in the detailed negotiations, in November will come with the questions which are tied up with fishing rights. The fishermen of England are more than a little worried about what will be done here, for up to now they have enjoyed the protection of some waters, and the habits of Continental fishing fleets to over-fish close-to-land waters have led to deep anxiety about the future of the fishing industry.

Not for the first time, the principle of unity is bedevilled by the practicality of the hard world. Not only informed political and economical opinion, but very largely Christian opinion is in favour of unity with Europe. It makes sense, because in the shrinking world, there can inevitably be only one way forward—national divisions are unreal, and "sovereignty" in the older sense is not viable.

The coming months will demonstrate the fact that there is often a wide gap between a philosophical acceptance of an attitude, and the practical and political means of expressing it. It would, I suspect, at the moment, be a brave man who would prophesy with any degree of confidence what will be the precise outcome. One thing is clear, however, and that is that if the entry in the E.E.C. is achieved, our ties with America will, in practice, be stronger in all the most effective ways.

■ January 4-6, San Francisco

Major emphases of annual Evangelism Council meeting to include "Key 73," ministries to ethnic minorities, "unusual ministries"

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (UMI)—Evangelistic ministries to ethnic minorities, unusual evangelism ministries and successful traditional evangelism situations will be included in the program of the United Methodist Council of Evangelism annual meeting here January 4-6.

Other major presentations will include Key '73, a continent-wide, interdenominational evangelism movement; evangelism in the church school curriculum; Ministers "We Care" Missions; and addresses by two United Methodist bishops and the Council president.

Addresses will be presented by Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Houston, Tex.; Bishop Charles F. Golden, San Francisco; the Rev. Henry M. Bullock, general secretary of the Board of Education's Division of Curriculum Resources; the Rev. Dr. Ira Galloway, president of the Council and superintendent of the Fort Worth (Tex.) District; the Rev. Maurice King, dean of the Upper Room Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., will direct the music for the three-day event.

The focus on "Evangelistic Ministries with Ethnic Groups" will be led by the Rev. Roberto Escamilla, Nashville, Tenn., director of bi-lingual ministries for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism; the Rev. Ray Baines, Glendale, Ariz., United Methodist American Indian ombudsman; the Rev. Thomas P. Grissom, Jr., Oakland, Calif., a black United Methodist pastor; and the Rev. Peter Chen, Los Angeles, Calif., chairman of the United Methodist Asian Caucus.

Three movements listed as "unusual ministries" will be presented and discussed by the Rev. Jack Sparks of the World Christian Liberation, Berkeley, Calif.; the Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, San Francisco, Calif.; and the Rev. Dick Day of Campus Crusade International.

Highly successful and local district evangelism enterprises will be related and discussed by the Rev. Dr. M. Buren Stewart, El Paso (Tex.) District Superintendent; the Rev. Earl K. Hanna, senior pastor of the Arvada (Colo.) United Methodist Church; and the Rev. Stanley Brown, Tuscon, Ariz., pastor of the Catalina United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, and several members of his staff will present the Key 73, interdenominational evangelism movement to the Council.

The Council of Evangelism, including conference and district evangelism leaders from across the United States, was organized in 1955 and is an auxiliary to the United Methodist Board of Evangelism. Its purpose is to "help the United Methodist Church become a more effective evangelistic movement."

South Central Methodists to look at election issues

Concerned ministers and laymen of the South Central Jurisdiction will have an opportunity to study election year issues in a convocation to be held in Washington in January.

"Elections '72: Platforms and Priorities" is the theme for the "convocation on the relation of the church to politics during an election year," which will be held at the Church of the Reformation in the nation's capital, Jan. 11-14, 1972.

The date has been set to coincide with the opening of Congress on Jan. 11, according to the Rev. C. Ebb Munden of Lincoln, Nebr., chairman of the task force which has planned the convocation.

The announced purpose of the convocation is "to inform all interested lay and clerical members of the church

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THE THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (RNS)—Thursday, Nov. 25, has been officially proclaimed Thanksgiving Day by President Nixon in a proclamation issued from his vacation home here.

The day gives recognition to the early American settlers who "laid the foundation for a new nation," the proclamation said.

"One of the splendid events which shape man's destiny occurred when a small band of people, believing in the essential sanctity of their own being, went in search of a land in which their individuality might be the highest national value.

"They went in search of a land where they might live out their own commitment to their own idea of human freedom. For what those early settlers established, we give thanks in a way which began with them . . . and for our heritage we give thanks to God almighty in this time and for all time."

Historic "Key 73" evangelistic effort to involve over 100 groups

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMI) — "Key 73", an evangelistic movement involving more than 100 North American Christian groups, has adopted an official theme and a year-long emphasis for 1973.

In a recent two-day meeting here the Central Committee, including several United Methodist evangelism leaders, adopted the theme "Key 73: Calling Our Continent to Christ." A comprehensive program calendar was also approved involving 24 continent-wide cooperative evangelism thrusts and "high visibility" events through which the participating groups plan to "confront every person in North America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, said United Methodists played significant roles in the meetings as dozens of historically divided Christian groups focused on a common mission.

Highlights of the 1973 plan include prime-time network television specials, continent-wide Bible distribution and study coordinated with mass media, and a variety of "witnessing and proclamation" events ranging from traditional crusades to more innovative meetings.

The over-all theme of the program will be implemented in six major phases: "Calling our Continent to Repentance and Prayer, to the Resurrection, to New Life, to the Proclamation, and to Commitment."

Adoption of the program by the Central Committee climaxed four years of discussions and committee work in which the input of several hundred evangelism leaders from the United States and Canada was considered and correlated. The final program design from eight planning committees was presented in a report written by the Rev. Ronn Kerr, director of communications for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

The Rev. Joe Hale, director of ecumenical evangelism for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism serves on the Key 73 executive committee that formally presented the program plan to the Central Committee.

Mr. Hale said it was significant that such a diverse group approved the report unanimously after only two hours of discussion.

The 16-member executive committee, supplemented by the chairman of eight Phase Development Task Forces, is now charged with implementation of the year-long emphasis. Mr. Kerr is chairman of one of the task forces and other United Methodists are serving on all eight committees. T. Embury Jones, a United Methodist layman from Cincinnati, Ohio, is secretary of the Finance Committee charged with raising the Key 73 budget.

Most of North America's major denominations are involved in the Key 73 effort. The spectrum of membership includes most National Council of Churches member denominations as well as Southern Baptists, Churches of Christ, Assemblies of God, Nazarene, pentecostal groups, peace churches, and the Canadian denominations.

Non-denominational members include the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and the Campus Crusade for Christ. Membership is expected to exceed 125 groups by 1973.

In a keynote address to the Central Committee, Dr. Theodore Raedeke, St. Louis, Key 73 executive director, said one of the outstanding features of the program is that it enables all Christian groups to participate without violating or compromising their doctrinal position or practices. In addition to the interdenominational program and theme, each denomination is committed to development of its own program simultaneously and cooperatively with other participants.

Key 73 is a historic venture, according to Dr. Yeakel, because for the first time it allows United Methodists to relate with other communions who have never functioned in the ecumenical arena.

Newsletter emphasizes Advance Special for Rio Grande salaries

The need for Advance Special giving for the minimum salary program of the Rio Grande Annual Conference was emphasized in the November Newsletter distributed recently from the office of the Rev. William A. Cheyne, Regional Director of the Advance.

Pointing out that only 20 of the 93 pastoral charges in the conference are self-supporting, Mr. Cheyne pointed out that Advance Special giving for this purpose before Dec. 31, 1971 will be of primary importance in determining the amount of salary the other 73 pastors of the conference receive in 1972.

The communication also challenged individuals and churches to undergird the work of the Rio Grande Conference with "specials" for the construction of churches and parsonages and for scholarships. Also suggested were promotional plans which include invitations to speakers and the arrangement of tours to visit the work within the Rio Grande Conference.

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ELECTION ISSUES

in the South Central Jurisdiction concerning the legislative process and to acquaint them with the critical issues which will confront the nation in the 1972 presidential election."

Rooms for the convocation have been block-booked at the Dodge House, 20 "E" St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Rates are $7.50 per person, double occupancy, twin-bedded rooms. (Singles $11.00; triples $5.75; quadruplets, $4.50 per person.)

Efforts are being made to plan for reduced air rates which are available if 30 or more persons enplane from any given point for Washington, Examples are: Dallas: $136.00; and Kansas City, $118.00.

Brochures and registration blanks are available through your conference program director and registrations should be made through his office.

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Continued Generosity

"Dear Rev. Ezell: Enclosed please find my check for $100.00, my Harvest Day gift to the Methodist Children's Home. May the Lord bless you, your staff, and all the children."

This gift has been repeated annually for many years. The loyalty and generosity are deeply appreciated. Many others over the State do much the same. The loyal, regular giving, and the loyalty to the Home both help us greatly.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Kingdom of God on Earth has suffered a severe loss through the passing on of Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick. Following the example of the Man of Galilee, she showed her love of God through meaningful, constructive service to her fellow man. Wherever the lost, the neglected, the rejected were to be found, proving by action and attitude her love and God's love for all mankind.

Flowers were sent to her Memorial Service in the name of the Board of Directors and the Methodist Children's Home. Mrs. Ezell and I attended those services as representatives of the Home, and because of our long continued personal relationship. From the time we came to MacDonell Methodist Center in 1958, Mrs. Kilpatrick was a mentor and guide, a supporter, and a friend. Selfishly we grieve for her passing. Triumphantly we join the choral accolade, for in her life was truly to be found "the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, forever and ever, Alleluia."

Harry E. Ezell
Superintendent

Advisor on Federal Controls

The Rev. Harry E. Ezell, Superintendent of our Children's Home has been asked by the Office of Child Development, Federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, to criticize and give advice concerning forthcoming Federal regulations of Children's homes accepting government money. This is an honor and a heavy responsibility. Establishment of meaningful and productive regulations in widely varying social, cultural, and economic circumstances is an extremely difficult task. It is a task which, as a citizen, he feels he cannot refuse.

Mr. Ezell has previously served on a church wide committee revising national Methodist Standards and Goals for Child Caring Agencies. He has for several years been a member of a State Advisory Committee to the Child Caring division of the Louisiana Department of Public Welfare. This committee rewrote the Licensing Requirements for Children's Homes in Louisiana.

The Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, while far exceeding state standards, accepts NO government money. We do not feel it wise to accept the controls that come with the money. We believe that our people will provide the money necessary for development of a top quality program.

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WINNERS

A number of our youth entered craft projects in the local Fair. Only three were available for the picture. Several won award ribbons and cash prizes for their work. Several projects were carried on to State Fair in Shreveport. One of our girls won a first place in the State for her knitted poncho. We are proud of them.

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME WINNER

Halloween was a huge success at MCH.

Following an outdoor weiner roast - picnic, each cottage put on one or more skits, several of them showing real imagination and amazingly well done. Individual costumes were judged and awarded.

The Recreation Council—one from each cottage—helped plan the party—helped see that proper rules of conduct were observed—and helped clean up afterward. We believe that this type of responsible participation is one of the best methods of encouraging personality growth.

Who Is Delinquent?

Turmoil is world wide. Even Soviet Russia admits it. London, Tokoyo and Paris are strife ridden. Youth are involved. So are adults, but youth seem primarily to get the blame.

Billy Graham was asked, "In your opinion, what is the greatest cause of juvenile delinquency?" His reply was, "Juvenile delinquents are a product of a delinquent society. It is easy to say that the immediate parents are to blame, but the cause goes far deeper than this. Our children live in an atmosphere of dishonesty, greed and violence. There is general rebellion against chastity, and addiction to pleasure and an obsession with sex.

The Bible says, 'The fathers (parents) have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.' With the accent on violence in our literary and entertainment media it is no wonder that we have all kinds of delinquency—the miracle is that we don't have more."

What was it Jesus said about the speck in your neighbor's eye, and the log in your own?

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Gotta Bicycle?

Kids need bikes. Bikes wear out. We could use used bikes in good condition, any size or model. Is there a bike in your garage that your children have outgrown?

Memorials

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by Mrs. T. E. Watts, Mrs. T.M. Williams, Gulf Coast Rental Tools, Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Staggs, Mrs. R. D. Grissom
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JOHN FRANKLIN HARRISON
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PRAISE FROM COURT

The young man was now ready to take care of himself, after being in care of the Home for several years. We quote from the Court order releasing us from custody.

"The Court is of the opinion that he has received excellent care and treatment during his eight years of residency at the Methodist Home, and the Court wishes to express its thanks to the Methodist Children's Home, and the Rev. Harry Ezell, Superintendent of said Home and his efficient staff, for their care and concern of this child and all of the children this Court has sent to them over the years."

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EWING SPEECH

To best illustrate my point, let me tell you of an experience that I had only three weeks ago. At the request of Allene Ford, the Executive Secretary of the Deaconess/Home Missionary Service, I accepted an invitation to join 60 heads of deaconess orders and women's religious communities in an "Ecumenical Encounter" at the Chateau de Bossey, an ecumenical center located on the outskirts of Geneva, Switzerland.

For five days, this group from diverse backgrounds and experiences, from Europe, Egypt, the Philippines and North America, focused its attention on what it means "to live the Gospel" in the NOW, taking into account the kind of world in which we find ourselves. This experience was a struggle in itself as we tried to overcome barriers of language, theology and creedal differences which even in this setting limited the extent to which we as Christians could come together around the Lord's table.

On the other hand, we each one experienced something of God's grace and the power of His reconciling love as a confrontation took place between those in the group whose life style centered on contemplation, reflection and a more passive response to the conditions of man and society, and those whose life style was characterized by a spirit of activism and involvement which too often assumes a biblical and theological base.

As the period of the "encounter" came to an end there was evidenced in the group an emerging awareness that for persons such as these "to live the Gospel" within contemporary society, no matter where we were, or who we were, a balance needed to be found between a life focused on the development and nurture of one's spiritual growth and search for renewal from a contemplative or more passive approach, and a life centered on activism in response to conditions created by man's inhumanity to man.

Just as this struggle took place at Bossey, a similar struggle is taking place in the life of The United Methodist Church. On the one hand there are those who place the emphasis solely on preaching the Good News and personal evangelism. On the other hand there are those who place the emphasis on translating that Good News and a personal experience into action involving the Church in arenas, which in the minds of some, are too closely identified with social, political and economic issues.

For me it is not a question of either/or, but a question of finding a balance between the two, a question of being faithful to the demands of the Gospel.

The **second thing** that has been learned these past four years is that MISSION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOTAL CHURCH AND NOT LIMITED TO A SINGLE BOARD OR AGENCY. Anyone who has been following the discussions and reports of the Structure Study Commission knows that the acknowledgment of this fact is a basic premise of the Commission as it enters into the final stages of developing its report for transmittal to the churches. Therefore, the Board of Missions—meaning the members of the Board of Managers, together with the staff—is in the process of redefining its role in terms of the specific functions which The United Methodist Church looks to a Board of Missions or a Global Ministries to fulfill. Mission is the responsibility of the total Church—but what is the specific role of a Board of Missions in terms of its relationship to social welfare and medical programs, especially in relation to the type of concerns in which the women have historically been involved and interested.

A **third factor**—these past four years have made it very evident that for a Board of Missions to be faithful to the mandate the Church has given it, IT MUST SEEK A VARIETY OF WAYS OF ENTERING INTO THE STRUGGLES OF MANKIND WHEREVER MAN IS ALIENATED FROM GOD AND HIS FELLOWMAN.

The aim of Mission as defined in the DISCIPLINE, when speaking of the Board of Missions states that the aim of Mission is—to send men into the world as servants in the struggle for justice and meaning, — to reveal in ministry the love of God for all who suffer, — to participate in acts of love whereby men enter into experiences of reconciliation with God and with their fellowman.

Entering into the STRUGGLE, THE SUFFERING and THE ACTS OF RECONCILING LOVE has called the Board to support as well as to challenge the systems in society that imprison the potential of people as contributors to the culture and participants in the community, as well as systems which deny people of their sense of human dignity, their freedom from attitudes and conditions of oppression and their participation in the decision-making processes, especially those that effect their lives and their relationships.

In many places today the concept of mission is still that of "doing for people." If we are to be faithful to the message of love and reconciliation which Jesus spoke about the emphasis must be increasingly on seeking ways of **enabling, sustaining** and **empowering** people and groups to become more **self-reliant** and **self-determinative.** The emphasis is on supporting and facilitating those processes in which persons engage for the purpose of dealing with conditions and issues related to repression, technology, environmental concerns, and the dehumanizing aspects of our various health, education, social welfare and political systems. If we are honest in talking of systems that need to be changed we would also include the Church.

Today, for instance, the focus of the Community Centers is not only on service in response to specific human needs, but on the community action and change, whatever that requires in a specific place, and as it is to be determined by the people in the community.

In Children's Homes, elementary and secondary schools related to the National Division, it is not enough to just provide custodial care and educational services. But it is incumbent upon the homes and the schools to deal with the conditions that make it necessary to have such institutions, the conditions which created the child with a problem and at the same time develop a treatment or rehabilitation program that will prepare the child for his fuller part in the life of society.

One of the major questions before the National Division today relates to the structures, procedures and attitudes that limit members of ethnic-minority groups from fully participating in the life of the Church, and which perpetuate a paternalism that is contrary to the Spirit of the Gospel. I speak with particular reference to the American Indian, the Hispanic Americans and the Asian Americans.

A fourth dimension evidenced as basic in the creation of a "New Church in a New World" is a REMINDER THAT ONE OF OUR STRENGTHS IS IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PART OF A CONNECTIONAL CHURCH. Our ability to become significantly involved in the missionary enterprise relates to our understanding of the interdependency we share and the interrelationships we experience.

To live the Gospel means being involved in our own communities where we can enter into dialogue with people and join them in their struggles and explorations. It also means making available the human and financial resources that will enable others to act on our behalf in places and in situations where we cannot go.

Through our giving to Pledges to Mission through the Women's Society-Guild and through our benevolent giving to World Service we are able to participate in the proclamation and fulfillment of the Gospel from frontiers in mission from Alaska to Miami, from Camp Aldersgate to the Rio Grande Valley, from the doorstep of your local church in the Little Rock Conference to emerging mission frontiers in the cities and villages of Africa, Latin America, Asia and the United States.

In 1971, 48% of the Appropriation Budget of the National Division was supported by pledges to Mission of the Women's Society-Guild. 40% was supported through World Service.

The DISCIPLINE states that "The Board shall not appropriate for the regular maintenance of its work in any one year more money than was received by it for appropriation the previous fiscal year." (#1291.5)

One of the realities with which the National Division must deal as it goes to its Annual Meeting in Minneapolis the end of October relates to the question of its stewardship of resources, aware that its appropriation budget in 1972 is anticipated to be 7.3% less than in 1971. This is in face of the fact that requests from the field exceeded this amount by $2 million.

The World Division is experiencing a similar decision relative to the support of missionaries. Whereby in 1968 it shared in the support of 1,500 missionaries there are now less than 1,200 and the prospect is that this may soon be reduced to 1,000.

The October 1971 issue of THE INTERPRETER magazine outlines the use of the mission dollar. Currently, The United Methodist Church has approved a World Service budget of $25,000,000 to support God's mission in 55 countries—$2.10 a person a year, if it is paid in full.

"A New Church for a New World" is dependent upon this interrelatedness and interdependency that we share.

The **fifth** and last dimension which I want to mention today relates to the NECESSITY TO DEVELOP A MORE WHOLISTIC APPROACH TO MISSION, WHICH WILL REFLECT COORDINATION OF PROGRAM, ECUMENICAL COOPERATION AND A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE.

One of the major questions which was asked of the National Division staff during the recent meetings of the National Division Committee on Finance and the Women's Division Committee on Appropriations was, "What is the relationship of program developments and budget building within a specific area? To what extent are the requests from the field coordinated and negotiated in consultation with the leadership responsible for mission development in the conference, the district or the region?"

For example, in 1970 $155,483.33 of appropriation funds were channeled through the National Division to programs in the Little Rock Conference. How was the need for these funds determined and on what basis were they used? This places a responsibility on the National Division and the Little Rock Conference in terms of its own accountability.

The National Division staff is already working on a model related to a staff style of working with each other and with the field as we look toward the process of developing the 1973 budget.

Denominationally, we must explore ways of coordinating our efforts; **ecumenically** we must explore and experiment with structures that will undergird and give life to what we can do better together than alone, capitalizing on our strengths and giving witness to a sense of unity in the Faith and as partners in mission.

Key words which we are also hearing are "GLOBAL" and "INTERNATIONALIZATION OF MISSION." When one views mission from a "Global" perspective, it places the church in the United States as a minority church and we are reminded that we must be willing to be in the receiving end.

Experiencing the present, anticipating the future —Elton Trueblood has said, "A Christian is not marked by the little habits which he has or does not have, but by his willingness to share in a radical undertaking of change in men's hearts and a consequent change in human history."

As a group of women organized "to challenge women to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world," what are we doing, what will we do to change men's hearts and to change human history as we anticipate the future?

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Committee assignments for General and Jurisdiction Conferences announced

By Cecil Bland

Delegates to the 1972 General Conference of the United Methodist Church and to the 1972 Jurisdictional Conference met recently at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Purpose of the meeting was to bring the delegates up to date on matters expected to come before these major conferences of the church and to exchange information about procedures at the meetings.

Dr. Ben R. Oliphint, chairman of the delegation presided, with Tom Matheny, secretary. It has been the custom in the Louisiana delegation for the chairman of the group to be the first elected clergyman and the first elected layman on alternate General Conference meeting dates.

The General Conference will be held at the Civic Auditorium in downtown Atlanta, Ga., April 16-30, 1972. The South Central Jurisdictional Conference will be held in Houston, Tex., at the Shamrock Hotel the week of July 10-14, 1972.

General Conference delegates will be seated at the General Conference, with the Jurisdictional delegates as alternates. This last procedure is not a rule of the General Conference, but a courtesy of the Louisiana delegation, which has been in effect for some years.

The General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference delegates will **both** sit during the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. Each of these Conferences are held every four years, and the General Conference is the highest authority and policy making body of the United Methodist Church. Following each General Conference legislative changes and rules are published in the **Book of Discipline,** the basic lawbook of the church.

Committee assignments of delegates to the 1972 General Conference were announced by Dr. Oliphint as follows:

1—Education: Dr. Ben Oliphint
2—Ministry: Dr. W. T. Handy
3—Ecumenical Affairs: Dr. Benedict A. Galloway
4—Pensions: Dr. Jack Cooke
5—Judicial (legal): Dr. Robert F. Harrington
6 — Communications: the Rev. James R. Stovall.
7—Christian Social Concerns: Tom H. Matheny
8—Missions: Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
9—Membership and Evangelism: Hubert M. Blanchard
10—Conferences: W. D. Cotton
11—Lay Activities and Church Finance: Dr. G. Leon Netterville
12 — Local Church: Allen L. Brown

The above assignments are made in the order of the individual delegate's election.

The committee assignments of delegates to the 1972 South Central Jurisdictional Conference are:

1—Episcopacy: Oliphint, Matheny
2—Publishing Interests: Handy, Cecil E Bland, Jr.
3—Missions: Galloway, McGowan
4—Ministry: Cooke, Truman L. Ward
5—Education: Harrington, Dr. William H. Patrick, Jr.
6—Christian Social Concerns: Stovall, Brown, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
7—Health and Welfare Ministries: Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, Dr. Keith Mason
8—Evangelism: Dr. D. L. Dykes, W. D. Cotton, Dr. Henry A. Rickey
9—Pensions: Dr. L. L. Haynes, Netterville
10—Temporal Economy: The Rev. James J. Caraway, Hubert M. Blanchard

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FROM LEFT: Dr. W. T. Handy, Nashville, Tenn. Methodist Publishing House executive; Tom H. Matheny, Conference lay leader; Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, former president Conference A WSCS; and Dr. Ben R. Oliphint. Dr. Oliphint is chairman of the Louisiana General Conference Delegation, and Matheny, secretary. Mrs. McGowan and Dr. Handy are elected delegates.

FROM LEFT: (at delegates meeting) Dr. Douglas McGuire, Baton Rouge District superintendent; the Rev. James Stovall, and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Program Council director. Stovall is a Democratic candidate for Louisiana State Representative from his district (Metairie, Jefferson Parish) and will be in a runoff election in the Second Democratic primary in December.

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Scientist first Cadwallader Lecturer

Dr. George K. Schweitzer, professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will be the first lecturer of the newly endowed Charles N. Cadwallader Memorial Lectures to be held at Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Nov. 28-30.

These lectures are established in memory of the late Charles N. Cadwallader by his widow, Mrs. Ruth Cadwallader, and this year will provide the Rayne Memorial congregation and New Orleans Methodism with an opportunity of hearing an outstanding Bible lecturer.

Dr. Schweitzer is a native of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and is at present the Alumni Distinguished Service Professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tenn. He is the holder of three doctors degrees: a Ph.D. in chemistry, a Ph.D in philosophy, and an Sc.D for work in the history of science.

Dr. Schweitzer is a widely known lecturer having made addresses on science, philosophy and religion on over 300 college and university campuses and to many service, professional and religious groups.

Methodists and friends from across the state are invited to attend these lectures on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 10:50 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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Some of the participants in financial crusade at Trinity Church, Ruston. FROM LEFT: J. H. Kitchens, organization chairman; the Rev. M. W. Merrill, pastor; Dr. R. M. Carruthers, general co-chairman; C. D. Faulk, Jr., general chairman; Floyd James, special gifts chairman; SECOND ROW: Dr. Tom Williams, crusade director; Walter Savage, Administrative Board chairman.

Trinity, Ruston reaches goal in fund drive

A celebration last week marked the conclusion of the financial crusade to raise funds to build the new church sanctuary for Trinity Church, Ruston. This congregation moved into its new educational and administrative building in September and is holding services in the fellowship hall. Final reports from the crusade members showed the total pledges from church members at $486,882, almost $37,000 over the goal of $450,000, according to the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, pastor.

The crusade organization of almost 200 persons has been working for months in anticipation of the three days designated for visitation of the church members. The crusade was two-fold in purpose. In addition to the pledges to the building fund, the congregation also made faith pledges to the annual budget of $150,000.

Dr. Tom Williams, a Methodist minister now retired from the Board of Church Extension, was the crusade director, having directed the first crusade for funds to construct the present plant. Since retirement, Dr. Williams has dedicated the funds he receives for conducting campaigns, above his actual expenses, to the purchase of stewardship kits suitable for small churches that otherwise could not have effective campaigns. He will distribute a number of such packets to churches in the name of Trinity Church.

Mrs. Jerry Butcher

Reading a passage of scripture in the Prayer Room of the U.S. Capitol are (from l.): Rep. John H. Buchanan Jr., 6th Dist.-Ala., Baptist co-chairman of the Congressional Committee for National Bible Week, and two prominent Methodists, Dr. Edward Gardiner Latch, chaplain of the House, and Rep. Joe D. Waggonner Jr., 4th Dist.-La. The 31st annual interfaith observance of National Bible Week Nov. 21-28 points out the extent to which the Bible has influenced Western civilization, and how it is still the best handbook of life.

Alumni chairmen for Centenary Homecoming announced

Mrs. Jerry Butcher, a 1962 graduate of Centenary College, has been named chairman of the Homecoming Committee of the Alumni Association for the Dec. 4 event at the College.

Mrs. Butcher has issued invitations to the 6800 former students of the College to participate in a full day of events to be climaxed by the Centenary-East Texas Baptist basketball game in the Gold Dome on the night of the 4th.

Mrs. Butcher is a coordinator and physical education teacher at Eden Gardens Elementary School in Shreveport. She and her husband have two children, Jay, 6, and Julie, 2.

Mrs. Juan Watkins is serving as co-chairman of the Homecoming events.

Other committee members who will serve this year are: Mrs. J. R. Land, 10th reunion chairman; Mrs. Beynon Cheesman, 25th reunion chairman; Mrs. Warren West, publicity chairman; Mrs. Wayne Hanson, ticket chairman; Mrs. Robert Lindsey, banquet chairman; Mrs. James Goins, faculty-alumni coffee chairman; Mrs. Larry Cowley, reception chairman; Mrs. George Gilmer, flower chairman; Dr. John K. Graham, outstanding teacher award chairman; and Dr. Ned Prothro, honorary alumnae chairman.

Three major awards will be made by the Alumni Association during a banquet to be held in the Centenary Dining Hall prior to the Homecoming basketball game, the Hall of Fame Award, the honorary teacher award, and the honorary alumni award.

Mrs. Butcher urges all former Centenary students to make reservations for the banquet and other events as soon as possible through the Alumni Association offices at 869-5141.

EL DORADO CHOIR ON LOUISIANA TOUR

The Sanctuary Choir of First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, made a tour of Louisiana with stops in three churches to present concerts this week.

The 31 young people, under the leadership of Gordon and Helen Betenbaugh, ministers of music, spent Saturday night, November 20, in Alexandria where they sang in two morning worship services at First United Methodist Church. The group presented the Sunday evening worship service in Broadmoor United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge. On Monday evening, Carrollton United Church of New Orleans was host to the choir.

Before returning home last night, the group expected to visit the French Quarter, Tulane, Loyola, Michoud Assembly (NASA), museums and other points of interest in New Orleans, and Hodges Gardens near Many, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mayfield accompanied the Betenbaughs and the choir in the church bus.

In Alexandria, Dr. Bentley Sloane was host pastor; in Baton Rouge, Dr. Barry Bailey; and at Carrollton Church, the Rev. J. P. McKeithen is minister. Dr. Alvin T. Murray is pastor of First Church, El Dorado.

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News in Brief

Two students at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and two alumni of the seminary have filed suit in the U.S. district court protesting the Selective Service System as it affects divinity students and ministers.

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DELEGATES

11—Annual Conference Boundaries: the Rev. W. Ralph Cain, Dudley V. Snow

12—Annual Conference Journals: Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, John Tubb

Reserves to the Jurisdictional Conference are: The Rev. Wyatt D. Boddie, the Rev. John M. Winn, the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, Dr. Alfred Stewart, Sr., Joe D. Solomon, Miss Ethel Alston.

Items of primary interest to be brought up at the General Conference are: church restructure, status of the church, organization of women's division.

Four bishops will be elected at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference because these four are retiring: Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Louisiana Area; Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Arkansas Area; Bishop Noah W. Moore, Nebraska Area, and Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas-Fort Worth Area.

An item of importance to be presented at the Jurisdictional Conference will be restructure.

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CONCERNING STATISTICS FOR 1972

It may be of interest to local churches and Conference Commissions on World Service and Finance, in preparing Budgets for 1972, to know that the Statistical Blanks for that year, will be the same as the ones that have been in use for 1968-71 Quadrennium.

It is anticipated that there will be new blanks for the Calendar year 1973.

Luther K. Wilson, Secretary,
South Central Jurisdiction
Statisticians.

Opportunities for Continuing Education are announced

Opportunities for the continuing education of ministers have been announced by two institutions.

Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., will offer a two-hour credit course in "Theology and Practice of Evangelism," Jan. 10-21, 1972, and within the same period will conduct a "Conference on Preaching," Jan. 18-20.

Leaders for the credit course will be: the Rev. George G. Hunter III, New Life missioner of the Board of Evangelism, The United Methodist Church; the Rev. Chester E. Custer, director of services to local churches and educational institutions for the Board of Evangelism; Dr. Earl H. Furgeson, professor of preaching and pastoral theology, Wesley Seminary; and Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, dean and professor of systematic theology, Wesley Seminary.

Leading in the three-day conference will be: Bishop James A. Armstrong of the Dakotas Area; the Rev. David J. Randolph, assistant general secretary, Christian Community Section, Board of Evangelism; and Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary, Board of Evangelism.

Tuition for the course is $60. Lodging and meals will be extra and are the responsibility of each individual. Lodging is not available at the seminary. Application forms may be secured from the Registrar, Wesley Theological Seminary, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

A wide range of programs are available at the Ecumenical Continuing Education Center at Yale University. This center is a new type which has no degrees or credit, but provides a stimulating learning environment in which each participant can "do his own thing."

Some of their programs for 1972 are:

"Theology and Imagination"— creativeness of media, i.e., films, tapes, dances, etc.—March 6-16, 1972, May 2-12, June 19-23.

"Ministering to Business Culture and Suburbia"—focus on theology of the laity, churchmanship and mission, Jan. 23-29, Apr. 4-14.

"Parish Planning Conference" — focus on parish evaluation, program development and skills, Feb. 14-22, July 5-15.

For further information concerning the opportunities at Yale contact Dr. Parker Rossman, Dean, Center at Yale for Ecumenical Continuing Education, 363 St. Ronan St., New Haven, Conn. 06511.

Editorial

CONFRONTING THE WORST OF HUMAN TRAGEDIES

As we sit at our tables on Thanksgiving Day and praise God for the many good things with which we have been blessed, we cannot avoid the disturbing thoughts which come to us because of the terrible situation concerning the Pakistani refugees in East India. The mass exodus of more than 9.5 million people from East Pakistan has resulted in what has been described as "the worst human tragedy of modern history."

Such an evaluation was given to the United Methodist Board of Missions at its recent annual meeting by Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, who was recently in India on an inspection trip to the area in which the refugees are concentrated.

This flood of humanity fleeing from the man-made tragedy of civil war in East Pakistan — sandwiched between the storms and tidal waves which have struck twice recently in the same region—has resulted in a degree of human misery which is almost beyond description. Each time we read about the problem or see it recorded in pictures, we recognize that we must find a way as individuals and as members of the United Methodist Church to reach out and help.

Dr. Haines, who has a remarkable sensitivity to the needs of suffering humanity around the world, painted a most dismal picture of this situation along the eastern border of India. He spoke of a belt of refugees from 20 to 30 miles wide extending for a distance of about 1300 miles. Within this area, seven million refugees are located in camps, while the remaining two and a half million are scattered around the countryside. Because of flooding conditions in the area, some of the camps have as much as three feet of water flowing through them. The conditions remain unsettled throughout Pakistan, and a steady stream of people continue to flow out.

The Indian government deserves high praise for the work they have been doing in response to the paralyzing crisis. Dr. Haines said: "India is caring for seven million people at a cost of $4 million a day. Eventually she will come to the point where she cannot support this kind of effort." He also spoke words of praise for the efforts of the church agencies, including the World Council of Churches, Catholic Relief Services and the Indian churches.

We would hope that the United States will find a way soon to lend more assistance than she has yet done. The Indian government has appealed to the world community for $400 million, but only a fourth of that has been forthcoming.

We agree with Dr. Haines that in the long run a political solution must be found to this problem. Although some have tried to picture it as a religious war between Hindus and Moslems, the Methodist relief expert says, "It's really a civil war. The present trouble came about as a result of East Pakistan's effort to gain its independence and become a separate nation . . . an effort which West Pakistan forces ruthlessly resisted."

Christians form a relatively small minority of the Pakistani population, but Dr. Haines reported that one-third of the Christian community of East Pakistan is now in refugee camps in India.

The relief expert told the Board of Missions that the earlier threat of a chlorea epidemic is past, largely because of controls instituted by the Indian government. However, new health problems are constantly arising where shelter and sanitation facilities are practically nonexistent. Now it seems that the refugees are most threatened by gastro-entiritis and pneumonia. Several hundred thousand lives will be lost because of these diseases, Dr. Haines predicted.

The coming of winter is also a problem among these people. According to recent news stories from Religious News Service, more than two million blankets have been started on their way to the refugee camps. But even this is small assurance that any kind of adequate protection can be offered against the coming of freezing weather.

Funds from the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief are being channeled through the Christian Agency for Social Action, Relief and Development, an arm of the National Council of Churches of India. Dr. Haines is working in close cooperation with Bishop Joseph R. Lance, chairman of India UMCOR. Funds are being applied to the purchase of powdered milk, medical supplies, and tarpaulins — as well as for blankets. In addition the agencies are buying $500,000 worth of clothing—the commonly worn saris for women and dhotis for men—along with pullover sweaters.

In this great human tragedy, we must all seek ways to share what we have.

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the Editor's Corner

A Proposal For Broader Representation

From time to time in the period between now and the 1972 General Conference, we will be talking with you in this column about proposals that will be before the body. We hope you will be wanting to react to these suggestions, and that it will be possible for us to base a column on your responses.

The Rev. W. Hewlett Stith, Jr., associate editor of the Virginia Advocate, has submitted a petition which asks that body to consider making the Annual Church Conference (composed of all church members) the body that elects at-large members of the Administrative Board. Under such a proposal the Church Conference would become a required meeting instead of an optional one.

In writing about this proposal in a recent issue of the publication he serves, Mr. Stith said: "This setup would overcome much local frustration, restore legitimate power to the local church member, and at the same time go a long way to stabilize the economic life of the church."

Concerning the relationship to the economic program of the church, he said: "In the local congregation, how can the church member who is not a church official be heard? He does not vote on the church budget or church policies. He doesn't even elect a representative who will vote on these matters." He suggests that some members, caught up in such frustration, decide to vote with their offering envelopes. Granting that this does not happen very often, Mr. Stith believes that it would be a healthy thing to provide local church members a vote —not just with their offering envelopes, but with personal involvement in the decision-making which a vote on members-at-large of the Administrative Board would provide.

Please give this proposal your careful consideration and let us hear from you concerning its merits. We would hope that this would be a valuable service to our delegates who will be voting on this and other issues at General Conference.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Although it was defeated by only 28 votes — a closer margin than many observers expected—the "Prayer Amendment" is dead—at least for this session of Congress. One highly-controversial word in the bill was deleted during debate on the issue. Congressmen voted to substitute "voluntary prayer and meditation" for "non-denominational prayer," since critics of the amendment had asserted that it was impossible to define "non-denominational" prayer.

Former Justice Tom C. Clark of the Supreme Court addressing a consultation on religion and education in Austin, Tex., emphasized that the Court held that "there is no constitutional objection to the use of the Bible as a reference work, its study for its literary and historic values, the teaching of comparative religion and the study of the history of religion and its place in the development of present civilizations." "This is a far cry from banning religion from the public schools," Clark said.

When it defeated the proposed Prayer Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the House of Representatives "recognized the rights of religious minorities not to be coerced by law or custom into practicing the religion of the majority," said Dr. Robert E. Van Duesen, an executive of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. Van Duesen said "It is incumbent upon church leaders to devise alternative means by which the impact of religious faith on American culture, within proper Constitutional boundaries, may be strengthened."

An estimated 1,000 Protestant churches are expected to participate in the Evangelism-in-Depth program in southern Chile next April, according to the Rev. Rafael Baltadana, adviser for the program. He said government officials appear willing to cooperate with the movement. Chilean President Salvador Allende, a Marxist, has declared that his government will respect and defend the principle of freedom of religion. Plans for the ambitious project were developed by 150 evangelical pastors of southern Chile, the nations agricultural "breadbasket" which has a population of about 4 million.

A three-day meeting on the place of religion in education, sponsored by the Texas Conference of Churches, re-emphasized the need for a "religious dimension" in public school education. Although participants agreed that "problems involved in learning about religion in the public schools have not been resolved," The Consultation on Religion and Education agreed that teaching "about" religion is legal and that new teaching styles will be required to meet "the increasing appetite for religious learning." The Consultation, held at the University of Texas in Austin, was sponsored by the TCC in cooperation with representatives from 13 other organizations and institutions in Texas.

Eternity magazine, the evangelical Protestant monthly published in Philadelphia, has devoted a sizeable part of its November issue to Roman Catholic renewal. "It's quite a drastic turnabout for Eternity to be warmly praising developments in the Roman Catholic Church," said editor Dr. Russell T. Hitt, "but after all, some amazing things have been happening among Catholics, especially since Vatican II." Eternity, founded 21 years ago, styles itself a "conservative" Protestant publication.

Addressing a major agency of 5,000 British industrialists and businessmen meeting in London recently, Evangelist Billy Graham said moral integrity is the core of every human relationship and western civilization will not survive another 10 years unless moral and spiritual values are quickly restored. "There is a real danger that man, caught up in a technological fantasy, shall cease to be human," he said. He told of $5 billion dollars changing hands in the U.S. last year in bribes, pay-offs and kickbacks; of sweaters labeled "Made in Britain" which were actually made in Philadelphia of Japanese yarn, and of about $75 million being spent each year for fake academic degrees. However, the evangelist expressed encouragement over the religious awakening among young Americans, and "their revolt . . . against the lack of integrity and sincerity of their elders."

Religious News Service reports a Lutheran pastor deeply involved in work with young people who says he sees something "Satanic" in the "Children of God" group—an offshoot of the current Jesus movement. A writer-teacher "entrenched" in the Jesus movement in Seattle was critical of the "Children of God" emphasis on turning all goods over to the community and the requirement that children leave their parents. An Episcopal priest added that the movement is "unbalanced and extreme. God's order is that the basic unit of society is the family. What these young people need is a Christian home where there are people of all ages—not just youth all of one age."

An emergency campaign to collect a million blankets for East Pakistani refugees in India is being conducted by Christian Aid, the service arm of the British Council of Churches. The first goal of 50,000 blankets has been achieved, but Christian Aid workers in Calcutta have indicated that even a million blankets may not avert the death of thousands of Pakistani children from exposure.

Pope Paul VI urged Christians to deepen their belief in the "certainity" of their rising from the dead, and to make this belief operative in their lives here and now. Addressing pilgrims in St. Peter's Square the pontiff said, "Brothers, let us preserve and strengthen our belief in the certainty of our future life, and let us bring this belief into action in the present."

A church serving three denominations — Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Methodists—will be built at Pin Green in the Stevenage New Town district of Hertfordshire in England. Under present plans, the church will seat 250 people; six services will be held each Sunday, two of them united services. A community center also will be built.

Dr. Warren L. Ziegler, co-director of the Education Policy Research Center of Syracuse University Research Corp., says that an emerging shift in the focus of science is away from nature to human nature. Speaking to the Institute on Modern Religious Communications Dilemmas, the futurist issued as the primary challenge the need of the church "to invent its own future" rather than passively react or adapt to the future created by others. Ziegler said the business of religion is to move mankind from expectations to hope.

The 1971 American Jewish Year Book, just published, sets the latest estimate for the world Jewish population at 13,951,000. The U.S. has the largest Jewish community—5,870,000. After the U.S., countries having the largest Jewish populations are the Soviet Union, 2,620,000; Israel, 2,560,000; France, 550,000; Argentina, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000 and Canada, 280,000, according to the statistical compilation.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, elected president of the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, speaking of the role of the "Jesus-freaks" in current youth culture, said the movement has the merit of being a "return to God and His authoritative word" but at the same time, he added, "their existential orientation and shallow doctrinal logic left them vulnerable to extreme charismatic claims and to fanatical excesses." Dr. Henry is professor-at-large at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and editor-at-large of Christianity Today magazine.

The world treasurer for the Seventh-day Adventist Church told its top officers that the U.S. economic crisis "could vibrate throughout the entire church." Kenneth H. Emmerson said that "some church leaders feel members are giving as much as they did before and forgetting the weakening buying power of the U.S. dollar."

GREENCASTLE, Ind. – Jackie Christman, a 19-year-old basketball star from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., has returned from a women's basketball tourney in Caracas, Venezuela, "sadder and wiser" but spiritually strengthened. Her squad – the Puerto Rican National girls basketball team coached by her father, the Rev. Norman Christman, a United Methodist minister – finished with a 1-9 won-lost record in 13 days of competition.

Jackie was especially distressed by her team's 158-20 trouncing at the hands of the Mexican women. "It just isn't piddling girls basketball," she declared. "You have to get in there and fight. It was a real test of our patience, especially for a Christian."

Now that she's back at DePauw, the 5-foot-7, 125-pound center must contend with her major athletic problem. It seems the men at the United Methodist school don't take her "avocation" (basketball) seriously and she has had to quietly but firmly elbow her way onto the male-dominated courts to practice.

(RNS Photo)

Convocation speaker at LSU critical of state's abortion law

by William Spiller Milton

One of the country's best known writers in the related fields of theology and ethics, speaking at LSU at Alexandria, Tuesday, Nov. 2, called Louisiana's abortion law "irresponsible, dangerous, destructive, and unloving."

Dr. Joseph Fletcher is Professor of Ethics at the School of Medicine, University of Virginia. He was a speaker-participant in the Convocation on Medicine and Religion at Mayo Clinic in 1967 and a contributor to the book that resulted from the convocation: **Dialogue in Medicine and Religion.** A former dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Fletcher was professor of social ethics, Episcopal Theology School, Cambridge, Mass., before going to the University of Virginia. He has written several books including **Situational Ethics.**

At a noon meeting of physicians and clergymen of Rapides Parish, Dr. Fletcher said, "Louisiana still has a law—though I suspect not for long—a radical law which legally prohibits all interruptions of pregnancy, even those with medical indications of fatal pathology. I am at war with this."

He declared, "I disagree, am morally appalled and offended by the radicals who say abortion is always wrong — including the Roman Catholic Church — and those who say abortion is always right and are ethically indifferent about it."

In a speech which he said was more to ask questions than to provide answers, Dr. Fletcher noted that conscience is formed (matters of right and wrong decided) in terms of concrete, specific, situational realities.

Dr. Fletcher's book which set forth this thesis several years ago was both severely criticized as "bringing about the new morality" and acclaimed as providing aid for making decisions brought about by burgeoning knowledge and technology.

Entitled "Problems of Conscience Posed by Bio-Medical Research and Innovations", Dr. Fletcher's speech pointed out that perhaps the most important thing emerging in modern medicine is not the new devices and therapies but that underneath these are more fundamental mental revolutions.

"Because of the new biology," he continued, "We are having to learn to think phenomenally about human experiences as 'process' rather than 'event!"

The ethics teacher calls it "illogical to maintain, as many Protestant thinkers do, that there are times when abortion might be justifiable, but say at the same time euthanasia (mercy killing) is always wrong."

"The same problem of conscience exists at either end of the spectrum," he declared.

Dr. Fletcher said he used abortion as an example of problems of conscience because of the above mentioned "radical Louisiana law."

He said that when Pope Benedict XIV decreed in 1869 that human life is present from the moment of conception "it was the greatest intellectual cop out of all time."

The former theology professor says he prefers the Thomist view (St. Thomas Aquinas) that there is no human life prior to "quickening."

Dr. Fletcher spoke to biology and nursing classes as well as at the noon meeting with clergy and physicians at LSUA.

The Wesley Fellowship at LSUA and the Episcopal Chaplaincy at LSUA were the co-sponsors. The Rev. Spiller Milton is the ministerial advisor to the Wesley Fellowship and the Rev. Joe Chambers is the Episcopal representative on the campus.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

"With Jesus Christ . . . Faith Active in Love" will be the theme for a Northeastern Jurisdiction Christmas Convocation on Evangelism in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

Religious Emphasis Week held at Nicholls State

The program for Religious Emphasis Week at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, featured four days of outstanding speakers, panelists, discussions and religious films. Sessions were held in Aquinas Center Monday through Thursday, November 8-11, with two features in the morning, two in the afternoon, and an evening program each day.

Dr. Henry Long launched the series on Monday at 9 a.m. with a talk on "Science, Evolution, and Religion". Sister Helen Rezelmann followed at 10 a.m., speaking on "Contemporary Morality". "Spiritual Revolution" was the subject at 3 p.m., by the Rev. Richard Braswell, assistant chaplain of Bourbon Street. The Monday evening program presented Steve Stonebraker, former New Orleans Saint football star, discussing "The Christian and Pro Football."

On Tuesday, Dr. Glenn Swetman spoke on "Religion and Literature", and Sterling Millet on "Changes in Religion from a Sociological Point of View". Panelists who discussed "The Future of Organized Religion" were the Rev. Buddy Chadwick, the Rev. Lael Jones, the Rev. Lenno Powell, the Rev. Roland Pierson and the Rev. Will Todd.

"Black Theology" was the subject of the Rev. Moses B. Anderson, chaplain at Xavier University, on Tuesday evening.

The Wednesday program featured the film "Parable"; "Search for Self in Music in the Past Decade" Noel Toups; Interfaith Worship Service; and the movie "Nazarin".

"The Catholic Pentecostal Movement" was the subject of the Rev. Harold Cohen of Loyola University, who spoke on Thursday morning. The closing program was on "Contemporary Christian Values" with Jim Fields, former LSU star, as the speaker.

"All Campus Weekend" at Centenary College

in Shreveport

The finale in the pie-eating contest during "All Campus Weekend" at Centenary College. No winners were announced because none was recognizable.

The highlight of afternoon was an old fashioned tug-o-war which was won by the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Opponents in the struggle shown above give evidence that the younger generation has not gone soft!

The aftermath of the tug-o-war . . . otherwise referred to as "good clean fun."

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. J. P. WOODLAND, pastor of First United Methodist at Slidell, was the speaker at First Presbyterian Church at the 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day service. The Service is sponsored by the Slidell Ministerial Association.

UNITED METHODIST MEN of the Monroe District held the quarterly meeting and breakfast in Southside Church on Friday morning, November 12, at six o'clock. Joe Solomon and Charles Pepper prepared the food.

THE REV. JAMES STOVALL, pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Metairie, was the speaker for the November 19 meeting of the Methodist Home Hospital Auxiliary.

THE NEWSLETTER of St. Bernard United Methodist Church, Chalmette, states that Kent Kilbourne gave a concert in the Poydras Baptist Church on Sunday, November 14, his appearance being co-sponsored by the Baptist and Methodist youth. The son of missionary parents in Korea, Kent is a senior at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, and plans to join the Louisiana Conference in June.

RAYMOND NANCE, director of Christian education in Rayne Memorial Church, recently told the Single Adult Fellowship about his two years in New York working with a Bedford-Stuyvesant Youth-in-Action project of New York Theological Seminary.

ALL THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Departments of Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, met together November 14 for a drama entitled "Thanksgiving: An American Tradition, 1621-1971." On stage were the "Pilgrim Family" in front of their log cabin in the wilderness, and the "Modern Family" around the traditional holiday table. With music, narration and scripture, all were reminded of their historical and religious heritage as Americans. Mrs. Elouise Waggaman directed the program, which was written and presented by the Wesley Bible Class. The Rev. Dave Corley is the pastor.

THE BATON ROUGE XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Club of First United Methodist Church will have the annual bazaar on Tuesday, December 7 beginning at 9:30 a.m. A spaghetti supper in the gym will conclude the day. Members of the XYZ Club held the annual dinner at the church on Thanksgiving Day. The church furnished turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, rolls and coffee, with members bringing salads and desserts.

THE HAYNESVILLE United Methodist Church will begin the fall revival on Sunday, November 28 and close on Thursday, December 2. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Ed Hollenbeck, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Benton, Arkansas, who is chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions. Special music will be by visiting choirs, from Homer United Methodist Church on Tuesday, and from First Church, Minden, on Thursday. Mrs. Charlie Anglin arranged the neighborhood prayer groups. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is the Haynesville pastor.

MANSFIELD UNITED Methodist Church recently installed the following youth officers: Junior Hi—Dave Lowe, president; Laurie Harris, vice-president; Kathleen Richardson, secretary-treasurer. Senior Hi—Wayne Eddy, president; Charles Urban, vice-president; Steve Lowe, secretary-treasurer; Casey Stokes, program chairman. The Rev. George W. Harkins is their pastor.

TRINITY TIDINGS, newsletter of Trinity Church, Ruston, printed information concerning Larry George, summer youth director at Trinity in 1970. He and his wife are in Salisbury, Rhodesia, learning the Shona language to prepare for missionary work. After December 17 they will be at the Mrewa Methodist Centre, P. B. 62, Mrewa, Rhodesia. His wife, Mickey, will be teaching home economics classes and Larry will have business classes beginning in January.

MRS. KEN SADLER will be hostess to new residents of Slidell at her Bayou Liberty home on Thursday morning, December 2. This annual Christmas tea takes the place of the December general meeting of the Women's Society.

A JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE in observance of Youth Week was held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, November 7, by the young people of Mt. Zion and Munholland United Methodist Churches.

THE D.M.A. CLUB of First Church, Minden, held the Thanksgiving program and luncheon on Wednesday, November 17. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining, pastor, was the speaker.

THE FIRST OF A SERIES of "Church Nites" will be held on Tuesday, November 30, in First Church, Alexandria. Father Paul Caesar, a Catholic priest from Shreveport, will provide entertainment. Dr. Bentley Sloane is host pastor.

TERRELL DeVILLE, ASSISTANT superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, showed the filmstrip "Worth a Cross" and presented the work of the Home at a recent meeting of the Jaycee Jaynes at Delhi.

ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER SPOKE IN MER ROUGE CHURCH

The newly elected associate publisher of the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, was guest speaker in the Mer Rouge United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 7. He is the Rev. Thornton Fowler who was visiting his brother, A. D. Fowler, a member of the Mer Rouge Church. Dr. Fowler has been pastor of several large churches in Tennessee, including the historic McKendree United Methodist Church in Nashville. Pastor of the Mer Rouge Church is the Rev. Larry Robertson.

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THE REV. JAMES POOLE, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Shreveport was the speaker for the Broadmoor Community Thanksgiving service held at Broadmoor Baptist Church Wednesday night, November 24.

THE BROADMOOR CHURCH in Baton Rouge is providing an automobile for Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Benner, missionaries to Japan, while they are home on furlough. Dr. Barry Bailey is minister of the Broadmoor Church.

THE REV. LARRY MAXWELL, associate pastor of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, was the speaker for community services held Thanksgiving morning at the Broadmoor Baptist Church.

THE XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Club of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, meets twice a month. The second Monday meeting is for business and program. The fourth Monday is for arts and crafts projects. Currently the ladies are making lap robes from scraps for those in nursing homes. Mrs. Jackson (Tottie) Young has been in charge of the group for about 15 years.

THE LEESVILLE Women's Society of Christian Service is sponsoring a Christmas bazaar and bake sale on Thursday, December 2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

SLIDES OF A FIVE WEEK tour of the South Sea Islands were shown by Jessie Mae Hoag and Helen Longanecker at the November meeting of the Jennings WSG.

THE RECENT BAZAAR held in First Church, Lake Charles, by the D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) Club brought in $1,507.20, according to the church bulletin.

CLERGY OF ALL CHRISTIAN churches in Louisiana were invited to attend the "Priests' Day" held by the Louisiana Religious Educators' Conference in Baton Rouge, November 12. The first day of the three-day biennial conference was designed for clergy. The address was given by the Rev. Gregory Baum, German-born theologian.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Nov. 28—Sunday	Dan. 6:10-23
Nov. 29	Psalms 84:1-12
Nov. 30	Psalms 86:1-8
Dec. 1	Luke 1:68-79
Dec. 2	Mark 10:17-27
Dec. 3	Matt. 25:31-46
Dec. 4	Matt. 9:9-13
Dec. 5—Sunday	Acts 13:23-26

"LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE POOR –

"Why and What" was the subject of discussion in Lake Charles First United Methodist Church, Sunday evening, November 14. Mrs. Elsie Whitman Rowland led the program and was assisted by Paul E. Palmer, president of the Board of Directors of Legal Services, with staff members: Cecil R. Sanner, Vincent Wilkins, Jr. and Robert L. Ambrose. Their subjects included Juvenile Court, Law Reforms, Social Security, Welfare and Unemployment.

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MRS. JEWEL PEAK was awarded a plaque by members of the Denham Springs United Methodist Church. She was named as the "Outstanding Church Member of the Year." Certificates of appreciation were presented to Mrs. Louise Parker, Mildred Leftwich, W. L. Cook and Jimbo DeLaune for their devoted efforts in the work of the church. The Rev. Edward O. Pickens is pastor.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY in New Orleans was held in Parkway Presbyterian Church in Metairie. The Parkway Drama Group of the host church took part in the opening program. Speaking on the world theme "To Build A New Earth" were Findley Raymond, director of the Louisiana Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Association, and Tom Bradley, biologist of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

"AN ECOLOGY MARATHON" it was labeled by the youth of First Church, Shreveport. The Middle and Senior High youth groups attended the 8:30 a.m. service on November 14. Following the service they were supplied with bags and assigned areas where they collected trash in downtown Shreveport from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. They brought sack lunches and had supper at the church.

THE DERIDDER CHURCH reports that over $2,400 was cleared on the recent bazaar. Disbribution of funds will be made in January, with one-half going to mission projects, and the rest to local church work. The Rev. Jefferson C. Wallace is the DeRidder pastor.

Districts hold Merger Services for women

New Orleons District A and B Wesleyan Service Guilds held their merger service an October 31 in Munholland Memoriol Church. Officers elected are shawn obove. From left: Mrs. Darothy Hurley, member af Cammittee on Nominatians; Mrs. Ida Lee K. Smith, choirmon af Nominotians; Mrs. June Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. Owindo Warren Toplette, district chairman; and Mrs. Evelyn B. Martin, Committee on Naminotions member.

Mrs. Owinda Worren Taplette, newly elected chairman af New Orleans District WSG, is a member af First Street United Methadist Church.

MONROE DISTRICT GUILDS CAMP AT CHEMIN-A-HAUT

The fall meeting of the Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guild was held at Chemin-a-Haut State Park on the weekend of October 30-31. Mrs. Gilbert Bandel of Baton Rouge, who is conference chairman of Missionary Education, spoke to the group on Saturday night concerning the meeting which she attended at Lincoln, Nebraska, and on Sunday morning she gave an inspirational message on "Faith, Hope and Love."

Mrs. Minza Rabun, a member of the Bastrop First Church Guild, received the "Guild Woman of the Year Award", which has become an annual presentation in the Monroe District to a member who has performed outstanding service during the year.

Miss Ruth Gulley of Sterlington was elected as district chairman, and the outgoing district chairman, Mrs. Louis Bennett, was presented with a Special Membership in recognition of her services.

Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, WSCS district president, and Mrs. Herbert Walker, district treasurer, participated in the program. Mrs. Walker presented the pledge report for the Monroe District. Mrs. Virginia Ward of West Monroe presented the studies. The Rev. Louis Roos, pastor of Memorial United Methodist in Bastrop, brought the morning devotional at the vesper point.

Members of the Bastrop First Church Wesleyan Service Guild, with Mrs. Minza Rabun in charge, prepared and served the meals enjoyed by the 36 who registered for the weekend. Those present declared the weekend one of inspiration, learning and fellowship in a memorable atmosphere.

Ella K. Hooper Endowment Fund benefits MacDonell Center

The Ella K. Hooper Endowment Fund, originated by the Dorcas Circle ladies of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in New Orleans, has come a long way in one year.

The focus of this endowment fund is aimed toward the children of MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma. Directed by Mr. G. J. Bridges, ACSW, the center is currently equipped to serve 30 deprived, dependent youngsters who are in need of care outside their own homes. In addition to working with children who have been at the center but have returned to their own families while continuing to have casework services by the social worker, MacDonell also offers services to families who need counseling concerning family problems.

Because the members of the Dorcas Circle care about these children, as well as those children the center will serve in the future, the idea for an endowment fund was suggested. After talking with a number of persons including Mr. Bridges about this endeavor, nine of the circle members, headed by Mrs. Bill Morris set out to establish such a fund.

As a tribute to the founder of the MacDonell Center, this non-profit organization is officially called the Ella K. Hooper Endowment Fund. Founded by Miss Hooper in 1919 as a French mission school, the center first served the special needs of the French-speaking children, and later concentration on the education of Indian children and adults. In more recent years, the MacDonell Center has adapted its purpose to providing care, education, Christian nurture, study and treatment for neglected children in need of group living experience.

As the groundwork was laid for the endowment fund, the enthusiasm for its success mushroomed, not only among the Dorcas Circle members, but throughout the church, developing a true spirit of Christian comradeship.

In January of 1971 the group received a charter for the endowment fund by the State of Louisiana. Special brochures explaining the details of the fund and its contribution to the MacDonell Center were then printed during the next few months. In March, the circle sponsored a "taste luncheon" with the women of the church providing some 50 dishes to be tasted. With the profits from this event along with quite a number of contributions, the bills the group had incurred for printing expenses and other such items were marked "paid in full", and a substantial amount was deposited into the Endowment Fund.

"This period now is a crucial one for the fund," says Mrs. Morris. "Although we've had such a marvelous beginning and are all full of optimism, we need the support of Methodists throughout Louisiana to make this continuing financial plan for the children really work. We hope that the fact that contributions are tax deductible will encourage large individual donors and companies. And, since the MacDonell Center serves children on an ecumenical basis, we can talk with our friends in the Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, and other faiths about this worthwhile project."

The smaller amounts of money that people send to the center for the operating budget, however, are still needed in order for the agency to continue operating in the black.

Membership in the Ella K. Hooper Endowment Fund organization is open to persons sincerely interested in helping these children and willing to assist financially in the operation of this fund.

Contributions can be sent to this address: Ella K. Hooper Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 29432, New Orleans, La. 70129.

Brochures are available upon request.

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news in brief

CANDIES FOR CARVILLE should be placed in decorated pound size coffee cans and left at churches in the New Orleans area by December 5. These will be picked up and taken to patients at Carville. The project is sponsored by Church Women United of Greater New Orleans.

JUDGE FRED JONES spoke on the theme "Changes, Changes, Changes!" especially as they relate to the family at the November 2 meeting of the Trinity WSCS, Ruston.

AT LEFT:
At the Manroe District WSG weekend, Mrs. Agnes Miller (center) introduces Ruth Gulley, the new district chairmon. Mrs. Glaria Bennett (at right) retires to become the conference WSG chairman.

AT RIGHT:
Mrs. Helen Owen pins a Special Membership pin on Mrs. Minzo Robun, elected "Woman of the Yeor," as Mrs. Gloria Bennett looks on.

Mrs. Mory Helen Bondel of Baton Rouge, conference missionary educotion chairmon, wos guest speaker.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 6: The Gospel of Luke

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:1-4; Acts. 1:1-5

MEMORY SELECTION: It seemed good to me . . . to write an orderly account . . that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. (Luke 1:3-4) may know the truth concerning the things of gospel of Luke, seeking to discover the personality of the author and the unique aspects of the life of Jesus which he chose to emphasize.

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Today's lesson is the first in a series of 13 based on the gospel of Luke, a book which has much to say to us because of the emphasis it makes on the universal appeal of Jesus. This gospel underscores the fact that Christianity became a religion for all men and gives us reason to be thankful since this is what made it possible for us to be included.

Most scholars accept the fact that the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts were written by the same author, and are, in fact, really part of a single work. You will recall that Acts begins with the words: "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach." These two books make up more than one-fourth of the content of the New Testament. They constitute a section larger than all the letters of Paul. So we are about to study the work of a man who made a major contribution to the literature of our faith.

According to tradition the gospel was written by Luke, "the beloved physician," who was a travel companion mentioned several times by Paul in his letters. He was a Gentile and interpreted the events in the life of Jesus from that viewpoint. He leaned heavily on many sources including conversations which he had with Paul. The scholars feel that he leaned heavily on accounts of the life of Christ written earlier. He acknowledges this in the preface to his gospel: "Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us . . it seemed good for me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus." Apparently Theophilus was an influential person to whom the two books by Luke were addressed.

We note two major reasons why this gospel is of such importance to us in recording the events in the life of Jesus for his own and future generations. First, as a Gentile he was able to give a new perspective to all that had taken place. Secondly, as a travel companion of Paul he was able to give us an account of the life of our Lord which is conditioned by the theology of Paul. It is important to note that Luke shared Paul's love for the risen Christ. He also revealed insight into Jesus as a teacher, as a healer, and as one who saw great potentialities even in the most unlikely persons.

As we have already mentioned, an outstanding characteristic of Luke's gospel is its universality. As a Gentile writing for Gentiles, he portrayed Jesus as the Savior of the world. It is a gospel of good news for everyone—for Gentiles, for Samaritans, for the poor, for the handicapped, for women, for children, for the rich, for the sinner and the outcast, for the soldier, for the intellectual, for the simple and common man, and even for those who did not want to listen.

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CONCERNING THE AUTHOR

The common authorship of Luke and Acts is obvious and is almost universally recognized. One of the early church fathers, Irenaeus, credited both books to Luke as early as 185 A.D. There are many kinds of evidence used by scholars in arriving at such a conclusion. The study of the language has revealed a great deal, since Dr. S. MacLean Gilmour tells us in Interpreter's Bible that "nearly twice as many words are peculiar in the New Testament to Luke and Acts as to the other two Synoptic Gospels and Acts, and words and phrases characteristic of Luke are found in Acts at a ratio much higher than is true of words and phrases that are characteristic of Matthew or of Mark."

Of course, we should point out that neither of the two books bears the name of Luke. We do know, however, that we have a two-part narrative, one part being a sequel to the other. The description of this writer's "former treatise" in Acts 1:1-5 coincides with the scope of the Third Gospel, which is concerned with "all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen, he was taken up to heaven" (Acts 1:1-2).

To establish the fact that this writer was a companion of Paul, we turn to three passages in Acts in which the author speaks of such a relationship—16:10-17; 20:5 to 21:18; 27:1 to 28:16). He was with Paul on his journey to Rome and arrived in that city with him. In two letters written from Rome Paul speaks of the presence of Luke (Philem. 24; Col. 4:14). It is in the latter of those two passages that he describes Luke as "the beloved physician."

The exact date and place of the writing of this gospel cannot be ascertained. Since the author uses Mark as a source and since he seems to have accurate knowledge of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans (19:41-44), he evidently wrote after 70 A.D. A date of somewhere between 85 and 95 is held to be most likely.

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THE WRITING STYLE AND USE OF OTHER SOURCES

We are indebted to Luke for giving us some of the most beautiful descriptions of the life of Jesus. Yet it is a story that is told with marvelous simplicity. It speaks to us of a celestial being who prophesied the birth of a son to a couple past child-bearing age, and the birth of a son to a virgin.

The Son of God is indeed born, is later tempted, and then embarks on a sensational career of miraculous healing and amazing teaching. He is betrayed by a friend, captured by his enemies, tried, condemned, and executed on a cross. But he rises from death, and again heavenly beings are seen.

Those who are acquainted with the original Greek comment on Luke's masterful use of the language. Some authorities say that Luke and Acts were written in Greece. Dr. William Baird says in the Interpreter's One Volume Commentary: "Perhaps all we can say is that the gospel was written from some locale where Greek was the primary language and where cultured readers like Theophilus would be at home."

It is generally believed that the writer depended heavily on the earlier-written gospel of Mark. Students point out that both Matthew and Luke included a large part of narrative material from Mark. Likewise they shared another source no longer existing in a written document (scholars call this source "Q"). Luke was a careful writer and did not take material directly from his other sources. He selected and arranged his material to fit the purpose which he announced in the opening of his story.

In addition to other written sources, the author leaned heavily on the oral reports of the many witnesses to the events of Jesus' life. There is no evidence that Paul was ever in the presence of the living Jesus, but he did undoubtedly pass on to his trusted friend the many oral reports that he had heard concerning Jesus.

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RESEARCH AND THE LEADING OF THE SPIRIT

Somewhere along the way the Holy Spirit must have stepped in to guide the research and the editorial work of this unusual Gentile physician. There is so much of the divine power preserved in the pages of the two books he wrote that Luke must have had a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit somewhere along the road.

Dr. Ellis H. Richards says in Adult Bible Studies: "The news conveyed is 'good' only as it brings us into fellowship with God and enables us to realize the divine meaning of our lives. It matters little to us that Luke or Paul or even Jesus knew and spoke the word of God unless that word speaks in our own lives."

Luke does not mention the Holy Spirit in the introduction to his gospel, though the birth of Jesus is foretold by the angel Gabriel as being through the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35) In his introduction to Acts, Luke mentions the Spirit twice. Jesus, he states, gave commandments through the Holy Spirit to his apostles, and before his ascension he commanded them to wait, for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Such a writer must have had a real personal experience of religion along the way to give such power to what he wrote.

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LUKE'S PURPOSE IN WRITING

Luke begins the gospel with a declaration of his purpose, "that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed." (1:4) He must have been aware that there were already many written documents and many more oral traditions concerning the life of Jesus. This dedicated man felt that it was important to separate truth from myth, and he set out to do just that in a manner that would convince persons who did not know the story that it was essential to hear it.

This man wanted to write history and create literature, but his historical and literary interests were often subordinated in the body of his work to his concerns as a practical churchman.

Dr. Gilmour mentions three purposes that can be distinguished: (1) Luke wished to show that Christianity was not a subversive sect. This was a real charge that was being placed against the new faith, and Luke knew that it was not so. (2) He wished to support the claim that the church had superseded the synagogue as the true Israel and was entitled to the recognition and protection that the state had heretofore afforded Judaism; and (3) Luke was eager to stress the fact that Christianity was a world religion that recognized no racial limitations.

The gospel of Luke thus prepared the way for the story in Acts of the spread of Christianity to the gentile world.

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CONTINUING THE STORY

As one reads of the purpose and methods of Luke, it seems quite natural that the story should have been continued in another volume. Just as the installments of a story close with the promise "To be continued," so Luke wrote of the continuing story of the faith. Luke's introduction to his gospel revealed the passing of the good news of God from person to person, from life to life.

After involving himself in collecting the realities of the life of Jesus, he moved on to tell the story of the birth of the church. This has been the method of keeping Christian faith alive in the world. Following the Day of Pentecost the apostles publicly declared the facts they knew and announced the meaning of these facts.

In our own time existing stories are being written by contemporary witnesses who have found Christ in their own lives and want to pass it on to others as Luke did. The future of the faith depends on us. If we earnestly, zealously and continually pass on to others the truth and beauty of Christianity, the church will not only live but it will grow.

■ Sunday, Nov. 28

TV special to deal with population explosion

NEW YORK (UMI) — "This Bounded Earth," a CBS-TV News religious special on population issues, is scheduled for broadcast from 10-11 a.m. EST Sunday, Nov. 28.

It is "the first network television program dealing with the social, ethical and religious dimensions of issues created by rapid growth of world population," said the Rev. David O. Poindexter, New York, a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns specializing in population issues communication.

The TV special relates to "Population Explosion and Hunger," one of six program priority issues designated for United Methodist consideration for the 1968-72 quadrennium. Mr. Poindexter said it is also in line with a 1970 General Conference "Population Crisis" resolution which said that "since the population problem is so acute, imaginative and vigorous action is required on a grand scale."

Poindexter said: "The issues raised and discussed are some which mankind must face and surmount if we are to survive, let alone have an adequate quality of life for all men. The church has designated this issue as one of particular concern to Christians. This program is designed to alert, inform and arm Christians for the monumental task which confronts us all."

For Nov. 28, "This Bounded Earth" is to preempt "Lamp Unto My Feet" and "Look Up and Live," regular CBS religious programs. TRAFCO and the Board of Christian Social Concerns cooperated in developing the program.

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Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

The weatherman began his noon report . . . "It's a lovely Fall day, if you don't need rain." And I thought, "It's a lovely Fall day, even though we do need rain." In so many instances, needs do determine our outlook. But they should not prevent our uplook. Thanksgiving reminds us of this.

THANKSGIVING

The Pilgrims knelt and thanked the Lord
  Because they were so glad
To be in this great country where,
  Although the storms were bad,
And food was scarce, and sickness rife,
  Their minds and souls were free
To worship as they wanted to –
  To earn an honest fee.
Let's bow our heads and thank the Lord
  For all the gifts received,
And be not blinded to the Good,
  Nor by the Bad deceived!

–by Amy T. Oliver

THANKS GIVING OR TAKING?

Thanksgiving is a festival
  Climaxing harvest season.
A day of feast and fellowship
  With gratitude its reason.

Thanksgiving is the heart's response,
  As bountiful as Fall,
With gratefulness for God's concern,
  His providence o'er all.

Thanksgiving is to celebrate;
  But more than that, it is
An attitude of thoughtful mind,
  Which views the world as His.

But if we choose instead to call
  Good fortune our own making,
Then it becomes another day
  Of pompously thanks taking.

–by Barbara L. Mulkey

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TWENTY MEMBERS RETIRE FROM BOARD OF MISSIONS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UMI)— Twenty leaders of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, who will be going off the Board in 1972, were honored at its annual meeting here October 21-30. Included are the president and two vice-presidents.

Tribute was paid at a luncheon attended by 300 persons to the 20 men and women who have served 12 years on the Board of Missions and, under a church rule limiting tenure on any national agency to three quadrennia, must rotate off the Board. Lauding the Board leaders leaving in 1972 were two who can continue as members, Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., and Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Birmingham, Ala.

Those honored (not all of whom were present at the luncheon) were: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, episcopal leader of United Methodism's New York Area and Board president; Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Neb., president of the Women's Division and a Board vice-president; Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, episcopal leader of the Houston Area, president of the World Division and a Board vice-president; Bishop J. Gordon Howard, episcopal leader of the Philadelphia Area and chairman of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel;

Nels Barnett, Batesville, Ark.; John J. Barranger, Springfield, Pa.; W. Howard Belanga, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. George E. Berry, Oakland, Calif.; the Rev. Henry G. Budd, Liverpool, N.Y.; Mrs. Niles C. Clark, Waterloo, S.C.; Mrs. L. N. Davenport, Harrisburg, Ill.; Richard H. Gantz, Deland, Ill.; Bishop Charles F. Golden, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Arthur W. Hepburn, Fremont, Wis.; the Rev. J. Chess Lovern, Oklahoma City, Okla.; the Rev. Paul O. Mayer, Cleveland, Ohio; William E. Savage, Lexington, Ky.; Ben O. Spurgin, Dallas, Texas; the Rev. Edward L. Tullis, Ashland, Ky.; Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Syracuse, N.Y.

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

A debate with possible far-reaching repercussions has taken place in the British Council of Churches. The Secretary of the Church of Scotland Stewardship and Budget Committee raised the question of ownership of money and buildings by the churches. He called for a restriction in ownership of buildings and property, and suggested that there might be too much of a millstone round the neck of the churches in what they actually have in investment and bricks and mortar.

The debate opened a very important question. Is a property-owning "corporation" the best instrument for the proper work of the church? There is, of course, a strong argument that the proper stewardship of money and goods can exhibit to the world a real way of life in ownership, and there are also many people who would argue that it is impossible to do work which is parallel to the workaday world without resources, and they would argue with conviction.

The other side of a medal is that we live in a poverty-stricken world, if we take a global view. A politician said recently in this country that it was nonsense to talk in Britain about the "underprivileged"—at worst in this country all we have is "the less overfed". Would a weight-reduced church be more effective? If we went back to the primitive days of the New Testament Church which had no buildings, no money, no influence in worldly terms, would we be able to say with more conviction what was the way of life of the Carpenter?

There is a story about two Cardinals of the Church of Rome who were watching a great procession at the Vatican. Gold and silver ornaments, encrusted with jewels, richly embroidered copes, and all the trappings of the State occasion were to be seen.

"At least" said one Cardinal, "we can no longer say: 'Silver and gold have we none'."

"Quite true," said the other, "But I also doubt whether we can any longer say: 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'."

The point has a certain validity. A church which is involved in investment is open to the charge that Mammon may play too large a part in its decision. The desperate, bleeding plight of the Third World may mean a loss of credibility for a church with seemingly immense resources.

Yet the circle of the argument completes itself. In a world where finally service must be paid for, and where a plant even of a minimum kind is vital to that servicing, there is not a realistic way out of the dilemma.

The final question is this: What, precisely, is the function of the church? It has assumed sociological roles, and there are not many people who would question that—for, clearly must be deed as well as word. In this world deeds of charity often need vast organisation, for the need is not in the nearest village, but asks for a global concept of charity. And that means men and plants and stores and distribution facilities.

Even the dissemination of the Word is not so much by mouth as by telecommunications and print, and all this costs money. The way in which administrative costs and actual giving to the needy is related is one factor which must be constantly watched, and the way in which investments are made is something else which needs special care.

But in the long run, it seems that there is no escape from the harsh facts of economic life as they affect the church . . . it is a problem Christians must live with, however uneasily.

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Restructure plan for jurisdiction distributed for study

LUBBOCK, Tex. (UMI)—The second draft of a plan which would restructure the eight-state South Central Jurisdictional Conference delegates, bishops, and annual conference program directors.

The plan, developed by an ad-hoc committee headed by the Rev. Dr. S. Duane Bruce, Lubbock, calls for the elimination of all boards and agencies in favor of a jurisdictional Program Council and Administrative Council.

Dr. Bruce, program director for the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, said the new plan would also reduce the membership of jurisdiction program and administrative groups from 300 to approximately 64. This move, he said, has been prompted by financial reasons and by the need to have a jurisdictional structure which corresponds to the council concept in the local church and annual conference.

Dr. Bruce said the committee would meet again May 10, 1972, following the General Conference, to finalize its report for the Jurisdictional Conference which will meet in Houston July 10-14. A copy of the final draft will be mailed to the delegates before the conference, he said.

Proposed Program Council

The proposed Program Council would include 40 to 46 members including: one lay and one clergy member from each annual conference program council including the program director or staff person responsible for leadership development, two representatives from the College of Bishops, two blacks and two women and two persons under 25 years of age if not otherwise included, and ex-officio members; chairman of the jurisdictional Administrative Council and the Jurisdictional Program Director.

Instead of boards or agencies established for long-terms, the Program Council would have the authority to establish and operate through ad hoc task forces for specifically defined tasks, utilizing persons with needed expertise who need not be members of the Council. The Council would meet at least annually.

Proposed Administrative Council

The proposed Administrative Council, composed of 24 members, would perform functions particularly related to the administration and financial responsibilities of the Jurisdictional Conference between meetings of the Conference including new matters and emergencies, and matters related to the institutions owned and operated by the Jurisdiction. The Administrative Council would also act as a nominations committee of the Jurisdictional Conference, nominating representatives to general boards, commissions, and committees which are to be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference as provided by the **Discipline.** The Council would meet at least annually.

Membership of the Administrative Council would include one representative from each annual conference, one-half of whom would be lay persons and one-half clergy; three bishops who comprise the executive committee of the College of Bishops; as ex-officio members: the jurisdictional treasurer, chairman of the Jurisdictional Program Council, and Jurisdictional Program Director. To insure the proper ratio of clergy and laity members the annual conferences would elect their membership on a rotating basis quadrennially beginning with the 1972-76 quadrennium.

The Rev. Dr. Virgil D. Morris is Program Director of the South Central Jurisdiction which has offices in Oklahoma City. Chairman of the present Jurisdictional Council is the Rev. Dr. Alva H. Clark, Omaha, Nebr.

A Letter from Our Bishops

TO: The United Methodists
South Central Jurisdiction

Dear Friends:

The College of Bishops has some good news we want to share with the churches of the South Central Jurisdiction. The Ministerial Education Fund began only last year and already it is providing opportunities we have never had before.

The monies given are used primarily for our own two seminaries: Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas, and Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. This fund will provide more resources so that our young ministers can have an increasingly fine training. These schools are most appreciative of the Fund.

Twenty-five per cent of the money we give to this is used in our own conferences under the guidance of the Board of the Ministry. We have found that now we have resources for special needs such as a student's needing special scholarship aid, or a book fund for these students, or helping in other ways. But one of the best things is that we now have funds to establish Continuing Education programs so our ministers can take special courses and be better prepared to minister in this fast changing world. We can see already the difference this has made in some of our ministers and their work.

Some of these funds have been used in new programs of recruitment to secure our finest and ablest young people for ministry. Some monies have been used through the Church's Department of Ministry to develop a fine new film on the ministry; some for a special pilot project for young men out of seminary from three to five years, which has been exceedingly helpful. Some of the funds have been used to see that no seminary receives less support than in the past.

The results have been as you can see, better training, better recruitment, a growing program of Continuing Education, more adequate scholarships; and one of the finest results, the closing of the gap between our seminaries and our churches. This is most gratifying to us.

We wanted to let you know this good news, and to thank you for giving $405,722.39 from January to July this year in this Jurisdiction. We hope that you will be sure that your church is contributing its full share to this great cause.

In His Service,
Bishop Eugene M Frank
Bishop O. Eugene Slater
Bishop W. Kenneth Pope
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Bishops of the South
Central Jurisdiction
The United Methodist Church

Laity Board emphasizes need for youth, young adult participation

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A need for participation by United Methodist youth and young adults at all levels of the church was stressed here Nov. 12-14 by the denomination's General Board of the Laity.

In other actions at its annual meeting, the board voiced concern that tentative proposals for restructuring the church's general boards and agencies do not give enough visibility to the "identity of laity," and adopted for transmittal to the 1972 General Conference a proposed resolution on environmental stewardship.

The emphasis on youth participation came in the form of illustrations to a statement adopted by the board a year ago urging that membership of boards of laity at all levels include "all people of the church alike—men and women, adults and youth. . . ."

As it pertains particularly to youth and young adults, the board said this year, this means service on "divisions, commissions, committees, and task forces of the boards on the same basis as all other members."

"Such participation," the resolution noted, "should be seen as reinforcing and encouraging greater participation of youth/young adults in the local church."

"Boards of the laity have a responsibility to help youth/young adults find opportunities for self-expression and self-fulfillment through their participation in the boards."

The General Board of the Laity now includes several youth members and they have been active in various aspects of the board's work.

The board also said it would continue to "provide space and a supportive working climate" for a volunteer staff person of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries, and would fill professional staff vacancies without regard to age, sex or ethnic background."

The action on environmental stewardship was brought before the board here in the form of a proposed petition to General Conference adopted by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Although the Board of the Laity did not endorse the Social Concerns petition, as the latter had asked, the Board of the Laity did accept substantial portions of it for a petition it will submit itself to the 1972 session.

Among other things, the resolution as adopted here calls on the "church and its members (to) awaken to the seriousness of the present ecological crisis, . . . demonstrate a new life style which refuses to measure quality of life mainly in consumptive and quantitative terms, . . . recognize responsibility for the creative use of properties and resources, (and) . . . work for tax laws, zoning regulations and developmental planning consistent with social justice for the poor and powerless and that reflect the need for ecologically sound practices."

The board rejected paragraphs which "challenge(d) the widespread belief that technological advances and a growing Gross National Product represent in themselves genuine human progress," and "insist(ed) that human rights take precedence over property rights, that no one should be permitted to exploit the earth simply for the sake of personal profit."

In moving the rejection of these points, Dr. Leonard V. Sorg, Leawood, Kans., retired oil company research executive, said that too much of the present ecological discussion is "based on emotion."

Much of the session here was devoted to a consideration of possible legislation for the 1972 General Conference and the tentative proposals of the commission studying general board and agency structure this quadrennium.

Responding to the possible changes which would eliminate the Board of the Laity as a separate agency but retain its functions in other places, the board said "there is a definite need for a distinct, visible identity of the laity in the general agency structure of the church."

"Although the major activities carried on by the two divisions of the Board (of the laity) are included . . . the major functions of representing the laity at the general level is not accomplished. This function is so important to the laity, especially the organized (annual) conference boards of the laity, that it should be retained."

In other actions, the board adopted a procedure for evaluating the work of its general secretary at the conclusion of each quadrennium and adopted a 1972 budget of $673,000, a reduction of $256,000 from 1971.

The reduction is accounted for by the proposed elimination of the board's department that prints and distributes its various materials. Negotiations are under way to have this work assumed by the Methodist Publishing House.

Presiding at the sessions here was Thomas P. Moore, a Bucyrus, Ohio, broadcasting executive and president of the General Board of the Laity. General Secretary of the board is Dr. David W. Self, Evanston.

CWU Board meeting

The Executive Board meeting of Church Women United in Louisiana was held in Alexandria on Thursday and Friday, October 28 and 29. Mrs. George Dameron of Pineville, president of the state organization, presided.

A high point of the meeting was the presence of Mrs. Alice Leppert of national Church Women United staff. Mrs. Leppert is considered a specialist in Adult Basic Education. She had just spent a week in San Antonio leading a regional ABE workshop, in which four women from Louisiana participated. These four ladies will work in teams for at least a year on basic education projects.

Board members were shocked and saddened by the tragic accident which claimed the life of Mrs. Nellie Kilpatrick, treasurer of CWU in Louisiana, who was on her way to the meeting in a private plane when it crashed. The board set up the **Nellie Kilpatrick Memorial Fund** (details were given in the last issue of the **Louisiana Methodist,** page 7). Miss Elise Roth, 114 Sycamore Drive, Metairie, 70005, was elected to fill the unexpired term of the treasurer. Funds for CWU, for the Nellie Kilpatrick Memorial, and for Migrant Work will now be sent to Miss Roth.

Mrs. Charles Gould of New Orleans was elected to represent CWU of Louisiana at a Workshop on Citizen Action to be held in Washington, D.C., January 29-February 4, under the direction of Mrs. Abigail McCarthy.

Mrs. Dameron presented a list of priorities which she feels the state organization needs to consider:

1. More participation in activities and opportunities beyond local and state communities.
2. More meaningful relationship with denominational groups.
3. More critical (not destructive) evaluation of the image of CWU at the state and local levels.
4. A realistic study of the financial picture for CWU at both local and state levels.
5. Greater emphasis on the "plus" (over and above) values of CWU; need for greater personal enthusiasm and priority commitment.
6. Better communication between state and local groups.
7. More direct cultivation of groups already observing one or more of the Celebrations but who are not organized as CWU units.
8. More emphasis on participation by individuals as well as by organized church women's groups. (Individuals, women with special skills, employed women and young women)

The dates for the Spring Board Meeting are set for April 20 and 21, and for the next Fall Board Meeting are October 19 and 20.

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The following tribute to Mr. Blanchard was submitted to LOUISIANA METHODIST by the United Methodist Youth of the Sulphur Church in Lake Charles District. We share this tribute to an outstanding Christian layman with our readers, reprinted in the form in which we received it.

THE OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF NOVEMBER

MR. HUBERT M. BLANCHARD

The Youth of our Church sights Mr. Hubert M. Blanchard as the Outstanding Member of the Month of November, It is a privilege to mention a few of the many Outstanding Works Mr. Blanchard has contributed to our local as well as our district.

For many of you this will be a review because you have shared with him these honors. Many times you have selected Mr. Blanchard to represent our church in our District and Conference. For the benefit of our new members I hope this article will tell you why we all feel he is A Outstanding Member and a dedicated man to the work of God.

Mr. Blanchard has served as Sunday School teacher for the Young Adult Class, and the Junior Hi, Class. He and Mrs. Blanchard served as counslors for the Senior Hi. M.Y.F.. He is the chairman of the Administrative Board for Wesley. He also served as our delegate to Louisiana Conference. Mr. Blanchard and his family are charter members of our church and played a great role in organizing Wesley United Methodist Church.

Mr. Blanchard is always busy with district activities. October 25, 1971 he was named a Certified District Lay Leader. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for our District, also a member of Board of Missions, and on the the District Board of Evangelism.

Now you may think this keeps a person very busy and it does, but Mr. Blanchard always finds more time to witness for Christ. Let me share a few of the jobs he holds in our Conference. He is a member of our Conference Board of Laity. He is a Conference Chairman of the Lay Life and Work. A member of the Board of Trustees for Conference. He is also on the Executive Committee of Merger. At the last Conference he was selected as a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conference, this is high honor which he is very worthy of. Mr. Blanchard always supports the youth in any project they undertake.We the youth at Wesley feel he is just a great Big wonderful guy.

Mr. Blanchard was a Basket Ball star at SHS a number of years ago. He can play a number of things such as the COMB & The RADIO.

He and Mrs. Blanchard have two children called Chris and Linda.

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LOUISIANA TECH WESLEY FOUNDATION HOLDS FALL RETREAT

The members of The Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, held a Fall Retreat, Oct. 30-31 at Caney Lake, Minden. Barry Savory, vice-president, was in charge of the Retreat. The speakers were: the Rev. Odell Simmons, First Methodist Church, Homer, who spoke on the subject "Sin"; the Rev. Jack Winegeart, First Methodist Church, Haynesville, "Salvation"; the Rev. Kirby Vining, First Methodist Church, Minden, "Death and Life After"; and the Rev. William M. Stokes, Jr., director of the Tech Wesley Foundation, "Faith."

The students took part in recreation, devotional periods, and discussion groups. For an added attraction some "horror movies" were shown on Saturday night. Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Gibbs were also present. Miss Alice L. Collins is president of the Tech Wesley Foundation.

The teom of Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, shown during presentotion of trophies following their 19-0 defeat of First Boptist Church, which gove them the Flog Footboll chompionship. Ruston's Joycee President Mike Croft (kneeling, right) makes the presentotion os Coaches look on. The ployers were recognized during the Nov. 10 Sundoy evening service ot Trinity, ond the trophies were presented to the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, postor, for disploy in the church's trophy cose in his office. On Nov. 17 the champions were treoted to o "Congrotulotions Supper" sponsored by the Hole Memoriol Bible Closs of the church.

Scandinavian Tour Announced

Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Minister of the First United Methodist Church, Monroe, announces a tour of the Scandinavian countries in July of 1972.

The tour group will leave Monroe on Delta Air Lines for New York on July 25, departing New York for Amsterdam, Holland, that evening on a 747 of KLM, Royal Dutch Air Lines.

The route of the tour will carry its members from Amsterdam, through Holland, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and England. Included in the tour is an afternoon boat trip along one of Norway's famous fjords.

The group will return in three weeks. The cost of the tour is $1,099 from New York and return. All meals, hotel accommodations, transportation, guide service, etc., are included in the above cost.

Those interested will contact Dr. Lueg. Illustrated brochures of the tour and other details will be furnished. The address: P. O. Box 4782, Monroe, Louisiana, 71201.

Church School closs ot Cooley Troining School, tought by Mrs. Thelmo Vonderwerker of Cloiborne United Methodist Church. Other helpers from the church ore: Donna Byrd (far left), Kelly Willioms (in front of Donno) and Terrie Lowe (not shown). The Rev. Terrol T. Lowe is pastor of the Cloiborne Church.

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Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road.—John Henry Jowett

Methodist Children's Home

(Memorials list continued)

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Upon returning from their recent trip to Europe President and Mrs. John H. Allen of Centenary College were pleasantly surprised by the show of affection accorded them by some 50 students who had gathered at the Shreveport Regional Airport to welcome them home.

Centenary President challenges faculty for greater community involvement

Centenary College President John H. Allen told an all-college convocation last week that Centenary must continue to move outside the traditional classroom setting to provide increased and more varied continuing education opportunities for the citizens of the Shreveport area.

Allen addressed the student body, faculty and staff members in the traditional President's Convocation, an assembly in Brown Memorial Chapel in which the President outlines his plans for the future of the College.

"I believe we are a College with a mission and that ours is a higher calling than that of most of our sister institutions," he said.

"It is my sincere desire to work with a faculty that views itself as unusual in the sense that it is committed to superior teaching, concerned for the development of student citizens, and working to improve our world and community.

"One of the obvious ways of achieving our goals is through greater involvement in an expansion of educational experiences outside the traditional classroom setting. I hope to see our present Interim program (special enrichment courses offered during the four week Christmas recess) expanded and enhanced with imaginative and meaningful learning situations. The possibilities are almost limitless.

"We have tried, with considerable success, moving classes into the community where learning could take place where reality was. The only real limitation here is our ability and willingness to tackle an unorthodox teaching and learning setting. It does require one to get rid of his yellowed lecture notes from years past and to face the present," he said.

Allen praised the faculty for their efforts in establishing classes in Mexico and Europe and present planning for a special summer session at the University of Oxford in England through cooperation with other southern colleges and universities.

"I am pleased with the response this year to our efforts to provide increased and more varied continuing education opportunities to the citizens of the Shreveport area. I will continue to press for expansion of this program for I believe we have an obligation to do much more," Dr. Allen said.

"The business sector has an insatiable appetite for current knowledge and principles we can provide. Past experience with seminars, workshops, and conferences is a clear indication of what we can do. Who knows, some day this faculty might even decide to offer an M.B.A. degree designed for proven business leaders," he said.

"The present audit experience we are offering shows there is a need to open our educational doors to the community. We have not even tapped the potential in special interest and non credit courses. We should let our intellectual fantasies fly and come up with exciting and productive learning for our neighbors in every field of

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Council of Bishops issues call to deal with root causes of war; for rehabilitation of war torn areas

DES MOINES, Iowa (UMI) — A "call for peace and self-development of peoples" was issued here Nov. 18 by the United Methodist Council of Bishops.

The five-page document, drafted by a seven-member committee headed by Bishop James Armstrong of Aberdeen, S. D., will be offered to the 1972 General Conference for consideration as a church-wide emphasis during the 1972-76 quadrennium.

In another action related to peace concerns, the bishops in the closing session of their semi-annual meeting called on President Nixon and Congress to provide legislation for rehabilitation of war-torn areas of Southeast Asia.

The "call for peace and self-development of peoples" terms it a response to the "profound concern" voiced by many United Methodists "about the cheapness with which human life is treated and the possibility of the total extinction of the race."

Divided into three parts, the bishops' call discusses the nature of peace, enemies of peace and the sources of peace.

"Peace is not simply the absence of war," the document asserts. "It is that emerging dynamic reality envisioned by prophets where spears and swords give way to implements of peace, where historic antagonists dwell together in trust, and where righteousness and justice prevail.

"There will be no peace with justice until unselfish and informed love are structured into political processes and international arrangements.

"The enemies of peace are many. War results from a complex of personal, social, economic and political forces. If war is to be overcome, its root causes must be isolated and dealt with."

Among "enemies of peace" cited in the document are "blind self-interest," "economic exploitation," "racism," "population explosion," "nation worship," "continued reliance upon military violence," the "arms race," and "dehumanization."

Source of peace, the call states, is God. Peace comes "when man meets the conditions of God."

Included in the conditions cited are penitence, new life, and love.

The document also notes that each of the enemies needs to be dealt with specifically through such steps as development programs, racial justice, population control, disarmament, civilian control of the military, international law and organization, and "non-violent love."

The call concludes:

"Unless the most powerful and responsible members of the human family are willing to deal with the root of war, running the essential risks and making the necessary sacrifices, man will destroy himself.

Serving with Bishop Armstrong on the drafting committee were Bishops W. Maynard Sparks, Seattle, Wash., W. McFerrin Stowe, Topeka, Kans., Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N. C., John Wesley Lord, Washington, D. C., Roy C. Nichols, Pittsburgh, Pa., and C. Ernst Sommer, Frankfurt, Germany.

In the message calling for rehabilitation of devastated areas of Southeast Asia, the bishops said:

"The Bishops of the United Methodist Church in the United States:

"Earnestly longing for the cessation of hostilities in Indochina;

"Acknowledging the responsibility of their nation for much of the suffering and destruction in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos:

"Reaffirming the tradition of the United States following warfare to bind the wounds of war's victims and rebuild devastated areas;

"Pledging ourselves to lead our churches and people to do their essential parts in such rehabilitation efforts:

"Do urge the President and Congress of the United States, relying upon the counsel and guidance of the people and governments of Indochina, to provide necessary legislation for the rehabilitation of life, land, and property throughout that war-torn region, joining, where possible, with other nations through the United Nations in this effort."

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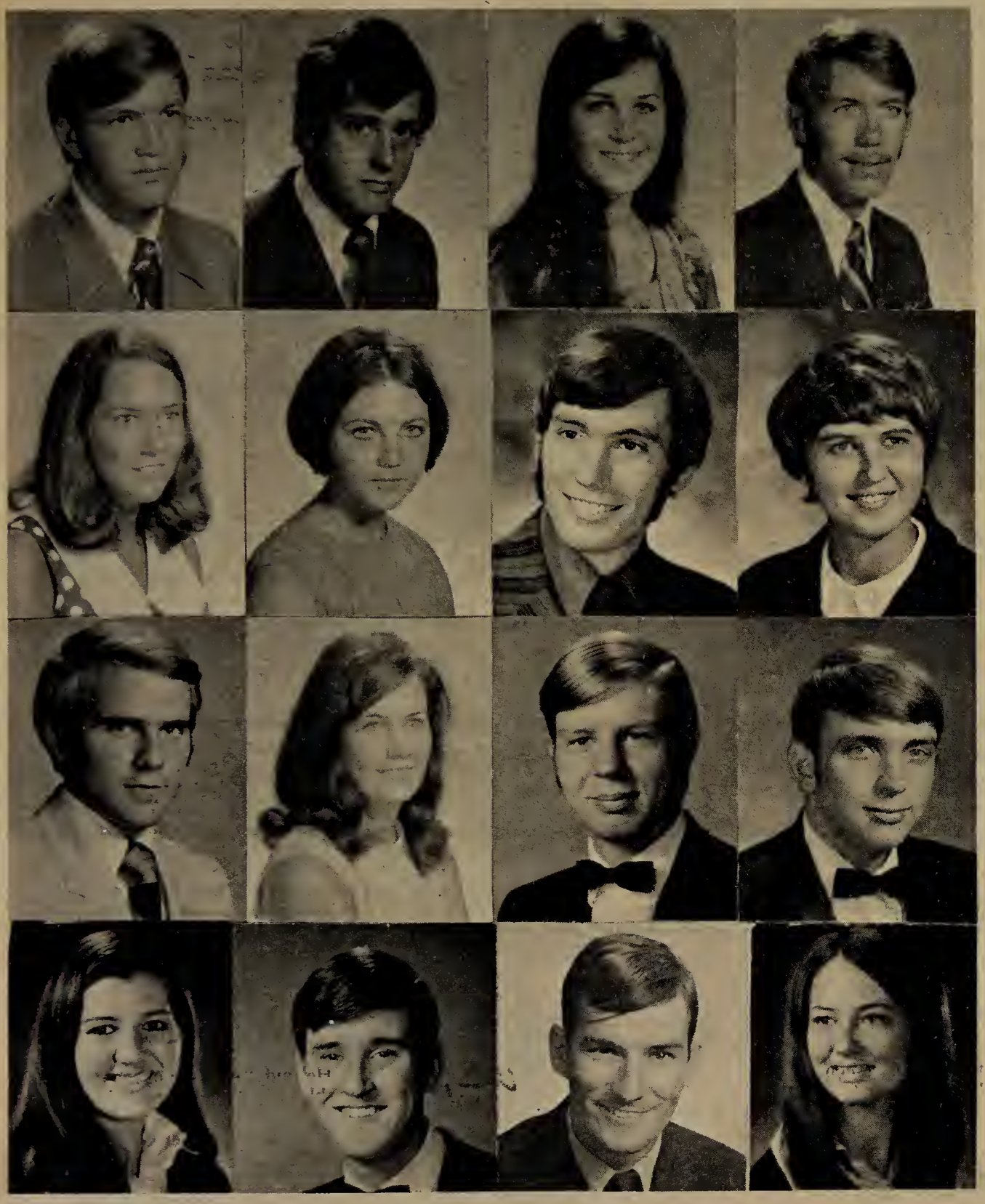
Who's Who at Centenary College



Sixteen Centenary College students have been selected for listing in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," 1971-72. Those listed are: (1st Row, L-R) Chris Arnold Blanchard, Sulphur, La; John Christopher Carey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mary Ann Garrett, Shreveport; Paul M. Heffington, Memphis, Tennessee; (2nd Row, L-R) Sherry Louise Lewis, Little Rock, Ark.; Mary Theresa McConnell, Springhill, La.; S. Mark McMurry, Sulphur, La.; Katherine Lidell Parrish, Monroe, La.; (3rd Row, L-R) James Arthur Salisbury, Monroe, La.; Pamela Anne Sargent, Annandale, Virginia; Raymond Joseph Seibold, North Bellmore, New York; John Larson Taylor, Edmond, Oklahoma; (Bottom Row, L-R) Koy Trevathan, Germantown, Tennessee; Charles Kendrick Watts, Franklinton, La.; Dean Horace Whiteside, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.; and Sally Suzette Word, Leesville, La. Mary Ann Garrett and Paul M. Heffington are repeat winners from last year.

Centenary College names comptroller

James L. Allen, manager of the Midland, Texas office of the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, has been named Comptroller at Centenary College, effective Dec. 1, according to an announcement by President John H. Allen.

Allen will replace C. L. Perry, former Caddo Parish School superintendent, who has served in the Centenary position since 1968, and who asked to be retired on Dec. 1, climaxing 41 years in the field of education.

"We are grateful to Mr. Perry for his years of service to Centenary College, and wish him the very best in the years ahead," Dr. Allen said.

Allen has been associated with the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. since 1953, serving in the Shreveport office from that date through 1969 when he was transferred to their Midland, Texas office as manager.

He holds the bachelor of business administration degree (with honors) from the University of Texas (1949) and the master of profcssional accounting degree from the same university in 1955. He also completed some college work at L.S.U. and the University of Nebraska and holds the C.P.A. in Louisiana and Texas.

A native of Hosston, La., Allen and his wife, Evelyn, are the parents of two children, Debbie, a senior in high school in Midland and James L. Jr., a 9th grader at Allen Military Academy in Bryan, Tex.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas and Louisiana Societies of Certified Public Accountants, and the Petroleum Accountants Socicty of Midland.

Bcfore leaving Shreveport, Allen was chairman of the Administrative Board of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church.

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C. M. LESTER AMONG FIRST BLACKS TO BE ELECTED TO CADDO PARISH POLICE JURY

Dr. C. M. Lester, Shreveport dentist, and chairman of the Council on Ministries of St. Paul United Mcthodist Church of Shreveport, was one of four blacks elected to serve on the Caddo Parish Police Jury in the recent election.

Dr. Lester is active in civic affairs in addition to his church activities. He is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Community Action Programs of Caddo Parish. His pastor, the Rev. A. E. Davis is a member of this board.

Another member of St. Paul's, Dr. Elbert E. Allen was the first black in the history of Caddo Parish to be elected to the school board. This took place in 1970.

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Former Conference B paying its share of merger costs

Following the Nov. 12 mceting of the Commission on World Scrvice and Finance in Alexandria, Dr. Henry A. Rickey, chairman, and the Rev. Byrl Moreland, secretary, joined in making a statcment that said, "Thc Louisiana Annual Conference should rcalizc that surplus funds brought to the merger by former Conference B have hclpcd to meet the costs of the merger."

At this meeting some of the pressing financial needs of the conference were greatly relieved by these allocations from those funds:

Down payment of $20,000 on the new Natchitoches District Parsonage; $25,000 to the Board of Pensions for pcnsion and insurance problems; $27,440 additional grant to the building program for Wesley Foundation at Southern University in Baton Rouge; $7,000 reserves to offset losses due to errors in annual reports; $10,000 to help with additional staff expense; $1,000 audit costs for the trcasurer of former Conference B; and a special grant of $1,000 to the Conferencc Board of the Laity.

The statement said, "Our financial picture in the Louisiana Conferencc is now in good shape, due in part to this transfer of funds from former Conference B."

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academic activity this college has.

He concluded his addrcss, "That is what your prcsident sees as our thrust today and tomorrow. A ncw and fresh approach to our old mission of providing thc bcst education and preparation for world citizenship for students, and service to our community through continuing education opportunities."

Editorial

THE ADVENT OF ADVENT

Increasingly our churches are showing that they are serious about doing all they can to undergird the spiritual dimensions of Christmas. We are able to watch what the churches are doing through the large number of bulletins that we receive regularly, and a large number of these reveal that the coming of the Advent Season is being marked so that the regular church-goers among us are being made conscious of "four weeks of Christmas," at least.

This practice adds much to the development of a mature philosophy concerning the observance of the birthday of our Lord. We are reminded that the wise men who came out of the East to Bethlehem started their journey many weeks before the nativity date. In order to arrive at the proper place at the appropriate moment with their precious gifts it was necessary for them to do a great deal of planning. Some of us would be reluctant to call ourselves "wise men," but we can be guided by the steps they took in looking ahead to the coming of the Christ-child. We can be aided in this spiritual navigation by checking off the four weeks of Advent.

Many of us will recall that during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, representatives of the mercantile community went to the President and appealed for his help in the establishment of an earlier Thanksgiving in order that they might have "a longer period of preparation for Christmas." Of course, what they wanted was a longer selling period in a time when the national economy was "in the doldrums." There was a great deal of confusion for a few years with some of the states faced with the problem of two Thanksgiving Days. We are not in a position to judge whether there was any "cause and effect" relation or not, but it was at about this same time that churches began to place a greater emphasis on their preparation for Christmas. Many congregations that were unfamiliar with the word "Advent" were introduced to it as their ministers utilized some of the symbolism of the church and preached sermons in which they appealed to their people to "prepare ye the way of the Lord."

The origin of the observance of Advent in church history is not altogether clear. A council at Saragossa in 380 A.D. issued a pronouncement forbidding the faithful to be absent from worship between Dec. 17 and Epiphany. However, the first clear mention of Advent was at the Council of Tours in 567. In some periods of history the Roman Catholic Church has made the observance of this season almost as strict as the keeping of Lent.

Many customs developed around the world to demonstrate visually that these days were being dedicated to the preparation for Christmas. In some parts of England poor women used to carry "Advent images," two dolls dressed to represent Christ and the Virgin Mary. They would visit neighboring households demanding a halfpenny from each, much as today's children go out at Hallowe'en demanding a "trick or treat." In Normandy the farmers still employ children under 12 years of age to run with torches through their fields and orchards setting fire to bundles of straw to drive away vermin. In Italy the last days of Advent are marked by the entry into Rome of a group called the "Calabrian pifferari" who play bagpipes before the many shrines in that city dedicated to the holy mother, suggesting the homage that was paid by the shepherds when they arrived in Bethlehem.

The most widely preserved custom in our churches is that which has come to us from Great Britain — that of the "Advent wreath" with its four candles around the circumference and a large candle in the center. As an integral part of the worship service for four Sundays one candle in the outer circle is lighted with the reading of the appropriate scripture. Then, if there is a service on Christmas eve or on Christmas, the central Christ-candle is lighted to announce to all who worship that once again the blessed nativity event has taken place.

We think it is wholesome for United Methodist church families to move through these days of preparation, feeling that all will be more richly blessed by Christmas when it comes.

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the Editor's Corner

DR. OUTLER'S LECTURES ON WESLEY AVAILABLE

Those who participated in the United Methodist Conference on Evangelism in New Orleans last January will be delighted to know that the lectures delivered by Dr. Albert C. Outler at that meeting are now available in a new book from **Tidings.**

In their published form the Harry Denman Lectures on Evangelism appear under the title, **Evangelism in the Wesleyan Spirit.** This writer was privileged to hear Dr. Outler deliver the messages and feels that they should be read by every United Methodist.

Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary of the United Methodist Church's Board of Evangelism says in the foreword to the book:

"Dr. Outler has long been known as a leading Wesley scholar, and it is his extensive and disciplined study that provides the essential outline for his lectures. The unique contribution which he has made to this on-going evangelism dialogue is at the point of the application of the Wesley ministry, coupled with the analytical insights and the keen perceptive spirit of Dr. Outler to the working of the Holy Spirit in this day, that these lectures achieve what many who heard them delivered were to call 'a monumental contribution.' "

Readers of other Outler books and those privileged to hear these lectures will recall the emphasis he made in his message on "A Church of Martyrs and Servants."

He said, "As I see it, the most basic problem in the reformulation of our evangelistic message is the radical dissolution of the modern mindset of the age-old linkage between anxiety and guilt, between customary and Christian morality, between the wrath of God and social disapproval, between self-loathing and repentance and justifying faith."

We agree that this is an excellent work of a distinguished scholar, and a tribute to the world-known Methodist evangelist, Dr. Harry Denman.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Some reports of drug abuse among U.S. servicemen in Vietnam are much exaggerated, according to Dr. William J. Reiss, head of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A.'s division of service to military personnel. On a recent trip to Southeast Asia, Dr. Reiss visited all Lutheran chaplains stationed in Vietnam. He said that the drug abuse problem is coming under control and that chaplains, doctors and psychologists work as teams in treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker of the worldwide Lutheran Hour broadcasts, will spend Christmas with U.S. troops in Vietnam. He said, "Youth is looking for something to replace their general mood of disillusionment and despair. I'm grateful for this opportunity to meet with them and to help them build their understanding of what life is about." Last year, Dr. Hoffman distributed some 30,000 copies of "The Psalms for Modern Man", published by the American Bible Society—during his Christmas visit among troops.

Five presidents and one immediate past-president of Baptist conventions in Texas have protested the recent action by the denomination's Sunday School Board in withdrawing a publication because it contained "potentially inflammatory" material on race relations. In a joint statement the presidents said: "Those of us who were involved in what is believed to be the largest gathering of Baptists in recent U.S. history (referring to recent joint convention of Texas Baptists) . . . saw evidence of a common ground of all races around the cross of Jesus." . . . "We join in expressing regret over that decision and in praying for the day when such attitudes will be no more."

The U. S. Supreme Court has received an "amicus curiae" [friend of the court] brief and motion supporting a contention that an unborn fetus is an autonomous human being entitled to full protection of law. The brief was signed by 220 physicians including many fellows of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and some 100 are from 39 of the nation's leading medical schools, according to a Religious News Service release. Some signatories are said to have taken the so-called "pro-life" stand against the "abortion-on-demand" movement for the first time. "Modern obstetrics has discarded as unscientific the concept that the child in the womb is but tissue of the mother, "the physicians" brief stated.

Sunday schools are being challenged by a renewed interest in the Bible among youths and by a coming four-day work week, Dr. Joseph W. Hemphill, head of the National Sunday School Assn. said. Addressing a Christian Education Convention in Boca Raton, Fla., he said a "back to the Bible movement" is causing a return of persons to Sunday school, which has "traditionally been the Bible-teaching agent of the church." "Young people," Hemphill continued, "have come through unsettling times caused by drugs and the Vietnam war. Now they realize they have to apply Christianity to the situation themselves, and they need to know what the Bible says."

Baptists from 22 churches in Texas, New Mexico and Tennessee launched a "New Life Crusade" in Madrid, at the invitation of 22 of the 56 churches in the Spanish Baptist Union. Teams made up from 235 U.S. Baptists from all walks of life were involved in the week-long effort, according to Dr. W. H. Jackson, director of the World Evangelism Foundation of Abilene, Texas.

British Columbia Province, school trustees have again endorsed the traditional morning Bible readings and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools. They rejected a Vancouver School Bd. resolution urging the provincial government to end required religious exercises. The trustees also rejected an amendment that would have replaced the exercises with a course in world religions.

American philanthropic foundations have increased their giving to religion almost six-fold in the past 10 years—from $9 million in 1961 to $51 million in 1970, according to a report by the Foundation Center in New York. The "peak" year for religion in the 10-year period was 1965 when it received 8 per cent of the total—or $51 million of the total $649 million. The "low" of 2 per cent was reached in 1962 and 1963. The percentage dipped to 3 per cent in 1968 but has remained at 6 per cent for 1969 and 1970.

The Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship has approved the publication of more than two dozen hymns focusing on Holy Communion and Baptism. No target date has been set for the publication. The committee, formed five years ago, also plans to seek a full-time staff executive and reduce its membership from 24 to 10.

Extensive discussion is taking place on the future status of certain Southern Baptist agencies as a result of a high level study on structure, according to a Religious News Service release. A Committee of 15, a subcommittee of the denomination's executive unit, named last year to make restructure recommendations, has submitted no final proposals, the report said. Dr. E. W. Price, Jr., of High Point, N.C., a clergyman heading the Committee of 15, said that no final recommendations have been drafted.

How the future can be treated convincingly by people who are turned off by rapid change was one of the prime concerns around which centered an Institute on Modern Religious Communications Dilemmas held in Syracuse, N.Y. Involved in the discussion were 42 professional communicators and editors from over the nation representing Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish bodies, and a faculty of 16 theologians, researchers, futurists and theorists.

Dr. Philip Phenix, professor of philosophy and education at Teachers College, Columbia University, told the consultation sponsored by the Texas Conference of Churches that despite the many issues raised by a complex set of intertwined political, theological, and educational principles which must be observed when teaching about religion in the public schools, "there was never a better time to take the religious question seriously as educators."

The birthplace of General William Booth, who founded the Salvation Army in 1865, is at the center of a new streamlined social service center opened in Nottingham, Eng. for homeless and needy people. Booth's house will become a Salvation Army museum. In opening ceremonies for the center, the general's 88-year-old granddaughter, Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth, unveiled a larger-than-life statue of the founder in the forecourt of his humble home.

A tax subcommittee of the Iowa Legislature will recommend to the next session of the General Assembly that parsonages and rectories be placed on the property tax rolls beginning in 1974. The same recommendation proposes that property owned by labor, fraternal and agricultural organizations, now exempt, be taxed. Church buildings, educational facilities and the homes of priests or nuns working in parochial schools would retain their tax-exempt status.

A Roman Catholic prelate who is a noted Biblical scholar declared in Hartford, Conn. that a "functional illiteracy" is gripping the U.S. and shows no sign of lessening. Speaking during a ceremony in which he was given a copy of the American Bible Society's "Good News for Modern Man," Archbishop John F. Whealon charged that the illiteracy includes the "truly educated" who have given up serious reading and the young who do not read. Calling for wider use of the Bible by Catholics, the archbishop said that by giving his approval to the ABS New Testament he was assuring Roman Catholics that they may read it and "know that their faith is not going to be perverted by what is contained in this book."

In what was held to be a "first," a seminar on the nature and place of Judaism in the curriculum of a Christian seminary was conducted at the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio. The seminary sponsored a two-day program in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Faculty members of Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington and United Theological Seminary, Dayton, participated also. Dr. Shemaryahu Talmon, chairman of the department of Bible studies at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, was the principal speaker.

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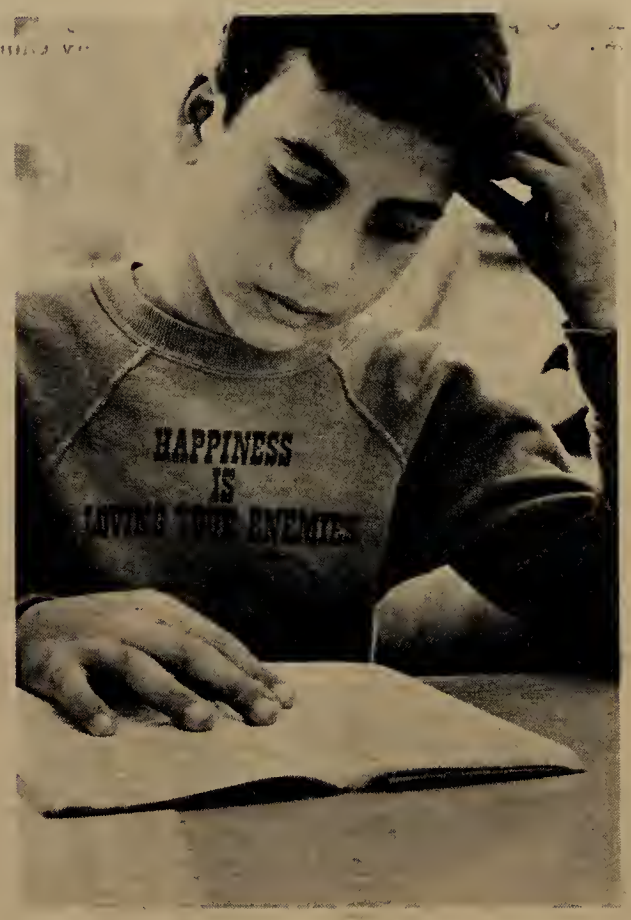

JERUSALEM – Snoopy's formula for happiness gets around, even to the troubled Middle East. An Arab youngster wears a shirt bearing a message from the famed "Peanuts" character at a Baptist-run School in Jerusalem.

Trinity Church in Ruston provides unique ministry

"I would like to check out some children's books and a pair of crutches." Sound like a peculiar request for your church library? It isn't in Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, La.

This congregation saw the need for providing sick room supplies in the community and members and friends are able to check out these supplies just as they do books from the library. In fact, it is the church librarian who cares for the sick room equipment. In existence for more than six years, this program was initiated by the task force on Christian Social Concerns. The task force collected equipment from church members and purchased additional items from funds in the local church budget.

Over the years the church has received all kinds of gifts, including some that were memorial items. The sick room equipment is available to any one in Ruston or the immediate vicinity. No one needs to be a member of the congregation and no time limit is placed upon the use of the equipment.

Once the doctors and hospital administrators became aware of the availability of the sick room supplies the requests began to come in. Individuals can come by the church and check out items for their family or friends. The church custodian is available to deliver larger items. Perhaps the most used equipment are the wheelchairs, walkers and crutches. Wheelchairs are the most expensive item carried in the inventory and are in demand becausc many families cannot stand the expense of purchasing one for a short time.

Typical of the persons who used the sick room equipment is Mrs. J. A. Norris. Mrs. Norris is a widow who lives alone and had a severe fall in her home. She was in the hospital for 68 days and was able to leave the hospital only if certain equipment were available to her. She used, in turn, crutches, a walker and a metal walking cane. Another "customer" was Mr. Fay Adams, a professor at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. He had surgery on his knee for an old military injury and used crutches from the church for several weeks.

One of the girls in the church's nursery school, Christi James, received a severe cut and was ordered by her physician to stay off her feet for a period of several weeks. The cut required surgery to repair ligaments and it was necessary for her to use a wheelchair at home and also at the nursery school. By having a portable wheelchair she was able to use it both at home and school allowing her mother to continue to work.

This program is one of several community activities carried on by the Trinity United Methodist Church. The church has a day care center and nursery school which runs from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Other community groups such as Weight Watchers, Alcoholics Anonymous and a Senior Citizens group also use the church. The Trinity United Methodist Church has been located in the downtown section of Ruston for years, but in the fall of 1971 moved to a new campus-type facility nearer the edge of town. The congregation will continue to maintain all of its community activities including the sick room supply program. Anyone who is unable to reach the church can call and the neccssary equipment will be delivered.

This is the kind of "grass roots" activity that is being encouraged by the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, as part of its Golden Cross Program. Rathcr than handing down programs to local churches this agency is suggesting that every congregation should survey the health and welfare needs in the community and see what should be done to meet these needs. Additional suggestions on local church programs can be obtained by writing to this agency, 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Ill., 60201. The Board of Health and Welfare Ministries is supported through the World Service Fund.

This story and accompanying photographs came to LOUISIANA METHODIST from the Division of Interpretation of the United Methodist Church. It tells of the type of program that could be adapted by many congregations to meet local needs.

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NEWS and NOTES

TOM MATHENY, HAMMOND attorney and lay leader of the Louisiana Conference, was guest speaker in Oklahoma City, November 7, in the Linwood United Methodist Church at both morning services.

THE SLIDELL UNITED Methodist Church is organizing a youth band under the direction of Fred Pfaff. The group is now working on Christmas music. The Rev. J. P. Woodland is their pastor.

WHITNEY READER, a second year student at Tulane Medical School, gave a recital on the organ in Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon, November 21.

DR. STUART HENRY, professor of American Christianity at Duke University Graduate School, was the lecturer in Monroe on November 15, 16 and 17. The Wesley Foundation and the Religious Life Committee of Northeast Louisiana University sponsored the lectures.

SPEAKERS FOR JENNINGS First Church United Methodist Men in November were from the Congregation Radelph Sholom in Lafayette. They were Rabbi Joseph Tofel, Jack K. Chan and Ted Dreyfus. The Rev. Eskel L. Tatum was host pastor.

NOVEMBER FAMILY NIGHT in Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur, presented Carl Vincent, who showed slides he had taken at the Boy Scout Jamboree in Japan. The Rev. Ray Branton is the Henning pastor.

JACK SYKES, assistant chaplain at Fort Polk, is helping with the youth program in First United Methodist Church, DeRidder. He is from Arlington, Texas, and has worked with many youth groups. The Rev. J. C. Wallace is the pastor.

BISHOP O. EUGENE SLATER, episcopal head of the San Antonio Area of the United Methodist Church, was a pulpit guest in First Church, Minden, on Sunday morning, November 21, at both worship services. Bishop Slater is a native of Louisiana, and graduated from Minden High School. The Rev. Kirby A. Vining was host pastor.

LAKE VISTA UNITED Methodist Men invited wives to the November 29 dinner meeting to hear Al Duckworth, weatherman of Channel 4, New Orleans, tell of "The Effect of Weather on our Lives." The Rev. Edward Thomas is the Lake Vista minister.

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST Church of Lake Charles held a special service for the dedication of 50 new pew Bibles. Guest preacher for the service Sunday evening, November 28, was the Rev. Roy E. Mouser, former pastor. Mr. Mouser is now pastor of Mangum Memorial Church in Shreveport. The Rev. Stone W. Caraway is the Simpson minister.

UNIVERSITY United Methodist Church of Lake Charles was host to the Lake Charles District Youth Rally held on Monday evening, November 22. The "Cheerful Givers," contemporary religious singing group from First United Methodist, Shreveport, furnished the program. Mark Claudel is district president of youth.

TWELVE LARGE BOXES containing 430 pounds of clothing were sent by members of Trinity Church, Ruston, to the Oklahoma Indian Mission at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The appeal was sponsored by the Trinity Work Area on Missions. The Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is pastor.

THE UNITED YOUTH CHOIRS of Southside and Memorial United Methodist churches, Monroe, worked together to present "It's All About Love" by Lani Smith. Under the direction of Mrs. Louise Davis of Memorial Church, the groups presented the "sermon in song" at Southside Church, Nov. 14.

BISHOP AND MRS. AUBREY WALTON will attend the Christmas party in First Church, Houma, on Monday night, December 6, at which time Mrs. Walton will present her program on "The Madonnas." The event is sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Benson Riggin, president. The Rev. A. Jerome Cain is the pastor.

THE SENIOR HIGH Fall Retreat for UMYF members of First Church, Lake Charles, was held at Evangeline State Park, November 26 and 27. The Rev. William Peeples of St. John's United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was Retreat Master, leading a study of Psalms.

THE ISTROUMA UNITED Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will hold a Lay Witness Mission the weekend of December 10, 11 and 12. The Rev. J. Taylor Wall is the Istrouma minister.

BROADMOOR UNITED Methodist, Baton Rouge, is having an eight week church school class for adults using the cassette tapes recorded by Dr. Mack B. Stokes, of the Candler School of Theology faculty, Emory University. Claude Elkins is the discussion leader. Dr. Barry Bailey is minister of the Broadmoor Church.

THE REV. BEVERLY E. BOND is president of the Greater Crowley Ministerial Association which sponsored the Community Thanksgiving Service held in the Rice Festival Building, November 24. Rabbi Joseph Topel of Lafayette was the guest speaker. Mr. Bond is pastor of First United Methodist in Crowley.

THE BAZAAR SPONSORED by the XYZ Club of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will be next Tuesday, December 7, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Handcraft items will be on sale, including quilts and ceramics. Homemade cakes and pies will be on sale all day and a spaghetti supper will be offered at 6 p.m.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Dec. 5—Sunday	Acts 13:23-26
Dec. 6	Rom. 1:9-16
Dec. 7	II Cor. 4:1-4
Dec. 8	Gal. 1:1-5
Dec. 9	Mark 11:20-26
Dec. 10	Acts 20:17-21
Dec. 11	Rom. 3:19-26
Dec. 12—Sunday	Rom. 5:1-11

THREE CONTINENTS REPRESENTED AT ASBURY MISSION WEEKEND

The annual Missionary Conference held in Lafayette's Asbury United Methodist Church, November 13 and 14, had representatives from Africa, South America, and North America. For Senora Ester de Rossel of Santiago, Chile, and the Rev. Jonah Kawadza of Rhodesia, Africa, it was a return engagement, for both have visited Asbury Church before. This time Rev. Kawadza brought his son, Emmanuel, who will be a student at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. Working with young people during the weekend were John Sias of Atlanta, Georgia, representing the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and his wife. Jack L. Paris is chairman of the Work Area on Missions in Asbury, the sponsoring group for the mission conference. The Rev. George W. Ross is pastor.

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THE MEN'S CHOIR of Our Lady of Fatima Church presented a service in First United Methodist Church at Lafayette on Sunday evening, November 28. On the second Sunday of Advent, December 5, the Crusaders Choir of Asbury Church, Lafayette, will present a program of Christmas music. The third Sunday evening, December 12, will have the Christmas Cantata by the Chancel Choir and guest soloists. The Children's and Youth Choirs will sing on the fourth Sunday in Advent. The Rev. Edward R. Haug is pastor.

Boy Scout Traap 59 enjoyed a supper given by Scoutmaster "Budge" Dennis recently. The Scauts' fathers were special guests. Grace Church in Rustan sponsars the largest graup of Scouts in the district. The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. is pastar at Grace.

Rabert Howard, at right, Institutianal Representative, presented Scoutmaster Robert Ewing with a plaque awarded ta Boy Scout Troap 327 for their contribution in the natianal cantest of SOAR (Save Our Natianal Resaurces). Troap 327 was awarded first place in the 96 competing traaps of the greater New Orleans area. They then were placed in competition with troaps throughout the nation, and were awarded a fourth place within the national campetition. The Adult Fellowship Class af Slidell United Methadist Church sponsors this Bay Scaut Troop, which meets every Manday evening on the church grounds. The Rev. J. Philip Woodland is the Slidell pastor.

Some of the members of Eden United Methodist Church are shown with the Rev. C. T. J. Cotton after a recent service when he was guest preacher. The Eden Church is considered one of the oldest west of the Mississippi River. Pastor of the Eden, Trout and Urania Charge is the Rev. Ray Spillers.

THE CHRISMON TREE program in Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, November 28, was sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Chrismon symbols were explained by a narrator. The Chancel Choir participated.

THE PLAQUEMINE CHURCH begins its mission school on December 5 and continues through Wednesday, December 8. Adults, youth and children will be studying Africa. The Rev. Robert Miller is pastor.

Elma Ashby writes from Rhodesia

Private Bag 636 E
Salisbury, Rhodesia
August 1971

Dear Friends:

More than a year has elapsed since my last general letter in 1970. We are very grateful to God, and to all who have helped to make this a good year. At that time I mentioned something of the difficulties and frustrations we were facing because of the new government policies concerning the non-white populations, the lack of medical and nursing staff and inadequate funds for maintaining the hospital program. These difficulties and lacks are still present but we have been able to continue in the work as usual. Temporary staff, both doctors and nurses, have come to fill the gap, and now a new missionary doctor from the United States, and a nurse from Switzerland have arrived. We are looking forward to the return of one of our Swiss nurses, Esther Rehm, in January 1972. Her furlough was extended for study purposes.

Again we can report 100 percent success in the final examinations in January for the General Nursing Course and the maternity class or midwifery. The entire class of eighteen students taking the preliminary examinations at the end of the first year also passed. This we think, was quite an accomplishment, as my co-worker in the nursing school, Mrs. Sadza, had to take off the last two months before the examination for health reasons and maternity leave. She did not resume work till June, 1971. I did have a young staff nurse to assist while she was away, but of course that was not the same. You will understand why I did not get this letter written during this period.

I do appreciate all the Christmas and birthday cards and letters, and wish I could reply personally to each one. We also want to thank all of you who have given prayer support and gifts of any kind.

We have a total of 76 students in training this year. Six more than we had in 1970, but the hospital patient load has increased too, and the students do most of the nursing, so they are still too few. We are badly in need of funds to employ more staff nurses, but because of the financial situation, we must cut rather than increase the staff. It is impossible for patients to pay the cost of staffing or of hospital care, when cash earnings are so small.

Students and staff continue to give loving service to all even when circumstances require supreme effort and increased hours of work.

We have much for which to be thankful, and without the storm clouds we would not appreciate the glorious radiance which follows.

In conclusion I would say in the words of the Psalmist "The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people in peace. And so --His work will continue in spite of obstacles, or possibly because of them.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Elma J. Ashby

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial scheduled by women in January

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodist women are looking toward the 1972 "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial," which they consider one of their most important annual observances.

As in past years, most of the participants in observances are expected to be members of the United Methodist Church's two women's organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. More than 1,500,000 women in 38,000 local units in the 50 states are Society or Guild members.

Suggested date for observing "The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" is January 1-15, the same period as in 1971. Each local Society or Guild is asked to schedule one or more days for the observance.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance is sponsored by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, the national policy-making body for the Society and Guild. Theme for the 1972 observance will be "Open Up Your Life." The Call in 1972 is to focus on prayer, a deepened spiritual life, guided mission study and a special offering for national and world mission projects. The major events recommended are a "Quiet Day" program, prayer, meditation, a silent meal and an interpretation of the mission projects to which the offering will go.

Emphasizing both the "prayer" and "self-denial" aspects of the Call, Women's Division leaders say: "We are challenged to engage in prayer and to reflect upon stewardship as we respond in the mission of the church. As women, we are also urged to consider the meaning of self-denial as an intentional, personal or community stance, and to give sacrificially in response to needs in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world. We are requested to enter into intercessory prayer for the persons and programs for which the offering is received."

Selected by the Women's Division to receive the 1972 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering are: United States — "Self-initiated Voluntary Service; Mission Projects in Community Life"; Overseas—"Vocational and Technical Programs to Confront World Hunger and Poverty." In 1970 the offering totaled about $500,000. The Women's Division gives this interpretation of 1972 projects:

"(1) **Self-initiated Voluntary Service,** wherein concerned young people recognize needs and take steps to meet them, serving people by starting new forms of mission before requesting minimal financial aid. **Mission Projects in Community Life,** directed toward increasing the coordination of mission schools and institutions with the lives of seriously impoverished and isolated people in their communities, especially in Appalachia.

"(2) **Vocational and Technical Programs to Confront World Hunger and Poverty,** such as nutrition extension programs, fundamental education, agriculture and food production, family planning, continuing education for professionally-qualified nationals and technical training programs for local occupations or self-employment."

Materials for the Quiet Day, which is called "the time for celebration, a service of dedication," were prepared by Mary Ritzman Ebinger, Washington, D.C., writer and frequent speaker with her husband, the Rev. Warren R. Ebinger, assistant general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. Articles and other materials on projects were written or compiled by Mrs. Donna Scott, a church and community worker at Red Bird Mission (United Methodist), Beverly, Ky.; Miss Dorothy Gilbert, missionary to Congo; Miss Sarah D. Reinecke, missionary to Congo; Dr. James W. Alley, missionary to Bolivia.

All devotional, interpretive and program materials for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial were edited under the guidance of Miss Frances Eshelman, New York, an editor for the Board of Missions.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IS THIRTY YEARS OLD

Church Women United is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and climaxing recognition of the anniversary during the week of December 7. Thirty years ago, 85 women representing the Home and Foreign Missionary Committees of the Federal Council of Churches (which had sponsored the World Day of Prayer), and the National Federation of Church Women (which through its several hundred interdenominational local councils originated May Fellowship Day), came together in Atlantic City, New Jersey, to become **United Church Women.**

It was during that momentous week of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the beginning (for the USA) of World War II that the Constituting Convention took place (December 11-13, 1941), with a number of committees meeting several days in advance.

Affirming their belief "that God reigns and that ultimately His will will prevail", they called on the "women of the Churches to enter with us into the suffering and sacrifices of the human family."

A national party in Washington, D.C., December 7, will start the rhythms of celebrations across the country. Sponsored by national officers, the celebration will honor the women of the Constituting Convention, along with former presidents, women from the diplomatic community, and young women in their 30's who will be carrying on the tradition of church women in its years ahead.

This year is considered the halfway point between the crucial year of 1941 and the coming of a new century—in 2001.

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"MISSION: What's It All About?" printed in the November issue of response was written by Mrs. W. F. Bates of Quitman, Arkansas. It features eight brief scenes on mission to be used as a skit.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 12: God Keeps His Promise

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:5-80; 2:25-35

MEMORY SELECTION: Mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel. (Luke 2:30-32)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand how the coming of Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies and answered the longings of God's people.

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The music of Christmas speaks to all of us concerning the wonderful gift of God's love. "The Messiah" and the carols like "Silent Night, Holy Night" are so much a part of the season that it would not seem like Christmas if we did not hear them. Two of the greatest of all the songs related to the coming of Jesus are found in Luke's gospel, and we are studying them today because they remind us of God's promises that were fulfilled in him.

The first of these songs is the one that we know as "The Benedictus," which was sung by Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, in gratitude for the news that his son was to be born. We find it in Luke 1:68-79. The other is the song of Simeon, an elderly Jewish man who realized that Jesus was the fulfillment of the promises God made to the Jewish people throughout the period of the Old Testament. This song is recorded in Luke 2:25-28.

Luke's story of the birth of Jesus, recorded in the first two chapters of his gospel, is made up of material that we do not find in any of the other gospels. He skillfully worked together the birth stories of John the Baptist and Jesus, indicating both connection and contrast. The two were related by family ties, their coming births were both announced by Gabriel and linked with Old Testament prophecy, and they were associated in mission. They were set apart by striking contrasts. John's birth was exceptional, his mother being old beyond normal childbearing, but his conception followed natural patterns. The birth of Jesus, on the other hand, was supernatural. His mother was young and unmarried and his conception was not according to nature but by divine intervention.

These hymns speak to us of the promises of God that were fulfilled in these two men. A popular Broadway show of a few seasons ago was "Promises, Promises." This title might have been applied to the Old Testament. God kept assuring the people that he would send a great prophet, a great deliverer. The glad refrains in the first two chapters of Luke announce that God has fulfilled his promises. What he had spoken by his prophets "since the world began" had now been performed in the world of the present. God promised, and his promises were made good. The Messiah did come, and all that God said he would do for his people was done. The great theme of Luke is that God can be trusted to do what he says he will do.

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THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Shortly before Jesus was born, when the temple in Jerusalem was still the center of Old Testament worship and sacrifice, a strange incident occurred in the life of an elderly priest, Zechariah. There were many priests throughout the country, taking turns at serving in the temple.

On one of his days of service, it fell his lot to offer the incense upon the golden altar that stood before the veil separating the sanctuary from the Holy of Holies. This was one of the most sacred duties that could fall to one of the priests. Suddenly as Zechariah finished burning the incense and saying the appropriate prayers, he saw a vision of an angel at the altar. The aged priest was frightened, but the angel calmed him by announcing that God had heard his prayer and that he and his wife would have a son.

Zechariah and Elizabeth were a godly couple, advanced in years, which according to Jewish reckoning meant that they were past 60. They had never had any children, which was considered a reproach to both of them. The angel announced that they should name their son John, and that it was to be specially filled with the Spirit of God and would prepare the way of the Lord. Zechariah's immediate reaction was unbelief. How could such a thing happen, seeing how old he and his wife were? He asked for a sign: "How shall I know this?"

The angel then disclosed his name, his position, his mission, and then pronounced a temporary judgment on Zechariah. He had asked for a sign, and he received it in the form of a punishment; he was struck deaf and dumb, "until the day that these things come to pass."

Finally, the son was born and the priest revealed in his song of rejoicing that the new spiritual insights had come to him during his period of enforced silence. He understood the purpose for which his son had been born and he declared: "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways."

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WHAT HIS SONG REVEALED

In the words of this song the personal joy of Zechariah was lifted up into relationship with a larger patriotism. As Dr. Walter Russell Bowie says in The Interpreter's Bible: "He is thinking of the gift of his child as part of a far larger and greater gift. What God had given him would be the channel of God's mercy for a whole people, in which each individual would have a share." Luke uses both of these songs to build a strong bridge between the past and the present in the life of Israel. He sees a strong connection between the promises God made to Abraham and the tremendous thing that had happened in his own life.

The song declares that the covenant made with Israel in ancient days was still in force and was reaching fulfillment in the gift of a deliverer. The meaning had been unfolding all through Old Testament days and was now being completely revealed. What the prophets had proclaimed was now being brought to pass.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon analyzes the dramatic nature of this moment when he says: "In the story of the birth of John the Baptist, Zechariah, when filled with the Holy Spirit, burst forth into poetry in which he extolled God because he had visited and redeemed his people." He had in mind particularly the events surrounding the coming of Jesus.

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THE MEANING OF REDEMPTION

All the way through the song of Zechariah is an emphasis on the gift of redemption which was now within reach of man. The accent on redemption is not as strong as it once was in the teaching and preaching of the church. At the Advent Season we need to let Luke focus our attention on this great promise.

The word "redemption" is one of the greatest words in our religious vocabulary. But it is much more than a word. It is an experience, and we do not truly draw close to God until we have had it. Zechariah is an illustration of one who had lived close to the temple all his life, but who only discovered the true meaning of redemption in the birth of his son. We sometimes use the word "salvation" to describe the same experience. Broadly speaking, redemption means bringing God to men and men to God in forgiveness and fellowship. The birth of John and the reaction of Zechariah are high moments in Christian history and should help us interpret the meaning of redemption.

Zechariah's song closely follows the outline of Old Testament prophecy about the coming Messiah. It shows how the devout people of Israel understood the spiritual significance of the promises of God to send them a deliverer. Dr. Laymon reminds us that we should see this song in the light of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." As he says: "Here is redemption as viewed from God's side. God took the initiative, and man responded by believing."

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THE SONG OF SIMEON

Our second hymn is sung by an old man, Simeon, on the occasion of Jesus' being taken to the temple for dedication and also reveals the reaction of a dedicated Hebrew who understands that God has fulfilled his promises. When he recognized that the child brought to the temple was indeed the fulfillment of the dreams of his life, he sang exultantly, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all people."

What does a man want to see before he dies? The answer would be different for every person, and yet there is something universal in what Simeon says. The one thing he wanted to see was the unfolding of God's promise for his people. Dr. Bowie says, "If just once he could look upon the face that had the light of God on it," he would die content. So when the child Jesus was put in his arms, his intuition made him know that his desire was satisfied. Here was the beginning of salvation.

Simeon's thanksgiving indicates the flowering of the highest degree of understanding which had begun to emerge among the prophets and to which the Gospel of Luke is tuned. It is the recognition that the spiritual treasures which God had given to Israel were meant as a gift for all mankind. He was saying that the greatest glory of Israel should not be in keeping that treasure to itself; its glory should be in making all its life "a light to lighten the Gentiles." Any church is false to its inheritance if it is concerned only with preserving its own prestige and strengthening itself internally. To be true to its heritage it must have a burning missionary desire to make the gospel of Jesus Christ reach out with redemption to all life everywhere. This is the modern message of the songs of Zechariah and Simeon.

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GOD'S PROMISES TO US TODAY

The fact that God made many promises to Israel about the coming Messiah and the unfolding of these promises in the gifts of John and of Jesus should lead us to inquire as to what promises of God are available to us today. The great blessings the fulfillment of His word brought to these men should cause us to anticipate such results in our own lives.

God has promised us forgiveness for our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit, which result from our faith that Jesus truly is God's son and the fulfillment of his promise. Wherever this message has been preached, men have asked, "What must we do?" There is no pressing need among men greater than this, and if we believe this Advent message, we will feel compelled to share it with others who have not heard it.

God's plan of redemption, which was developed and progressively revealed by the prophets of the Old Testament and culminated in the coming of Jesus, calls for a response from us. If this is not exactly like that of Simeon and Zechariah, it should be akin to theirs if we are to fully appreciate the richness of the Christmas story.

United Methodist missions

NEW YORK (UMI)—Anticipated growth in medical service in Nepal and Algeria, increasing church leadership by nationals in Liberia and continued involvement of the church in social ministry in Uruguay are among recent news items reported by the staff of the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

The reports on United Methodist-related churches around the world were compiled by staff executives for the World Division's annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., in late October. Among items reported were these:

Malaysia. The Methodist agricultural program in Sarawak has been entirely revised. A comprehensive approach is called for including market research, experimentation, extension and training. The latter includes agricultural, medical, pastoral (including theological education) and family life programs. It is hoped that ecumenical funds will be made available in the future, reports say.

Nepal. His Majesty's Government has asked the United Mission to Nepal (of which United Methodism is a part) to develop more medical work outside Kathmandu, the capital, reports say. For a time the future of the hospital in Kathmandu was uncertain, and now it seems the present building will be renovated and a new hospital not built, the reports add. Plans for public health work on a greater scale are being made. The Government has asked the United Mission to turn over the agricultural work to it, but is allowing agricultural education to be continued in the Mission's schools, say reports.

North Africa. The United Methodist Church has received a request for highly qualified persons in the area of orthopedic medicine, social work and special education to assist in a survey to be made in the city of Algiers in cooperation with the government. The purpose is to discover the magnitude of the problems of both the physically and mentally handicapped, as well as delinquency, particularly among girls. Reports indicate requests will come for the church to supply persons who can work in Algeria for two or three years, to help set up rehabilitative programs and to train nationals to carry on the work.

Liberia. Progress is continuing on planning and obtaining staff (missionary and national) for a continuation of the Kru Literacy Program, and initiation of the new rural development program on the Kru Coast. For the first time a Liberian doctor has joined the staff at Ganta Hospital. The World Division's new Advance Special project for support of nationals is expected to be of great help to Liberia as increasing numbers of qualified nationals are placed in places of responsibility, reports say.

Angola. There are reports of strong church life, but also a need for help is reported. Bishop Harry Andreassen has requested a missionary couple.

Mozambique. With the arrival of new medical personnel, both the medical services and nurses' training have increased. The first nurses' aids trained at the Chicuque church center have received their government diplomas. Discussions are under way for a joint effort in literacy, adult education, health and agriculture.

Mexico. Two missionaries who have served as nurses at the Methodist Hospital in Chihuahua have been appointed to help develop local programs of public health education, one in Ciudad Juarez and one near Guadalajara. The hospital is planning to build new installations, and has a fully national staff.

Peru. Both Church World Service and the Methodist Church of Peru are continuing their programs of reconstruction and rehabilitation following the 1970 earthquake. The church building is almost completed in the city of Trujillo. Work is still delayed in rebuilding in Chimbote because of the lack of final plans for relocating the city by the Peruvian government. The Institute for Christian Workers in Huancayo has broadened its program of extension classes. A program of theological training for the laity has been developed in an extension of the Institute in Lima, using the facilities of the normal school.

Uruguay. The church leadership continues to affirm the need for Christian participation in changing the social structures of Uruguayan society, reports say. As the Evangelical Methodist Church has developed its strategy, they have chosen two main centers of activity: the city of Montevideo and the northwest corner of the country. The latter project will include the present local congregational activities and the formal educational program of Crandon Institute in Salto, and will add community development and public health education with an emphasis on lay training for Christian witness.

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

A few days ago, I was driving in the heart of London—not the easiest place for any driver. In heavy traffic a man in a car twice as big as mine cut right across me. I had to brake hard to avoid an accident which would inevitably have involved several other cars in a four-stream traffic crossing.

In the rear window was a "sticker" proclaiming in large blue letters: "JESUS SAVES".

I could not help reflecting wryly that the character who was driving that car had not been saved from appalling road manners, and that his lack of consideration was hardly a sign of grace.

This month sees the anniversary of the "blackest day the West Yorkshire Traffic Division of Police has ever known." On November 26, 1970, in three hours ninety vehicles piled up on the main North Road in fog and the police said the road looked like a battlefield. What kind of madness was responsible on this noteworthy occasion? And what kind of lunacy causes deaths on the roads of our country and yours? There are all kinds of people trying very hard to answer that question because if it could be found one of the most tragic aspects of social life would have a little light at the end of a tunnel of suffering not only for the maimed, but for those who have to grieve or nurse for years.

The police in this country talk about "motorway madness" yet mere recklessness cannot account for the way in which motorists behave, especially in fog. A specialist from the Medical Research Council's research unit asserts that it is impossible to drive safely in fog because the motorist cannot trust his senses as he usually can—he drives naturally too fast and too close to the man in front. Judging distance is also difficult and there is a hypnotic effect in fog, and anxiety escalates the men in front to higher speeds to avoid being hit from the rear. Irrational fear in fact causes fog-bound motorists to go "mad".

But leaving aside that special situation, there is still the day-to-day problem of the motorist who simply drives as though he were at war.

The Bishop of Chester is a keen motorist, and also president of the Pedestrians' Association, and he has said: "No one is thinking realistically about the future of the motor vehicle. Sooner or later there will have to be some limitations on the use and possession of cars but one has to accept some limitations in order to enjoy any freedom at all."

He is sharply critical of the kind of motoring correspondents who suggest that certain cars are just the thing to overtake with squealing brakes, and generally flaunt oneself with. But he is realistic enough to make a good job of representing roads and road users in the House of Lords.

Perhaps only one thing can be added. To go back to my experience with the man with the religious notice in his car for a moment. One thing that could happen would be for Christian motorists to be sure that they relate their faith to their driving. The Christian faith is all about not exploiting other people, having consideration, especially for the weaker brethren, and, above all, loving our neighbours.

If those standards and principles were really applied by Christians every time they took to the road, and on the occasions when there is often great provocation to reply to bad driving with worse driving, the difference on the roads might be more than marginal.

Poetry Panorama by Barbara L. Mulkey

This thoughtful prayer, in verse, by Adelaide Proctor, seems especially appropriate to this time of the year . . . "My God, I thank Thee who hast made the earth so bright; So full of splendor and of joy, beauty and light; So many glorious things are here, noble and right! Amen."

The White Oak Tree

On my neighbor's lawn stands a white oak tree,
  Stately and shapely and tall.
Something about it interests me
  And I watch it every Fall.
I wonder why it holds its leaves,
  Its secret is yet untold.
Perhaps it is for a bird's sweet song
  As it makes a shelter from the cold.
The thick brown leaves make a cover
  For the birds that stop for the night
At the white oak tourist cabin,
  As they stop on their southern flight.
Year after year I have watched them
  Hiding among the leaves,
Spending the night, 'til the morning light
  In my neighbor's white oak tree.

—by Irene King Woosley

Woods In Autumn

As I look out on Indian summer
And gaze on the woods near by,
I hear the birds chatter and murmur
Of beauty they pass as they fly.

There's nothing with which to compare it,
This beauty of autumn wood;
No painting by man can come near it
In color or technique or mood.

There's green of the freshness of morning,
And purple of royal robes spun,
Scarlet and brown speak of winter's coming,
And gold for the setting of sun.

At this beauty I stop in wonder
As I gaze enchanted there.
I feel a Divine Presence yonder,
And into my heart comes a prayer.

That after the years of a life time
Though rough and toilsome the road
There'll by beauty in my life's autumn
As I see in the autumn wood.

—by Ruth Gean Porter

RECEIPTS SENT TO THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE FOR THE FUND FOR RECONCILIATION

June 1, 1968 to Oct. 1, 1971

WHOLE CHURCH	$5,362,036.94
South Central Jurisdiction	$ 754,369.45
Arkansas Area	$ 56,891.74
Dallas-Fort Worth Area	110,142.82
Houston Area	42,366.90
Kansas Area	119,333.45
Louisiana Area	55,500.00
Missouri Area	116,823.93
Nebraska Area	50,422.22
Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area	64,502.17
Oklahoma Area	92,174.21
San Antonio Area	46,212.01

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United Methodism's Health and Welfare Agency plans for broadened services to older persons

WASHINGTON (UMI) — An action plan to aid older persons by providing services to them in their own homes was approved here Nov. 12 by a United Methodist Interboard Staff Committee on Health and Welfare.

The goal of the plan, which has been submitted to five United Methodist boards for approval, is to make needed services available to all older people wherever they may live and to give older people an opportunity to make a contribution to society if they desire.

"Only about 5 per cent of the United States' older population is being cared for in institutions. There is a tremendous need to serve the other 95 per cent," said Miss Virginia Stafford of the Division of the Local Church, Board of Education, a member of the Interboard Committee.

Staff representatives of United Methodist Boards of Health and Welfare Ministries, Education and Missions were among 175 national organizations which approved the action plan in late October. All the organizations will participate in the White House Conference on Aging Nov. 28-Dec. 2 in Washington, D.C.

In its endorsement, the Interboard Staff Committee urged United Methodist Boards and agencies to support the action plan. Church agencies, they said, can take leadership by providing facilities for program headquarters for senior citizens, publicizing program ideas, urging church members to serve as volunteers and funding programs.

Church and other national organizations also can help older persons by serving as their advocates in development of housing authorities, and influencing local school boards to provide facilities and vehicles for nutrition and transportation programs, the action plan states.

Home health aides, homemakers, foster home care, meals, programs, transportation and shopping services were among the many programs cited which, if well coordinated, would enable older persons to enjoy better lives.

"Many of the programs offer an opportunity to enlist the skills and energies of older persons themselves," the plan added. "This in itself can be a contribution to the continued health and well-being of these older persons. Also, many programs can provide opportunities for older and younger persons to work together, bridging the generations."

Following the White House Conference on the Aging, a national steering committee will be formed by organizations that have agreed to participate in the action plan. Initiation of coordinated services to people in their homes or places of residence in 200 selected rural and urban communities will be the first goal. Eventually it is hoped services will be available in all communities.

Local representatives of national organizations that have agreed to participate in the action plan will be invited to serve as the local steering committee for the communities.

In other action, the Interboard Staff Committee approved forming task forces to make reports to the church at a meeting Feb. 3-6 in Washington for United Methodists who attended the four White House Conferences on Health, Nutrition and Food; Children; Youth and Aging. The Rev. Dr. Norman W. Klump, an assistant general secretary for the National Division, Board of Mission, is committee chairman.

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Iowa's Senator Hughes addresses Council of Bishops

DES MOINES, Iowa (UMI)—An impact on spiritual life is the greatest need in the United States right now, U.S. Senator Harold Hughes (D.-Iowa) told the United Methodist Council of Bishops and 650 other ministers and laymen here November 17.

Sen. Hughes, a long-time Methodist lay speaker, also asserted that the world's political, social and economic problems can be solved only by a rebirth of spiritual values. The senator was the principal speaker at a dinner given in honor of the bishops by the Iowa Area.

Sen. Hughes gave numerous examples of the use of prayer in his own life and in that of other government officials. He also told of his belief in a spiritual hunger among young persons.

"Many of our young people know not the spiritual world; they consider themselves spiritually dead. Yet, whenever I have talked to them I find they want to pray, they want to find God."

Appearing on the program with Sen. Hughes were Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C., president of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Roy H. Short, Louisville, Ky., secretary of the council, and Bishop James S. Thomas, resident leader of the Iowa Area.

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Commission on Ecumenical Affairs receives statement from Roman Catholic Bishops

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodist ecumenical leaders have received warmly a statement by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops hailing the 1970 General Conference action which sought to repair some of the denomination's historic breaches with the Roman Catholic Church.

"We welcome and rejoice in this statement by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (to the 1970 action) and earlier response by His Holiness Pope Paul VI," said a statement issued by Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Minneapolis, Minn., and the Rev. Robert W. Huston, New York. Bishop Washburn is chairman of the United Methodist Commission on Ecumenical Affairs and Dr. Huston is its staff executive.

"The process encompassing General Conference action, Vatican comment and the bishops' statement is of major ecumenical significance. We regard the bishop's response as clearly undergirding the conversations in which the commission on Ecumenical Affairs is now engaged with our Catholic brethren."

The statement by the Catholic bishops was adopted by a unanimous vote at their autumn meeting in Washington, D. C., Nov. 15. It read:

"Whereas, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church has offered the heartiest expression of good will and Christian brotherhood to Roman Catholics, and

"Whereas, this General Conference stated the intent that their standards of doctrine referring to Roman Catholics be interpreted in consonance with the best ecumenical insights and judgment, and

"Whereas the Catholic Church regards United Methodist Christians with esteem as brothers in the Lord, and

"Whereas, in keeping with the teaching of Vatican Council II we welcome dialogue with the United Methodist Church carried out in mutual fidelity to the Gospel so that we might gain 'a truer knowledge and more just appreciation of the teaching and religious life of both Communions'

"Therefore, be it hereby resolved that we express our gratification at the gracious intent expressed in our regard by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church and assure the United Methodist brothers of our continued respect and affection. Called in one hope of our common calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, we share with them the longing for a fuller harmony in the Christian family and a fuller recognition of the mystery of the sacred unity of the Church, flowing from the unity, in the most blessed Trinity of Persons, of one God, the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.

"Great is our rejoicing as His will is accomplished among us. To him be the glory and honor now and forevermore."

In late summer, Pope Paul VI expressed "deep Christian joy" for the 1970 resolution. The articles referred to relate to such subjects as purgatory the use in worship services of languages not understood by the congregation, a celibate priesthood, and the theological understanding of Holy Communion (the Eucharist), as well as the roles of the priest and laity in communion services.

Referring to the conversations between Catholics and United Methodists, the statement by Bishop Washburn and Dr. Huston noted that, beginning next February, five scholars from each church will be engaged in a probe of the meaning of the ministry.

"Because of Methodism's historic concern with 'Scriptural Holiness,' it should be of particular interest that the initial topic of the probe should be 'Spirituality in the Ministry,'" the statement said.

Bishop Washburn will head the United Methodist group and the Most Rev. James W. Malone, bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, will head the Catholic team.

The statement by Bishop Washburn and Dr. Huston concluded:

"It should be stressed that United Methodists and Roman Catholics regard dialogue as being responsible to the Holy Spirit and we agree that our fundamental obligation is to ask what God requires of us in this age.

"Both of our churches have an understanding that reconciliation in love is a solemn responsibility and we believe that the mutual actions of the past 18 months demonstrate renewal of dedication to the search for that unity which Christ wills for his Church."

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Bob Anderson, Mark Tullos and The Foundation Singers. This group of young people are making a major contribution to LMCF Drug Rallies.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF L.M.C.F.'s YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

September 1971 marked the 20th Anniversary of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation's Youth Education Program. Because of an expressed concern on the part of Methodist Women (and the WMU of the Baptist Church) the Foundation's Board of Trustees were challenged to set up this special division. The Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild backed their concern with financial support of this new venture and through these twenty years have faithfully contributed in increasing amounts. Beyond question without this financial support, backed by unfailing prayers and cooperation this phase of LMCF's work would be considerably hampered. The Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation trustees, its directors and multiplied thousands of parents and youth join in saying to the Methodist Women, THANK YOU!

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Hundreds attend Drug Rallies sponsored by Foundation

More than 500 adults and 1,500 young persons attended the Livingston Parish Drug Rally. held at Denham Springs High school on Thursday, October 28. On October 16 a similar rally was held in Beauregard Parish, at DeRidder, where more than 1,000 youth and nearly 400 adults gathered to get the true facts about the abuse of drugs and narcotics. The latest rally sponsored by the Foundation was held in Sabine Parish, at Many High School on November 6, where large crowds also gathered to hear authorities on the subject.

At all of these programs appreciative audiences have been entertained by the Foundation Singers, a group of young people from north Louisiana colleges and high schools, by local talent and the lovely Miss Louisiana, Miss Avis Ann Cochran of Shreveport. At Many both audiences were entertained by Miss Carol Lynn Almond, the 1970 Miss Louisiana.

Adults and youth alike have listened with rapt attention as doctors, lawyers, judges and juvenile officers, have spoken out against the use of alcohol, drugs and narcotics, citing personal experiences in their respective fields with users of these substances. Questions from the audiences were entertained by both legal and medical panels, and indicated something of the concern on the part of youth and adults. Probably one of the most important questions posed at every rally LMCF has sponsored in the past two years is, "Where do we go from here?" One doctor said, "We have just fanned the air in this meeting." He then said that what is done about the problem will depend on the community's follow-up action, with heavy responsibility on parents. The Foundation's directors are working in follow-up programs throughout the state and stand ready to assist any community in every way possible.

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THE MARIJUANA PLANT — The marijuana plant (cannabis sativa) grows in temperate climates of the world, including the United States, Mexico, India, Africa, and the Middle East. A hot, dry, upland climate produces the most potent plants. Most of the marijuana consumed in the United States comes from Mexico. The drug, tetrahydrocannabinol, is found in the upper leaves and flowering tops of the female plant. (The male plant contains little of the drug).

The plant, an annual, grows from 3 to 15 feet high on stalks of ½ inch to 4 inches in diameter. The stalks appear square because of four small ridges running lengthwise along the stalk. Many branches grow from the main stalk, and smaller branches culminate in leaves, or "hands" of long, slender leaflets with saw-like, serrated edges. Number of leaflets, or "fingers", varies from 5 to 11. There is always an odd number—5, 7, 9, or 11 leaflets. The leaflet is dark green on top and a lighter green on the bottom side, and is sticky to the touch, with many fine hairs on both surfaces.

The seeds are light brown, green or tan in color, smooth surfaced, from 1/16 to 1/8 inch in diameter, and egg-shaped, with a single lengthwise groove. Sterilized marijuana seeds are legally imported to the United States and sold as bird seed.

The marijuana plant, then called India hemp, was cultivated in the United States as a source of hemp from which rope was made. It is now illegal to cultivate it, however stocks of seed are maintained by the government for use in the event of a national emergency.

POT AND PILLS "DOOR OPENER"—"The hippies first used pills and pot, switched to LSD and psychedelic drugs . . . Any city that tolerates the wide-spread use of marijuana and pep pills inevitably will face a heroin-addiction crisis," says Dr. D. E. Smith, Physician at the University of California and head of Haight-Ashbury's free clinic.

(Knoxville, Tenn. New Sentinel, January 3, 1971)

Participants in Beauregard Parish Rally: Rev. Emory Wallace; Mrs. Robert Crosby, Mrs. R. L. Terry and Miss Avis Ann Cochran, Miss Louisiana, 1971.

LEGACY ESTATE NOTE

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Your influence can be projected beyond your lifetime, by placing the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Inc., in your will. You can be a blessing and benefit to thousands of boys and girls. "What you would put into the life of a nation. you must first put in the heart of its youth." Write:

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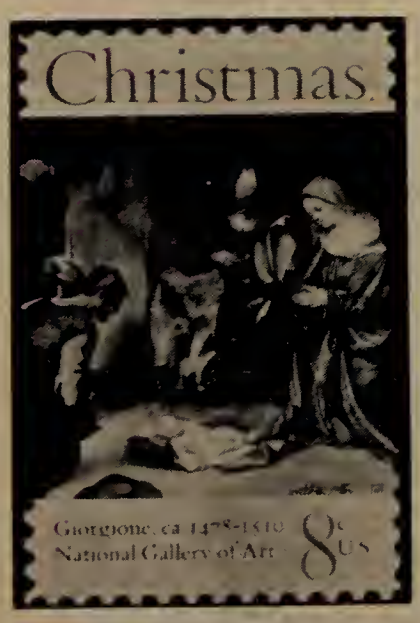
Leaders of the "Stewardship Program for 1972" at Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport survey the report of pledges totaling $76,564. FROM LEFT: Ed Jolly, Administrative Board chairman; Mrs. L. T. Lunsford, solicitation chairman; L. E. Kneipp, general chairman; Mrs. L. E. Kneipp, office help chairman. With youth pledges yet to be totaled, and "clean-up" calls still to be made, a budget in the amount of $88,928 is anticipated. The score-board, pictured in the background was prepared by Ed Carleton and Don Morton. The Rev. Roy E. Mouser is pastor.

Arthur W. Robertson (center) received a plaque recently as an Outstanding Layman of Bossier First Methodist, 1971. He was recognized for his many years of faithful service as church school teacher, counselor of youth, district steward and district trustee, 28 years as local treasurer, and many years of service on the Official and Adminstrative Boards of his church; shown with him are Mrs. Robertson and the Rev. Larry D. Robertson, their son and pastor at Mer Rouge.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Two colorful stamps for the Christmas season are being made available this year by the U.S. Postal Service. One stamp, (top) designed by Jamie Wyeth, son and grandson of famed artists Andrew Wyeth and Newell Convers Wyeth, features a "partridge in a pear tree" and contains the first line of the old English Christmas ballad. The partridge is in natural colors with red lettering against a dark green background. The stamp below is a detail from Italian painter Giorgione's "Adoration of the Shepherds," painted about 1510, from the collection of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Gold, yellow, red, blue, black and brown are combined to produce the stamp. Both stamps are in 8-cent denominations. (RNS Photo)



Participants in recent Laymen's Day Observance at DeQuincy United Methodist Church included Conference Lay Leader Tom Matheny (second from left) and Pastor Byrd Terry (center).

WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN

COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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BENEVOLENCE FUNDS	MONTH October 1970	MONTH October 1971	MONTH Percent Increase (Decrease)	FISCAL YEAR Thru October 1970	FISCAL YEAR Thru October 1971	FISCAL YEAR Percent Increase (Decrease)
World Service	1,693,871.36	1,531,815.42	(9.57)	14,303,003.68	13,427,910.44	(6.12)
General Advance Specials						
World Missions	401,935.19	310,278.76	(22.80)	5,394,468.42	5,096,091.88	(5.53)
National Missions	116,731.04	100,041.75	(14.30)	1,331,396.25	1,380,297.33	3.67
Overseas Relief	124,726.72	69,018.05	(44.66)	1,097,348.99	981,157.35	(10.59)
One Great Hour of Sharing	11,046.95	15,396.13	39.37	671,934.22	865,023.13	28.74
World Communion	96,191.06	76,991.86	(19.96)	233,318.88	200,996.22	(13.85)
World Service Specials	5,770.07	2,820.27	(51.12)	162,183.62	54,470.87	(66.41)
Temporary General Aid	55,870.48	45,708.43	(18.19)	498,757.83	488,829.67	(1.99)
Fund For Reconciliation	74,757.39	54,637.13	(26.91)	1,292,308.85	830,814.74	(35.71)
Ministerial Education	291,278.40	285,554.10	(1.97)	2,094,533.37	2,773,869.18	32.43
Race Relations	9,695.99	23,596.70	143.37	560,829.01	744,802.27	32.80
U. M. Student Day	14,238.50	14,593.39	2.49	158,454.42	171,850.93	8.45
Youth Service Fund	17,572.24	14,532.50	(17.30)	129,795.48	152,419,13	17.43
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS						
Episcopal Fund Receipts	233,051.56	217,841.83	(6.53)	1,911,636.81	1,997,043.85	4.47
General Administration Fund Receipts	103,207.98	91,026.24	(11.80)	883,332.98	946,608.07	7.16
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	42,675.97	36,684.57	(14.04)	383,128.70	382,426.73	(0.18)

The efforts of annual conference leaders to highlight the deficit position of the general funds—especially World Service—was not reflected in receipts during the month of October. In fact, October receipts for World Service were $162,000.00 less than for October 1970. Other deficits are reflected in the report of a number of other funds. This probably is a reflection of the generally unsettled condition of the economy which directly affects church support.

We are not without hope, however. With dedicated and committed leadership in our annual conferences and with a very real understanding of the needs to be met, we can still make 1971 a year of significant achievement and progress.

The Central Treasury will receive and record all reports to 1971 accounts from Annual Conference Treasurers postmarked on or before January 15, 1972. This gives Annual Conference Treasurers fifteen (15) days' time to close conference records following December 31st and to mail reports to the Central Treasury.

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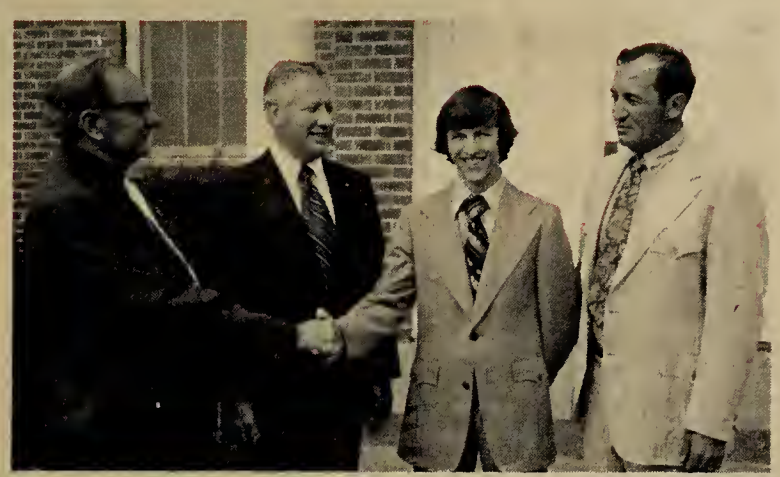

Kent Kilbourne (second from right) was recommended ta the Alexander District Canference for a license to preach at a recent Charge Canference held on the Colfax-Hollins Chapel Circuit. Kent is presently a seniar at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmare, Ky. He is the san of United Methadist missianaries now stationed in Karea, and is the grandsan and great-grandsan of Methodist missianaries to the Far East. Kilbourne is well knawn in Lauisiana far numeraus appearances in the area both as a soloist and as a member of a gospel falk-singing group. He expects to became a member af the Lauisiana Annual Conference in June of 1972. Shawn with him are (l. to r.) the Rev. Clyde Clark, superintendent of Alexandria District, the Rev. Gilbert H. Wade, Jr., pastar and R. Odell Hodnett, chairman of the Administrative Baard at the Calfax church.

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Schedule announced for Feb. 7-10 Ministers' Week at Perkins

The Fall issue of the Perkins School of Theology Journal announced the schedule and speakers for Ministers' Week '72, Feb. 7-10.

Dr. John Deschner, professor of theology at Perkins, will be the Fondren Lecturer. He will deliver four lectures on ecclesiological topics.

The Peyton Lectures will be brought by Dr. Howard Clinebell, professor of pastoral counseling, School of Theology at Claremont. These three lectures will be on pastoral care and counseling.

The 1972 Jackson Lectures will present three Perkins alumni in worship services in a variety of settings.

Added features to be presented in conjunction with Ministers' Week will include:

—The Annual Church Music Workshop directed by Dr. Carlton R. Young, Feb. 6-7.

—A series of afternoon workshops on pastoral counseling in connection with Dr. Clinebell's lectures.

—COCU workshops — Thursday, Feb. 10 afternoon and evening sessions. Two separate workshops are being planned for the discussion of this topic.

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(See double-page spread on pages 6 and 7)

Churchwide special offering Jan. 9 to assist Pakistani refugees

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A special offering to assist East Pakistan refugees fleeing into India will be received January 9 across the 10,500,000-member United Methodist Church.

The call for the offering was issued by the denomination's Council of Bishops in Des Moines, Iowa, November 16. Concurrence in the call has been given by the Council on World Service and Finance here.

Minimum goal in the offering is $1,000,000, according to Bishop Ralph T. Alton of Madison, Wisc., chairman of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR).

The mass exodus of more than 9,500,000 refugees from East Pakistan into India has been described by UMCOR leaders as the worst human tragedy of history. Neither the Biafra nor Palestine problems "even begin to look like the tragedy of the East Pakistan refugee situation," said the Rev. J. Harry Haines, UMCOR executive secretary.

Dr. Haines said a 20-to-30-mile wide "belt" of refugees extends along the eastern border of India for 1,300 miles. "Every tree in this area has a refugee family living under it," the executive told the church's Board of Missions recently.

Bishop Alton said funds collected in the relief offering will be expended largely through ecumenical channels, particularly the Christian Agency for Social Action in India. The bishop stressed that machinery will be established to administer the funds "effectively and responsibly."

Speaking to the proposal at the Council of Bishops meeting, Bishop Joseph Lance of the Lucknow Area said that the ultimate solution to the problem is political, but that in the meantime the churches are combining their efforts in trying to meet the emergency situation. He also described efforts by the Indian government to assist the refugees.

Materials describing the need and the mechanics of the offering will go within the next few weeks to United Methodist pastors from the Program Council's Division of Interpretation here.

Coeds named to the Queen's Court for last Saturday's Centenary College (Shreveport) Homecoming. FROM LEFT: Sally Sigler, Shreveport; Kerry Bruce, Monroe; Judy Blanton, Oklahoma City; Debbie Price, Little Rock; Luan Stoker, Shreveport; and Terry Martin, Crowley.

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–Photos by TOWN TALK staff

The new parsonage (TOP) of the First United Methodist Church at Alexandria was consecrated on Sunday, Nov. 14 by Alexandria District Superintendent, the Rev. Clyde S. Clark. LOWER PHOTO shows Dr. Bentley Sloane, pastor, and Mrs. Sloane with Mr. Richard L. Crowell, building committee chairman, and Mrs. Crowell receiving guests at the open house during which the consecration took place. A silver coffee service, given by James L. Ferguson, his family and friends in memory of his mother, Mrs. J. N. Ferguson, was presented and dedicated for parsonage use. The new parsonage located at 1703 Alexander Drive is the fifth residence provided for the ministers who have served the congregation during the life of the church, which was organized around the turn of the century.

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1971-'72 officers of the Greater Minden Ministerial Association include the Rev. Louis M. Coppage (center), pastor of Lakeview United Methodist Church, chairman; Father William O'Hanlon (left) St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, vice-chairman; the Rev. Robert Park, St. John's Episcopal Church, secretary.

The Rev. Cleburne Quaid (right), pastor of First United Methodist Church, Bastrop, is shown presenting to Mack Albritton, treasurer of the Pioneer United Methodist Church a check in the amount of $1000 from the Monroe District Board of Missions. The money will help to retire the church's indebtedness. The Rev. C. A. Jordan is lay pastor for the Pioneer Church.

SMU Board scouting for new executive officer

An invitation to submit names for consideration in Southern Methodist University's nationwide search for a new president was extended to the public last week by a 23-member search group of trustees and advisers.

"At our initial session this week," said W. P. Clements, Jr., chairman, "we made plans to begin securing names of possible nominees for the position as SMU's new president from as many sources as feasible.

"Our first order of business in that respect is to issue this invitation to friends of the University across the country to send in names and to promise that every name submitted will receive our serious consideration," Mr. Clements added.

SMU's 76-member Board of Trustees voted on Nov. 12, to begin the board search after approving a recommendation from the 19-member Board of Governors and Dr. Willis M. Tate to expand the University's top executive leadership to include a chancellor as chief executive officer.

As a part of that move, the trustees elected Dr. Tate, who has served as president of the University since 1954, as both chancellor and president, appointed a nine-member trustee committee to begin the search for a new president (and chief operations officer), and authorized each of six SMU community groups to elect advisers to the committee.

Officials of the University confirmed that the six groups have each elected their respective representatives.

Faculty advisers representing both the general faculty and the University Assembly, SMU's legislative body, include Professors John J. Banewicz of Chemistry and Alan R. Bromberg of Law, Associate Professors Ruth Morgan of Political Sciences and Marshall N. Terry of English, and Assistant Professor Joe R. Jones of Theology.

Student advisers representing both the student body and the University Assembly are Luther A. Avery, Jr., a junior general business major from Dallas; JoAnn Harris, a second-year law student from Corsicana, and Julie Thompson, a sophomore in SMU's University College from Indianapolis, Ind.

Alumni representing the 34,000-member SMU Alumni Association are Quincy Adams and L. R. Gibson, Jr., both of Dallas.

Representing two groups of administrators are Vice-Presidents H. Neill McFarland and Charles R. Vail and Dean Charles O. Galvin of the School of Law and George H. Zeiss of University College.

In addition to Mr. Clements, other trustees picked for the search group on Nov. 12, are United Methodist Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, vice chairman, Edwin L. Cox, Robert B. Collum, Algur H. Meadows, and Eugene McDermott, all of Dallas, United Methodist Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, Floyd B. James of Ruston, La., and Mrs. J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls.

The next meeting of the search group is scheduled for Dec. 16, Mr. Clements said. †

SCARRITT COLLEGE NAMES LOUISIANA STUDENT TO "WHO'S WHO"

Miss Rita Ellison of Shreveport is one of three Scarritt College students recently elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," according to an announcement by Scarritt President, Gerald H. Anderson. To be eligible, each nominee must have acquired a grade point average of 1.7 or more on a 3.0 system.

Miss Ellison is a Christian Education major. She received the B.A. degree from Scarritt in 1969 and previously attended Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.

JIM THORPE'S DAUGHTER CENTENARY FORUMS SPEAKER

Grace Thorpe, the daughter of All American Indian athlete Jim Thorpe, appeared on the Centenary College Student Forums program, Wednesday, Dec. 1. She spoke concerning her efforts to better the living conditions of all Indians in this country. The Forums series is sponsored by the Student Senate at Centenary and is designed to present speakers with varying viewpoints.

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Church growth seldom exceeds the level of missionary concern.

Editorial

Some Principles For Teaching About Religion

The program of teaching about religion in the public schools is not as simple as some people would have us believe. This matter was explored at a recent Consultation on Religion and Education held at Austin, Tex. under the sponsorship of the Texas Conference of Churches.

Dr. Philip Phenix, professor of philosophy and education at Teachers College, Columbia University, told the consultation that a complex set of intertwined political, theological, and educational principles must be observed when teaching about religion in the public schools. He said that despite the many issues raised by these principles, "there has never been a better time to take the religious question seriously as educators.

Approaching the challenging question from a number of directions, Dr. Phenix indicated the ways in which he feels the subject of religion should be dealt with in the public schools as compared to the approaches of religious education.

The political principles — respect the pluralism, the separation of church and state, and the freedom of worship—dictate that the teacher of religion will be "like a judge who will state the case or see that the case is stated maximally for every faith," Dr. Phenix said.

Theological issues regarding the nature of religion, transcendence, and the primacy of personal faith suggest that "the issues of faith are at stake, implicitly if not explicitly, in everything that goes on within the school," the Columbia professor pointed out. As education explores the whole realm of human behavior, elements will be evoked "which can be made much more interesting and vital if one understands, not only their implicit faith dimensions, but also some of the historic expressions that those faith dimensions have had."

He pointed out that observing sound educational principles means that the study of religion will recognize the difference between education and worship, that it will be objective, and that it will follow the "developmental sequences" which determine the student's readiness to learn in certain areas. Perhaps one of the hardest things for us to learn in considering this subject is the necessity of being objective. So many of us have not been accustomed to including that as a characteristic of our teaching about religion. This is why it is so difficult to confront it at the level of the public school.

Dr. Phenix said he believes that learning about religion in the public school should "begin with music, dance, art, architecture" which illustrate the "concrete particularities of the content of faith." This he feels should be followed by the study of religious literature, history, and then move into the social studies such as geography, anthropology, and sociology.

He stated, "Only then would I move to psychology of religion, and . . . very late in the course, would I come to philosophy and theology. Most of the teaching of religion has been mis-managed because so many think that teaching religion is teaching philosophy and theology." He continued, "Clearly one cannot ask the question, 'What does it mean?' and 'Is it true?' until one has entered in a much more concrete way into the phenomena being discussed; and that's why the others need to come first."

The Texas churchmen heard the speaker say that the teaching of religion, when done on a multi-faith basis, will "encourage the non-settlement of important issues." Yet he said he felt that these issues should be discussed in the public schools because of their close relationship between religion and all human concern and activity. He noted that death, guilt and forgiveness, meaninglessness, anxiety, doubts, weaknesses, and fragmentation were universal human experiences with manifestations in all of life.

We should all give serious consideration to the contention of Dr. Phenix that religion as a subject is "susceptible to disciplined treatment like any other subject." He feels that the most likely way to set up a religious curriculum is to employ the secular discipline of history, literature, the arts, and the social sciences. He discounted strongly objections that the study of religion would induce doubts or divisiveness in children.

He said, "Differences can be constructive and enriching. Creative tension is a very important thing in education. I have very little sympathy for the notion that somehow we must give students all the answers and they must be comfortable." He continued, "Doubt only arises from skeptical negation, which is when a person believes there is nothing to seek for. Engendering constructive doubt is a primary object of all effective education, even in the very young, where it might better be termed 'wonder'."

We feel that the Texas churchmen must have benefited by such a discussion, and it would be helpful if the rest of us had such an opportunity.

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the Editor's Corner

How Low Can The Storm Clouds Form?

A few weeks ago all signs indicated that if there were to be any storms on the international scene to disturb the peace of Christmas they would lie over the Middle East and threaten travelers in that part of the world.

However, turbulence has developed in so many other parts of the globe since then that it becomes rather difficult to keep one's attention focused there. The conflagration which threatens to explode between India and Pakistan may be our gravest threat to world peace, and the way Russia and China have chosen sides in the Security Council may mean that from henceforth every resolution introduced there will be doomed to the veto of one or the other.

Now, just as we go to press, we read that dark clouds are lowering over South Korea, and that a state of emergency has been declared there. We are led to believe that the peace may be broken by troops from North Korea.

This could contribute to our having a very gloomy Christmas, or, on the other hand, it could be the means by which we are reminded that "Peace" was a strange word when it sounded from the lips of the angels over Bethlehem on that wonderful night almost 2000 years ago. A cruel oppressor held the land in bondage, and "peace on earth" seemed like a hollow song. Yet, we believe there was validity to their song and men have lived all this time in the hope of its fulfillment.

We will follow the world news throughout this Yuletide just as seriously as we follow the reports of "lows" and "highs" on the nightly weather report. The storm clouds may hang low about us and the "peace on earth" may be seriously threatened, but we will not lose hope.

As we write, it has been raining for several days, and the skies are overcast. But we know the sun will come shining through again, and we also know that "peace on earth" should still be our dominant Christmas theme.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The number of undergraduates taking religion courses has jumped 30 per cent in the last year, according to spokesmen at the Canadian Universities of Toronto, York and Waterloo—all in Ontario. The number at the University of Toronto is expected to increase by 50 per cent this year. The religion courses are not necessarily intended for students contemplating the ministry, but are offered as part of the regular degree program. Enrollment has soared from 800 in 1967 to 5,000 this year.

Catering to the football-loving Midwesterners this fall the American Bible Society published the "Big Ten" edition of "Good News for Modern Man" with the seals of the Midwestern colleges that comprise the Big Ten Conference on the cover. Twenty thousand copies of the paperback New Testament were reported to have been snatched up at Indiana University—one of the 10 schools, and scene of a pilot distribution experiment—from residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses soon after they were published in Oct. Other Big Ten schools are: Purdue, Northwestern, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Minnesota and Wisconsin Universities.

"American society is by no means as 'sick' as some critics picture it," said Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the Nat'l. Conference of Christians and Jews, "but it is certainly fractured, disunited and polarized," he continued. As an approach to building national unity, he called for renewed emphasis on the goals stated in the preamble to the U.S. Constitution—"to establish justice" and "to insure domestic tranquillity," as he addressed the Conference's annual Board meeting.

New Zealand's Presbyterian General Assembly and the country's Methodist Conference have endorsed a plan for merger of five denominations. The proposal now goes to the members of the two denominations before a final decision is made. The Methodist Conference gave unanimous approval to the plan; Presbyterians endorsed the proposal in a 277-84 vote. The Anglican and Congregational Churches and the Associated Churches of Christ are also involved in the union plan. If accepted by all the churches the merger would become effective in 1975.

Last year's Lutheran Television "special," a cartoon feature for children entitled "Christmas Is," is reported in some regions to have topped ratings of such TV staples as professional football, Ed Sullivan, and Sesame Street. Scheduled in top markets again in 1971, some producers believe "Christmas Is" may become a "Christmas classic." Its success has caused them to lay plans for an "Easter Is" program for release in 1973.

The "Fish International Newsletter," unofficial publication of a "good neighbor" movement, has become a bi-monthly issued by Jarrow Press in New York. "Fish" originated in England as a means of revitalizing community life and aiding the needy. It was brought to the U.S. in 1964 by the Rev. Robert L. Howell, then rector of an Episcopal church in Springfield, Mass. There are now more than 2,000 local units around the world. The services of the organization are non-denominational.

Fifteen private colleges—all but two of them church-related—are to receive funds from Minnesota this academic year through the private college contract program passed by the state Legislature. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, which contracts with the private colleges for the payments, argued that such payments to private colleges would actually save money for the taxpayers. It pointed out that the cost to Minnesota for educating a student in the state colleges in 1970-71 was about $911. By paying a private institution $500 to educate that student, the state was saving about $411 per student. Hamline University in St. Paul — a United Methodist institution — will receive $18,500.

A Reform Jewish congregation in Philadelphia is revising roles to make Rabbi Seymour Prystowsky's point that "parents are the big missing link in religious education." Once every six weeks the children of Or Ami Congregation send their parents off to the synagogue's school, which not only provides a challenge to teachers but gives the parents and children of the congregation a new dimension of communication. Rabbi Prystowsky asserts that religious education is in a state of crisis. And that is why Ami has "parents' Sundays."

Martha Rountree, former television producer and news commentator has initiated a "grassroots" campaign against the "moral pollution" of America. Speaking at the Washington Club Miss Rountree said she has spent the past 18 months sounding an alarm over drug abuse, pornography, and the ouster of prayers from schools, and other "vital" American institutions. She said she has addressed groups in 45 states, enrolling 36 million women into her "Leadership Foundation, Inc." Miss Rountree said the Foundation is not woman's liberation movement. "This is a crusade against moral pollution, a crusade to make the voices of the majority of women in America heard . . . to poll them, to count those polls and to make Congress, the White House and the press aware of their feelings. My job is that of a catalyst," she said.

Following the recent White House Conference on Aging Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, conference chairman and former president of the Nat'l. Council of Churches, observed at a press conference that "the fact that a local congregation, parish or synagogue carries on its work without making any effort to deal with the isolated older person two or three blocks away constitutes a very serious sin of omission." "I would hope," Dr. Flemming concluded, "that all over this country local churches would really make an inventory of what the situation is within a few blocks of them, and where they find older persons that are isolated or ostracized . . . they would establish contact, begin to determine what their needs are, and then be as helpful as possible in meeting those needs."

Christianity Today, an evangelical fortnightly published in Washington, D. C. has denounced four anti-war protesters who attempted to get permission to address cadets at the Air Force Academy as "misguided" persons who "seem to welcome" the publicity brought by their efforts. Noting that "these people have every right to their views," and a right to express them publicly, Christianity Today declared that the protesters did not have the "right to impose their opinions on people and institutions that for one reason or another do not want them."

A rash of armed robberies at churches in Nashville. Tenn. is causing many congregations to review security measures in handling congregational offerings. Baptist, United Methodist, Roman Catholic and Unitarian churches have been hit. Police officials have not uncovered any direct links between the incidents, but indicate a growing trend toward church robberies. An outbreak of armed holdups began in early Nov. when two armed men wearing masks entered First Baptist church in suburban Donelson while worship was in progress. They ordered six persons counting Sunday offerings to hand over the money. Their "take"—about $1,100.

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NEW YORK – Honored guests stand at the dais during the 31st annual Interfaith National Bible Week luncheon in New York. From left are: Pearl S. Buck, Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning novelist; Arthur J. Goldberg, former Supreme Court Justice and Ambassador to the U.N. who is chairman of National Bible Week; Claude L. Fly, agricultural consultant who was held hostage for seven months by guerrillas in Uruguay; Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, honorary co-chairman of National Bible Week; E. C. R. Lasher, general industry chairman of Bible Week; Edward Starr, of Hill and Knowlton public relations; Dr. Norman Temme, executive secretary of the American Bible Society and chairman of the Bible Week advisory committee, and Associate Justice Theodore R. Kupferman of the New York State Supreme Court. Miss Buck, Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Fly and Mr. Lasher were among those honored during the luncheon. Miss Buck received an award for her book, The Story Bible. Mr. Fly was cited for "living the Bible" during his captivity. He said the Bible helped him keep his sanity and establish a "Christian relationship" with his captors. –RNS Photo

NEWS and NOTES

BULLETIN

We have received word just as we go to press that Dr. G.W. Pomeroy, district superintendent of the Natchitoches District, suffered a stroke on Monday, Dec. 6, and is a patient in Doctors' Hospital, Shreveport. His doctors are optimistic about his condition as they continue tests.

WORK CREWS FROM CHURCHES of the Lake Charles District gathered on Saturday, December 4, to help paint the Mallalieu United Methodist Church in Jennings and the Trinity United Methodist Church in Crowley.

AT SLIDELL, the Gideon Class held the family picnic on Saturday, December 4 at the Girl Scout Camp in Lacombe. The Pathfinder's Class held a progressive dinner on December 4 with the first course being served at the David Tollett home.

THE LAFAYETTE MINISTERIAL Association is sponsoring the presentation of Handel's "The Messiah." The 100-voice choir will be composed of singers from all churches and directed by Patrick Shelby, with Richard E. Flory at the organ. The concert will be on Sunday, December 12, in the Municipal Auditorium.

FOUNDERS DAY at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was observed on Sunday, November 26. All persons who have been members for 50 or more years were honored at both morning services. These included Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Amis, Garnet B. Brian, Mrs. Van L. Calhoun, Mrs. Birdye H. Cason, Mrs. Nolan B. Greely, Mrs. William A. Gotschall, Jack Hawsey, Jr., Bess Hawsey, Mrs. James L. Higgins, Annie Lois McCraine, Lawrence W. McLean, Dr. C. F. Moreland, Glen R. Nordyke, Sr., Mrs. B. W. Pegues, M. C. Raiford, Leon P. Thomas, and Ruth Williams.

MRS. WALDO HUGGINS will give the program when members of the Wisner Women's Society of Christian Service share the Christmas party with their husbands at the home of Mrs. M. L. Brister, Monday, December 13. A special offering will be for retired ministers' homes.

THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP of First United Methodist Church, Lafayette, met on Monday, November 29 with W. F. Atkinson showing pictures of church activities. A covered dish lunch was served to members and guests at noon. The Rev. Edward R. Haug is their pastor.

BROWNELL MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATED

The Brownell Memorial Park and Carillon Tower in Morgan City were dedicated on Sunday afternoon, November 21. Secretary of State Wade O. Martin officiated. The Asbury United Methodist Crusader Choir from Lafayette was a feature of the ceremony. The carillon was played by Mr. Emilien Allard, world-renowned carilloneur from the St. Joseph's Shrine, Montreal, Canada.

The tower and park is the gift of Mrs. Claire H. Brownell, a Methodist, in love and gratitude for the people of Louisiana. Mrs. Brownell's desire is that the park be a "retreat amid the God-made splendor of the South Louisiana swampland in which mankind can find a tranquil setting for meditation and communion with our Creator."

Charles Pollock and Gus Behling of Lafayette were the engineers for construction of the park.

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MacDONELL METHODIST Center, 1210 East Main Street, Houma, will have the outdoor Christmas Pageant on Sunday evening, December 12. Executive Director G. J. Bridges invites the general public to attend. This is considered a high point of the Christmas season for the children at MacDonell.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS of St. Paul and First United Methodist Churches in Monroe presented the Christmas portion of Handel's "The Messiah" in St. Paul Church last Sunday, December 5, and are scheduled to give the concert in First Church at 7 p.m. next Sunday. Soloists are Cheryl Gillespie, Theresa Duke, John Burgin and Charles Rich.

DR. GEORGE PEARCE, JR. installed WSCS officers in First Church, Lake Charles, at the general meeting on Thursday, December 2. Mrs. Charles Carwile will serve as president in 1972. Following the Christmas luncheon and installation, the program presented was titled "I'll Give You Something to Make You Wise." Assisting in the program were Mrs. Bob Harrell, Mrs. Ray Brees, Mrs. Robert Haden, Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., Mrs. Henry LeVois, Mrs. Earl Daughenbaugh, Mrs. Charles Perkins, and Mrs. Harry Castle.

FATHER PAUL CAESAR, formerly of Alexandria, now serving as associate pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shreveport and teaching in a Catholic high school, provided entertainment at the November 30 Church Nite held in First United Methodist Church of Alexandria. Father Caesar is known as the "singing priest," and has recorded albums of original songs with a group called "The Dameans." Dr. Bentley Sloane was host pastor.

THE LAKE VISTA annual Christmas Tea was held on Wednesday, December 7, in the church fellowship hall with a special program beginning at one o'clock.

AN APPRECIATION DINNER for church school workers and members of the Commission on Education was given in First Church, Houma, on Thursday evening, December 1. Entertainment was provided by Dan Waguespack, raconteur of Cajun stories. Mrs. W. D. Harper is serving as chairman of education. The Rev. A. Jerome Cain is the pastor.

DR. R. C. LANCASTER, psychiatrist, is leading a discussion of Eric Erikson's book "Identity: Youth and Crisis" for the Adult Study Group of Lake Vista United Methodist Church. The classes are being held on three Tuesday evenings in December. The Rev. Edward Thomas is the Lake Vista pastor.

DR. REID GRIGSBY, professor in agriculture at LSU, spoke on "Pakistan" at the adult section of Fall Family Fellowship held in First Church, Baton Rouge, November 26. Entertainment was by the Special Occasion Singers from Tara High School under the direction of Gayle Brueck.

THE TRUTH INCREDIBLE Singers from First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, presented a program in First Church, Denham Springs, November 27. Mrs. Gwen Redding directs the group.

C. J. BURLESON of Houston, Texas, is the coordinator for the Lay Witness Mission being held in the Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, this weekend, December 10-12.

OPEN HOUSE AT AURORA, December 5, was a double-header. From 2:30 until 3:30 parents of Elementary I-VI were invited to Open House in the educational building. Open House in the new parsonage, 3561 Rue Mignon, was from 3 until 5 p.m. Dr. Henry A. Rickey is the pastor at Aurora Church, New Orleans.

MARY BETH ARMES, a member of the voice faculty of Centenary College, presented a program of religious music during the 7 p.m. worship service in First Church, Shreveport, Nov. 28, and followed that with a program of secular music in the church parlor. Miss Armes, a lyric coloratura soprano, holds degrees in music from the Eastman School of Music, Arizona State University, and is a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts at North Texas State University.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED Methodist Church of New Orleans plans to celebrate its 30th anniversary on Sunday, January 23. Activities will include a pageant during the afternoon. The Rev. Charles S. Walker is pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Dec. 12—Sunday	Rom. 5:1-11
Dec. 13	Gal. 2:16-21
Dec. 14	Eph. 1:3-12
Dec. 15	Matt. 7:15-27
Dec. 16	Acts 14:1-20
Dec. 17	Eph. 2:1-18
Dec. 18	Col. 1:19-29
Dec. 19—Sunday	I Tim. 2:1-6

THE REV. JAMES HARRIS, retired Methodist minister of Franklinton, preached the Thanksgiving Community Service Wednesday evening, November 24, at the First Baptist Church in Franklinton. The Rev. A. W. Robins, pastor of the Baptist Church and Father Kenneth Richard of the Holy Family Catholic Church also participated in the services.

THE RUSTON DISTRICT Laymen's Banquet was held on Tuesday evening, December 7, in Trinity Church at Ruston. Joe Solomon, Monroe District lay leader, was the speaker. The Joyful Noise, a singing group from the Ruston Wesley Foundation, provided entertainment. Others on the program included Jimmy Love, H. D. Burkhalter and Hale Shadow. Marcus Wren of Minden is the Ruston District lay leader. Gale Chumley is lay leader of the host church.

3000 DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are being prepared by women of Southside Church in Monroe, especially for Christmas giving to hospital patients and shut-ins. This annual project is sponsored by the Hospital and Homes Committee, Mrs. Myrtie Mae Foster, chairman, and the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Callie Crow, chairman. The Rev. Lea Joyner is their pastor.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY led the Christmas program at the December 7 meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service in Trinity Church, Ruston. Participants on the theme "I Give You Something to Make You Wise" included Mrs. Chad Fowler, Mrs. Justin Garrison, Mrs. Jimmy Carter, Mrs. J. R. Odom, Mrs. Carroll Biggs and Mrs. George Davis.

THE CARROLLTON CHURCH bulletin extended congratulations from members to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cox, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, November 29, and to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Scoggins, who celebrated their 50th anniversary November 11.

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OSPITAL SUNDAY

1971

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 19: Good News of Great Joy

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

MEMORY SELECTION: The angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help people reappraise the Christmas story, appropriate its good news for themselves, and share it with others.

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As an American tourist travels the short distance from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, he pauses just outside the city of David to take a look at the Shepherds' Fields where a humble group of men had the privilege of hearing the greatest news that was ever proclaimed. It seems appropriate that such a stop be made before moving on to the Church of the Nativity in order that a modern Christian can be reminded of the impact of this news.

Although disturbing reports cause clouds to hang low again over the land in which Jesus was born, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims will make their way along this route again this year. They want to recapture the message of joy which Luke preserves for us in his gospel. Surely we need that note to be sounded. Our times are full of bad news and most of the joys men seek and experience are shallow and unsatisfying. To the world of today, as to the world of nearly two thousand years ago, God offers "good news of a great joy."

Each year when Christmas comes we find a new challenge within the church as we seek to make the world around us conscious of its real meaning. The songs of Christmas and the stories, too, seem to lack any real impact for so many. Many of us wear out even before the day arrives. We recently read a description of two women who were looking into a store window during the Christmas season. One was complaining because the religious motif had been used in the decorations. She said, "Those Christians are even trying to take Christmas over."

Because there are people who have forgotten the reason for Christmas, we need to look at the stories in Luke with a new power of discernment. Unless we can convince ourselves that there is a reason for this study we will not be able to communicate that conviction to others. We are no different, in our greatest needs, from those who were living when the Messiah came. Just as at Bethlehem long ago, it is great good news when Jesus comes into our lives — into our homes and our hearts.

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THE WORLD OF JESUS' BIRTH

One of the many things for which we are indebted to Luke is the historical perspective he gives us on the birth of our Lord. We read: "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria." (Luke 2:1-2) The reference is to a decree issued by the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, for the purpose of a census. Palestine was under the control of the Romans' and all of Jesus' life was lived in such a world.

In 63 B.C. the Romans under Pompey conquered the land. In the historical period between the Old and New Testaments, Persia lost control of the land to the Greeks under Alexander. Following his death the region was divided among his generals and they fought among themselves for almost 150 years. The Jews regained their independence for a brief period under the leadership of the Maccabees. However, the region we call "the Holy Land" has known the fresh air of freedom for only a very brief period.

The Romans did not rule directly and in 37 B.C., by a Roman grant, Herod the Great was made king over Judea, Samaria, Galilee, Perea, and Idumea. He was still the king when Jesus was born.

Generally there was peace and stability for 200 years under the Romans. The Romans fostered civilization and encouraged good communications on land and sea and freedom to travel. The Roman government was basically conservative and looked on new ideas as dangerous. There was virtual uniformity in cultural matters. Greek was the common language of most of the Mediterranean world.

The Jewish religion at the time of Jesus' birth was radically changed from that of Old Testament days with a greater accent on the synagogue which had developed into a place of formal instruction, public worship and prayer. A number of conflicting religious parties had arisen and they were to figure prominently in his life. The Pharisees were legalistic separatists who stood true to the law; the Sadducees were aristocratic, worldly-minded priests who obeyed the law but did not believe in the resurrection and future judgment; the scribes copied the law and then became the experts in its interpretation; the Essenes were a communal monastic order.

All of these circumstances caused the Apostle Paul to say that Jesus was born "when the time had fully come." (Gal. 4:4)

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THE DECREE AND THE ENROLLMENT

The decree of Caesar Augustus concerning the enrollment was included in Luke's story because it explained the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. From the standpoint of history it was perfectly normal for the ruler of the Roman Empire to issue a proclamation that required the taking of a census. This usually occurred every 14 years. That there should be a special census in Palestine along family lines was also a perfectly normal development.

That Joseph and Mary should be involved in this census-taking procedure was quite natural too. That they should travel to Bethlehem because of Joseph's Davidic lineage was the requirement of the law of the empire. So the might of Rome, the rule of law, and the authority of men made it seem the result of a combination of purely human and arbitrary circumstances that Mary's child should be born in Bethlehem, rather than in Nazareth where she and Joseph lived.

However, the prophets had spoken hundreds of years earlier foretelling the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem. Caesar likely had never heard of Micah's prophecy, but isn't it interesting that such a chain of events drew Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem?

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THE PARENTS OF THE CHILD

The gospels give us a beautiful picture of the word that came to Joseph and Mary and their obedience to the commands they received. This was a God-fearing couple, of humble origins and of a simple way of life. We do not know why they were chosen, but it is obvious that they were both prepared spiritually for their task. They were among the many faithful Jews who firmly believed that one day the Messiah would come, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

This hope burned brightly within them. Although outwardly they had little to recommend them in the way of wealth, education and culture, their primary qualifications were faithful obedience to the word of God and a life marked by dependence upon him.

The fact that the holy couple arrived in Bethlehem without a reservation is a suggestion to us that many would not welcome them if they were to come our way. As Dr. Charles M. Laymon says (International Lesson Annual): "Many people still have no place for Jesus in their lives. It makes little difference to them whether he was born or not. He does not bring them a perspective for viewing the human scene or a standard of value for measuring the significance of current events, including what is happening to them. He does not cap their despair with faith nor give them the hope of heaven in their dying."

When one visits the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem today he goes with others to a grotto deep in the ground. The manger was in a cave, and one feels his heart strangely warmed as he sees the golden star inlaid in the stone of the floor there to proclaim to all the world the place of his glorious birth.

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THE ANGELS AND THE SHEPHERDS

No church would think of presenting its Christmas pageant without plenty of angels and lots of shepherds. Luke quickly shifted the center of attention from the newborn infant and his parents to the familiar shepherds out in the fields. Imagine what a dramatic occasion it was in their lives.

There is real meaning in the fact that it was to be a humble group of men like this that God chose to make the first announcement of his Son's birth. Think of the other methods he might have chosen—earthquakes, a tornado, or maybe some unusual phenomenon in the sky. But he didn't. He chose to tell the common people, because Jesus' coming would mean so much to them. It was not the high and mighty but the lowly who heard the angel's song. The shepherds who lived in the open country, protected their flocks from the dangers that lurked on every hand, and cared for the needs of the sheep —these first heard the heavenly chorus.

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THE ANGELS' MESSAGE

The angels' message emphasized comfort and hope. At the heart was deep praise and thanksgiving to God. The glory of God accounted for the brightness and God's glory was to be praised because he had visited the world of men. God's glory is not primarily bright lights, but rather the manifestation of his character: holiness, righteousness, goodness, love and mercy. Why should there be praise to God at this time of the year? Because he has shown us what he is like.

The good news of the New Testament starts with the angelic broadcast over the Shepherds' Fields just outside Bethlehem. It was proclaimed that Jesus was actually born upon this earth and entered the stream of history. In spite of this, many of us fail to realize the joy of the Lord in our lives. We deceive ourselves and make pleasure our god. Christmas thus becomes for many an endless round of parties, gifts and festivities that drains any possible joy out of their lives. Let us resolve to find some time to be joyous this Christmas.

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CHRIST'S BIRTH IN US

Phillips Brooks, famous carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" expresses the prayer

"O Come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel."

Jesus was born in the world in order that he might be born in our hearts. Luke did not tell the story just in order to preserve the historical information. His gospel had the purpose of offering the saving power to all the world. He told the story not merely that men should have information, or even inspiration, but that they might have regeneration.

We so easily criticize Christmas and sound as though we might be in favor of abolishing it. We close with these words from one of the commentators: "How do you account for the lasting appeal of Christmas? In terms of money made, parties held, gifts received, or what? Or is "the good news of great joy" to be found in other things? The Christian affirms the essential elements of joy and peace, not because he has all of the world's ways of trying to find happiness at his disposal during Christmas, but because the living presence of Christ within him gives him a kind of joy and peace that cannot be produced by any amount of this world's goods, parties and entertainment."

Family Life Committee schedules three regional conferences to replace national meet

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UMI) — Dates and places for three regional United Methodist family life conferences, and action toward what might become a national organization to represent families in setting public policy, were features of a meeting here November 19-20.

The 32-mmber General Committee on Family Life of the United Methodist Church, implementing an earlier decision not to hold a national conference in the 1972-76 quadrennium and having approved three regional conferences, set these dates and places: **Aug. 2-4, 1974,** Washington, D.C., for an Eastern regional; **Aug. 23-25, 1974,** San Francisco, Calif., for a Western regional; **Oct. 18-20, 1974,** St. Louis, Mo., for a Midwestern regional. Since 1951, six national family life conferences have been held under Committee auspices, the last in 1970.

Meeting under chairmanship of Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N.C., the General Committee comprises representatives of several national boards and at-large members. The Rev. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, Tenn., director of ministries to parents for the United Methodist Board of Education, is the longtime secretary. The meeting was at St. Paul School of Theology Methodist.

The Committee discussed possible setting up of a national, interfaith "family action network." A task force, in asking further exploration, said an organization was envisioned which could serve as an advocate on family issues. Dr. Lois Schwab, Lincoln, Neb., task force member, said it could engage in "programs to affect public policy regarding family life, functioning at national, state and local levels—a citizen's lobby for families."

The General Committee asked the Board of Education to make it possible for the Rev. Leon Smith, a staff member, to give part time to exploring the family action network. Further, it requested the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns to make staff available to work with Dr. Smith, and voted to continue the task force with enlarged membership.

A conference on "resourcing the family," to be held under Committee auspices was announced for Feb. 18-21 in Indianapolis. The Rev. Allen J. Moore of the School of Theology at Claremont (Calif.) said the 30 persons to attend will include seminary professors, pastoral counselors, social workers, religious educators, pastors, chaplains, and health and welfare professionals. He said focus will be on systems needed to back up the family in "its search for new forms of health and development," and the conference will bring into dialogue "various vantage points" from which the church seeks to serve the family.

Another task force, one to help pastors in ministry to families, reported it is surveying community and church-produced resources, and is trying to identify special areas of need. One such area mentioned was the need for facilities for the short-term emotionally ill in small towns with no psychiatric facilities. Such persons are sometimes taken to jail "because there is nowhere else to take them," it was said.

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Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

"Even more amazing than the wonders of nature are the powers of the spirit," wrote Helen Keller. Featured in the column today is a poem by Mrs. G. G. Dorris, Wynne, Ark., which carried with it the notation, "Written on my 89th birthday, December 9, 1970."

Not Quitting At 90

Growing old, but not retiring
For the battle still is on;
Going on without relenting,
Till the final victory's won.
Ever on nor think of resting,
For the battle rages still,
And my Savior still is with me
And I seek to do His will.

Years roll by, the body weakens;
But the spirit still is young;
Breath of God it never ages,
Is eternal, ever strong.
Rather, year by year it strengthens,
Gaining o'er the things of sense.
By Thy spirit, lead my spirit,
Savior, 'til Thou call me hence.

Things of earth decrease in value,
Brighter shines the light above:
Less the power of human hatred,
Sweeter far the Savior's love.
Let me tell it to the needy,
Far and wide Thy worth proclaim,
That my closing years may praise Thee
Glorify Thy blessed name.

Let me labor in Thy harvest
More than ever in the past,
Reaping in what Thou hast planted,
'Til I dwell with Thee at last:
That before Thy throne eternal
I may have some fruit to bring,
Not my work, the fruit of Calvary,
All Thine own, my Lord and King.

–by Mrs. G. G. Dorris

Task Force objects to "CO" form

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A United Methodist Task Force on Draft Counseling has joined with other voices across the nation objecting to a proposed "Special Form for Conscientious Objectors", a proposal interpreted by many as stiffening requirements for obtaining CO status.

Reporting on the committee's objections to the proposed CO form was the Rev. Dr. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, chairman of the Task Force. Dr. Bauer said the form, to be filled out by an applicant for CO status, is considered by the committee to be "confusing, extremely complicated, and too sophisticated."

He said the form also includes several questions which the committee considers "traps".

Although the eight-member United Methodist task force took no formal action, it discussed the proposed form and instructed the Rev. Randle B. Dew, New York, to write Curtis Tarr, Selective Service System director. Mr. Dew, a member of the task force, is director of an "I-W Job Information Service" which coordinates job opportunities in United Methodist agencies for CO's. The information Service is related to the United Methodist Board of Missions Department of voluntary Service which Mr. Dew directs.

Currently, an applicant for CO status is asked four questions on "Religious Training and Belief" when he applies for draft classification. The new draft form asks only one of these questions, and adds 30 other questions and sub-questions about the applicant's beliefs.

Those questions ask proof of religious commitment, whether or not the applicant disagrees with any teachings of his denomination on conscientious objection, how he has been influenced to reach his pacifist position, and what he has done to act upon his convictions.

In his letter to Mr. Tarr, written on behalf of the task force, Mr. Dew criticized one question which asks the registrant for a demonstration that his belief is "more than a personal moral code."

"It is our opinion that there is hardly anything in human experience more valid than a personal moral code," Mr. Dew wrote. The question, he said, does not recognize the validity of "individual study and contemplation."

The Task Force on Draft Counseling was organized earlier this year by the Continuing Coordinating Committee which represents the top staff leadership of United Methodist boards and agencies. Dr. Bauer, chairman, is executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Enlistment for Church Occupations.

Members of the task force, in addition to Dr. Bauer and Mr. Dew, are Dr. John Johannaber, New York; Dr. Herman Will, Washington, D.S.; Dr. Ernest Dixon, Dayton, Ohio; Cathie Lyons, Evanston, Ill.; Scott Jones, Denver, Colo.; and Frank Horton, Nashville, Tenn.

Team studying "Meaning of Salvation Today"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Fifteen United Methodists are among a team of 30 churchmen studying "The Meaning of Salvation Today."

Sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., the study will be completed in time for a report to the National Council meeting in 1972 and the World Council meeting in Indonesia in 1973.

United Methodists on the study team are: the Rev. Dr. David J. Randolph, Jr., Nashville, Board of Evangelism staff member; the Rev. Dr. Ray Hart, a faculty member of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Montana, Missoula; the Rev. Dr. J. Robert Nelson, faculty member at Boston University School of Theology; the Rev. Dr. Richard Nesmith, New York, Board of Missions staff member; the Rev. Dr. Randolph Nugent, New York, director of the National Council of Churches Division of Overseas Ministries; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sterling, directors of the Patterson Street Theater, Patterson, N.J.; the Rev. Robert Davis, missionary on special assignment to the National Council of Churches; the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, Nashville, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism; the Rev. Roger E. Ortmayer, New York, executive director, Department of Church and Culture, National Council of Churches; the Rev. Norman Dewire, New York, executive director Joint Strategy and Action Committee, National Council of Churches; the Rev. Dr. Emerson Colaw, pastor Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; the Rev. Dr. James M. Wall, editor The Christian Advocate; the Rev. Earl R. Barr, an executive director in the Division of Overseas Ministries, N.C.C.; Neal Fisher, staff member United Methodist Board of Missions.

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Proposed far-reaching structural changes for United Methodism near completion by Study Commission

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Long-awaited proposals for restructuring United Methodist general boards and agencies moved nearer completion here Nov. 22-23.

Most of the session of the Structure Study Commission was devoted to perfecting the group's so-called "Denver plan" which provides for a Council on Ministries, a series of three or four "support service" agencies, and program units in Church and Society, Discipleship, Higher Education and Ministry, and Global Ministries.

Proposed legislation in all these areas will now be drafted and will be before the commission for further consideration Dec. 15-16 in Atlanta, Ga., according to the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick, Evanston, Ill., chairman of the group conducting the four-year study of agencies. Final proposals will go to the 1972 General Conference.

Pending further changes at the Atlanta session, the program units are now drawn as follows:

Board of Church and Society — present functions of the Board of Christian Social Concerns;

Board of Discipleship — present functions of Board of Evangelism, Commission on Worship, divisions of Life and Work and Stewardship Education of Board of Laity, divisions of Curriculum Resources and Local Church of Board of Education, and United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries;

Board of Higher Education and Ministry—present functions of the Division of Higher Education of Board of Education, Commission on Chaplaincy and Related Ministries, Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, Committee on Deaconess Work and Home Missionaries, Interboard Committee on Enlistment for Church Occupations, and groups relating to church musicians, religious educators, and church business administrators.

Board of Global Ministries—present functions of World, National and Women's divisions and the Joint Committee on Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions, Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, and United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.

Commission members agreed during the discussion that the focus of the proposed Board of Global Ministries would be the church's ministry in the whole world, the Board of Discipleship would center on the annual conference and local congregations, the Board of Higher Education and Ministry would emphasize the person in mission, and the Board of Church and Society would focus on human and social issues.

It is presently proposed that the commissions on Religion and Race and on Archives and History be continued as commissions.

Included in the "support service" agencies would be finance and administration, pensions, communications and publications. Finance and administration would include the present Board of Laity section on finance and the fund promotion responsibilities of the Program Council's Division of Interpretation. Program responsibilities of the latter division would be assigned to the communications council, as would the present Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication, United Methodist Information and the general periodicals.

The commission will consider at its Atlanta session a proposal combining publications and communications into a single unit.

Several hours of the session here were devoted to organization of the proposed program boards.

Membership of these agencies would be composed of three categories of members—basic, at large, and episcopal.

Basic membership would be nominated by annual conferences and elected by jurisdictional conferences with ten from each jurisdiction being named for each board. Not more than four from each jurisdiction would be clergymen.

At least ten, and not more than 20, at-large members would be elected by the boards themselves "in order to perfect the representation of ethnic minorities, youth, young adults and women and to bring into the board special knowledge or background."

Episcopal members would be nominated by the Council of Bishops and number not fewer than five nor more than ten on any one board. Election of bishops to the boards would be by the General Conference.

Each division of a board could elect at-large members in numbers not to exceed 50 per cent of the board membership. At-large members of a division would not be regarded as members of the board.

A General Secretary for each board would be elected annually by the Council on Ministries. Each board would elect an Associate General Secretary for each of its divisions.

No General Secretary or Associate General Secretary could hold the same position for more than eight years under present proposals, and they could not be elected as members of the Council on Ministries.

Other actions at the meeting here included perfecting the proposed Council on Ministries and the Council on Finance and Administration.

The Council on Ministries (COM) would have power between sessions of the General Conference to "establish policies and adopt regulations pursuant thereto, consistent with actions of the General Conference, governing the missional functions and programs of the general boards and agencies" of the denomination.

The COM could not change **Book of Discipline** provisions establishing general boards, but could make changes in the internal structure of a board subject to ratification by the next General Conference.

Basic membership of the Council on Ministries would be elected by the annual conferences on the basis of numerical membership with each conference represented by at least one member. This basic membership would be programmed in such a way as to include one-third lay men, one-third lay women, and one-third clergy.

At-large members would be elected by the COM and include five youth, five young adults, and 25 representatives of ethnic minorities.

Active bishops and members of the Council of Secretaries would be members of the COM with voice but not vote.

The Structure Study Commission expects to mail its basic proposals to General Conference delegates early in 1972.

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Seventeen bishops to retire in '72; 19 to be elected

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—Retirement of 17 United Methodist bishops is expected during 1972.

The retirements, plus two vacancies at present, mean that 19 bishops are scheduled to be elected at jurisdictional conferences next July. The total is believed to be the highest since 1960.

Reaching the mandatory retirement age will be Bishops Paul V. Galloway, Little Rock, Ark., Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C., James W. Henley, Lakeland, Fla., J. Gordon Howard, Philadelphia, Pa., Hermann W. Kaebnick, Harrisburg, Pa., John Wesley Lord, Washington, D. C., Noah W. Moore, Jr., Lincoln, Nebr., Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, Ind., Edward J. Pendergrass, Jackson, Miss., W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, Texas, Thomas M. Pryor, Chicago, Ill., Roy H. Short, Louisville, Ky., John Owen Smith, Atlanta, Ga., Aubrey G. Walton, New Orleans, La., and Lloyd C. Wicke, New York.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles, Calif., and Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, Seattle, Wash., have announced that they plan to request retirement from the Western Jurisdictional Conference under appropriate Disciplinary provisions.

Vacancies presently exist in the Virginia Area where Bishop Paul M. Herrick received early retirement, and the Portland (Ore.) Area after the death in January of Bishop Everett W. Palmer.

There are 45 episcopal areas in the United States.

■ Jurisdiction Conferences
Second week in July; speakers announced

Five conferences to hear episcopal addresses on "State of the Church"

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Bishops who will give the opening "state of the church" addresses at five United Methodist jurisdictional conferences next July have been announced.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D. C., will give the "Episcopal Message" in the Northeastern Jurisdiction; Bishop Thomas M. Pryor, Chicago, Ill., in the North Central; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, New Orleans, La., in the South Central; Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Birmingham, Ala., in the Southeastern; and Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, Calif., in the Western.

The jurisdictional conferences will meet during the second full week in July of 1972. One of the major responsibilities of the sessions will be to elect an anticipated 19 bishops to fill vacancies created by retirements and one death.

Sites of the jurisdictional conferences are: Northeastern, Albright College, Reading, Pa.; Southeastern, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; North Central, Indianapolis, Ind.; South Central, Houston, Texas; and Western, Seattle, Wash.

Bishops request $10,000,000 for colleges serving black persons

DES MOINES, Iowa (UMI.) — United Methodists have been called on by their bishops to meet a 1970 request for $10,000,000 in support of 12 church-related colleges serving black persons.

Holding their semi-annual session here November 15-18, the bishops pledged "intensive leadership and high priority" to the drive scheduled to be completed by the end of 1972.

It was reported during the session here that $800,000 has been made available in the form of special grants and loans during the 1970-71 and 71-72 school years, and that some 71 per cent of the remaining amount has been committed by annual conferences.

The $10,000,000 goal was set by the 1970 General Conference.

Miss Mary Jane Van Sant (left) is the recipient of the Grace Mims Allums-Mary Mims Scholarship at Centenary College this year. The award was presented to Miss Van Sant, a pre-med student, by Mrs. R. E. White, representing the Southern Literary Club. Funds for this scholarship come from dividends from the investments of the Grace Mims Allums-Mary Mims Memorial Fund, established in their honor by members of the family. Other memorials which are presented to the Southern Literary Club are applied to the original investment.

A sophomore business major at Centenary College, Stephen E. Locke (second from right) has received the Western Electric Fund Scholarship for the second consecutive year. The award, a $1400 grant for tuition, fees and books, was presented by J. A. Rosengrant, Western Electric university representative (second from left). Looking on during the presentation are Dean Thad N. Marsh (left) and Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president emeritus (right). In addition to the scholarship, Rosengrant also announced a $1050 grant-in-aid gift to the college operating fund for general college expenses.

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MRS. KENT THOMPSON

Mrs. Kent Thompson, the former Joanna Baker, wife of the lay leader of the Bayou Chicot United Methodist Church, died on Nov. 7. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. Spiller Milton, pastor, and burial was in Ferguson Cemetery, Bayou Chicot.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two brothers, J. W. Baker of Baton Rouge and Luther Baker of Garland, Tex., and several nieces and nephews.

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THE REV. REUBEN M. HARREL

The Rev. Reuben M. Harrel, lay pastor who had served charges at Pleasant Hill, Converse and Bayou Scie and at Prospect and Hornbeck before giving up his work because of ill health, died Aug. 23, 1971 in the V.A. Hospital in Shreveport.

He retired from the Air Force in 1966 and was licensed to preach.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred E. Harrel, and his son, Gary Lee Harrel, who reside in Arp, Tex.

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MRS. JAMES W. THOKEY

Church Women United of Louisiana lost another leader with the untimely death of Mrs. Louise Thokey, who passed away on Thursday, November 25, after an illness of some months. She was serving as president of Church Women United of Greater New Orleans. She was a leader in the Gentilly Christian Church and had held many positions in her denomination both locally and statewide. She had been a stewardess, a pilot, a Girl Scout leader, was an organizer and first president of the New Orleans Clipt Wings chapter, on the Interfaith Council of Greater New Orleans, and served many civic improvement groups. During her last illness she was working for the creation of housing for senior citizens in the Parkchester area. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, a son, her mother and three brothers.

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O' Lord that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.—Shakespeare

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Dr. Clyde Clark (back, at right), Alexandria District superintendent, presented the message for the annual Thanksgiving Service at Bayou Chicot United Methodist Church, using the theme, "It Is A Good Thing To Give Thanks." Other participants in the Nov. 19th celebration included, left to right, Kent Thompson, lay leader; the Rev. Carey Martin, pastor at Ville Platte and Eunice, Wilbur Hathorn of Cheneyville, song leader, (Dr. Clarke), and the Rev. W. Spiller Milton, Bayou Chicot-Lecompte pastor. A Thanksgiving fellowship supper followed the service. Guests from Eunice, Ville Platte, Pine Prairie, St. Landry, Anacoco, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Alexandria, Bunkie and Port Arthur, Tex. were present.

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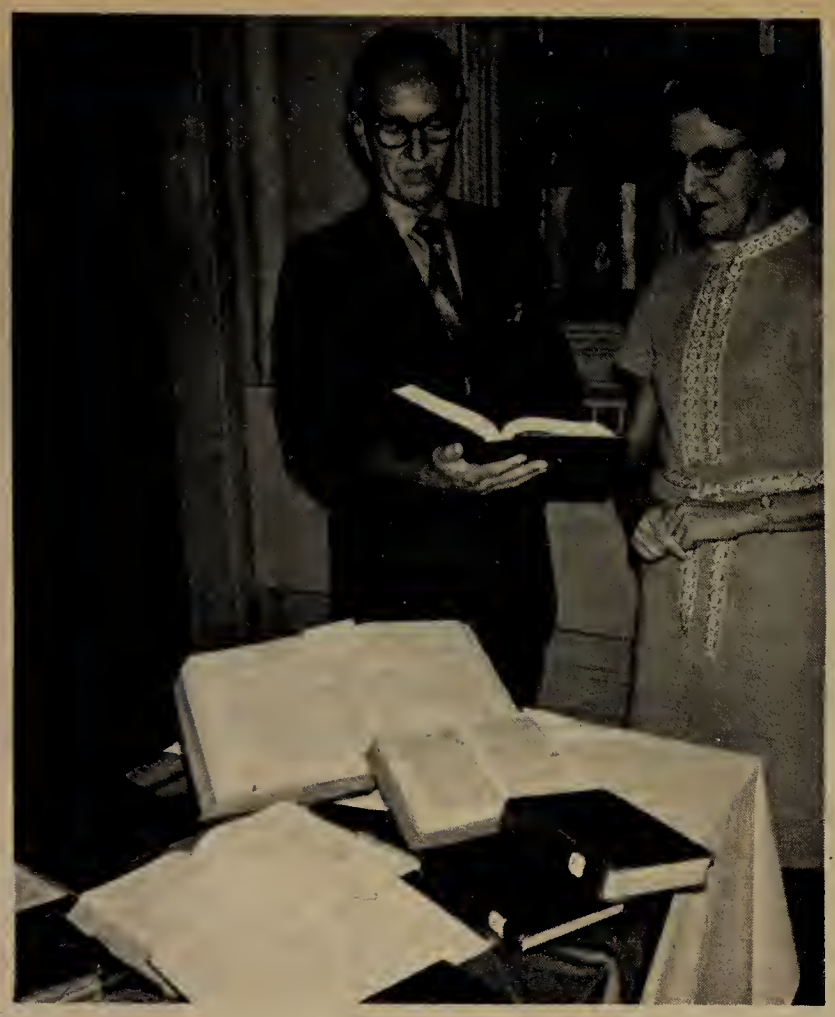
BELOW RIGHT:
Dr. C. M. Lester (left), recently elected to the Caddo Parish Police Jury from his district, is shown here with the Rev. A. E. Davis, St. Paul pastor.

The stewardship program at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Shreveport climaxed recently with the annual Harvest Tea. Twelve well organized teams, each with a leader and co-leader, and each named for a month of the year, led in the successful effort to reach the goal of $8,600 toward the building fund indebtedness, district and conference benevolences and operating expenses. Mrs. Susie Hendrix and Mrs. Sadie Fletcher coordinated the program; the Rev. A. E. Davis is pastor.



As o port of the Nationol Bible Week observance, Nov. 21-28, ot First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Mrs. Jomes W. Batchelor, church librarian, prepored a Bible and hymnal display. The Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor looks over the display which included some Bibles more thon 100 years old, severol translations, and some in different languages, and Methodist Hymnals from various periods of time. BELOW: Winners in o poster contest held in conjunction with the National Bible Week observance left to right, Tammy Denton with her second place winning entry; Margaret Monk, first place winner, ond Sharon Jones, third ploce winner.

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"This Is Your Life, Koy Moe" was the theme of the Nov. Fomily Night progrom ot University United Methodist Church, Loke Charles. Mrs. Harold Moe shown here wos honored for her service as church secretary for the past 15 years. She is currently financial secretary. The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pickett, former ossociate pastor ond wife, were among surprise visitors. Other highlighted moments included telephone calls to former pastors and wives, the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Stovall, the Rev. and Mrs. Merlin Merrill, ond to her son, Stonley, on Air Force ossignment in California. The Rev. Williom P. Fraser is her present postor.

The Areno Brothers from Sulphur entertained on the Iowo-Bell City-Hayes Circuit at a Family Night supper, Friday Nov. 19, singing "Blue Grass Country Music." The Rev. Raymond Crofoot is postor.

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Chancel Choir members ot Franklinton's Centenary United Methodist Church were the honored guests ot o borbecue held recently at "Shiloh," the country home of enthusiastic supporters, Col. and Mrs. Adolph Brocato ond son Rick. The Rev. Jerry A. Meons assisted the host, Col. Brocoto, with borbecuing preparotions. Harvell Pierce is director of the choir.

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Nine million refugees from East Pakistan are now in India, with 30,000 more crossing the border every day. While foreign diplomats in India have praised the Indian relief effort and expressed doubts that their own countries could have performed as well, the strain on local resources and facilities is telling. In the months to come this enormous human burden must be shared among concerned people throughout the world to restore life and hope to these stranded millions. As one official said, "They just can't sit there indefinitely. It's intolerable. Something's got to be done."

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Three Centenary Alumni honored at Homecoming

The late Mrs. Nellie Kilpatrick, a long-time member of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, was named an Honorary Alumna of the College at the Homecoming banquet in the Centenary Dining Hall Sat., Dec. 4. The award was accepted by her daughter, Mrs. Peyton Shehee.

Judge Chris Barnette, a 1925 graduate of Centenary College was named to the Alumni Hall of Fame, one of the most coveted of all awards made by the Alumni Association. Seven other persons have received this honor in previous years.

Dr. Leroy Vogel, chairman of the department of history and government, and a former Dean of the College, was named the Outstanding Teacher for 1971.

Approximately 300 former students of the college attended the Homecoming events.

President John H. Allen made a brief report to the alumni on the state of the college at the banquet.

The Honorary Alumna, Mrs. Kilpatrick, lost her life in a tragic plane crash in Bossier City on Oct. 28 while enroute to Alexandria to address a Methodist Church group. A native of Houston, Mrs. Kilpatrick was president of Kilpatrick Insurance Company and Rose-Neath Funeral Homes, and had lived in Shreveport since 1935. She was a Trustee of Centenary College and served on the boards of several other Methodist institutions including The Inn in Shreveport, the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, and the MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma.

Several years ago Mrs. Kilpatrick was a delegate to the Methodist World Council. During her lifetime, her contributions to the life of Centenary were numerous, including the establishment of the Kilpatrick Scholarship.

Judge Barnette retired in July of this year from the bench of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, a position he has held since he retired as Caddo Parish Juvenile Judge in 1964. He had served with distinction as Juvenile Court judge since he was appointed to the position in 1939 to fill a vacancy created by the death of his father, Judge W. C. Barnette. Active in the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges, Judge Barnette was elected president of the group in 1952. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College for fifteen years until 1952. A member of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport, he served as Sunday School Superintendent for 16 years. Judge and Mrs. Barnette make their home in Shreveport following his retirement from the New Orleans Court.

Dr. Vogel has taught history and government at Centenary since 1946 and served as the Dean of the College from 1954 until 1962 when he was forced to give up the position because of ill health.

A native of Corsica, South Dakota, he holds degrees from the Princeton Seminary and Heidelberg where he received the Ph.D. degree. Dr. Vogel is best known for his many lectures in Shreveport dealing with world government and affairs. He has taken an active part in politics and ran for public office on several occasions. In 1970 Dr. Vogel was invited to attend the 13th Annual International Congress of Historical Sciences in Moscow in conjunction with a cultural study tour of eastern Europe and the U. S. S. R..

NEXT ISSUE
DECEMBER 30, 1971

Following our custom of other years, we will not publish during the week in which Christmas occurs. The next issue you receive will be dated Dec. 30, 1971. Sunday School lessons for Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 appear on pages 8 and 9 of this issue. Bible readings for period from Dec. 19 through Jan. 2 may be found on page 6.

Dr. Woodrow Hearn to chair Program Directors 1972-'76

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI)—The Rev. J. Woodrow Hearn of Shreveport, La., was elected chairman of the National Fellowship of Conference Program Directors of the United Methodist Church as the group concluded its three-day meeting here Dec. 9.

Dr. Hearn, who is program council director of the Louisiana Conference, will serve for the 1972-76 quadrennium, taking office following the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta.

He will succeed the Rev. Dale Pitcher of Bloomington, Ill. Dr. Pitcher, who has served as head of the organization during the present quadrennium, is program director of the Central Illinois Conference.

Named to other offices were the Rev. Anthony Shipley, Detroit, program director of the Detroit Conference, vice chairman, the Rev. Leonard G. Rowell of Cherry Hill, N. J., program director of the Southern New Jersey Conference, secretary-treasurer.

Named to represent the church's other two jurisdictions on the executive committee were the Rev. J. Clay Madison of Charlotte, N. C., program director of the Western North Carolina Conference (Southeastern Jurisdiction) and the Rev. Donald B. App of Denver, Colo., program director of Rocky Mountain Conference (Western Jurisdiction).

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The new Homecoming Queen, Miss Terry Martin, is a Physical Education major at Centenary. She was a Miss Centenary contestant last year. A graduate of Crowley High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Martin of Crowley. She is secretary of the WSGA and a member of the Centenary College Choir.

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Season's Greetings

December 10, 1971

Dear Louisiana Methodists:

The Advent Season and the celebration of Christmas bring to our attention in a vivid and impelling manner the realization of God's redeeming and keeping love. Jesus Christ is God's gift of love and love is at the center of our observance of Christmas.

As we seek to express to God our gratitude for his love to us we are reminded vividly of the commandment of Christ that we are to love one another. So at Christmas we find ourselves expressing our love and appreciation not only to friends and loved ones but to all mankind. Love came down at Christmas and Christmas continues to mean love — love to God and all mankind.

Mrs. Walton and I would like to express once more our love for Louisiana Methodists. We appreciate so much the evidences of your love for us. To our ministers and their families and to all our lay people we extend our thanks for all that you are and all that you have done to carry on the program of the church. It has been a joy to work and to have fellowship with you in Louisiana. We wish for you and yours a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Aubrey G. Walton
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Tri-District Program Council retreat

Baton Rouge – Hammond – New Orleans

The DS's get together– FROM LEFT: Dr. Douglos McGuire, Boton Rouge; the Rev. Jimmy Coraway, Hammond; ond Dr. Robert Horrington, New Orleans.

The Conference Team evoluates the Retreot. Dr. Heorn, Program Council director, is third from the left.

Coffee time – FROM LEFT: the Rev. Don C. Cottrill, Conference Youth coordinator; Dr. J. Woodrow Heorn, Program Council director, and the Rev. Andy Foreman, postor at Luling.

Retreat work session– FROM LEFT: the Rev. Grady Forman, Mrs. Katherine Gibbs, the Rev. Chorles Humphreys, ond the Rev. Loel Jones.

Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Hammond District Program Council personnel took part in a two-day Training and Planning Retreat at Camp Istrouma near Baton Rouge, Dec. 2-3. 50 persons took part in the sessions in spite of very rainy weather.

Purpose of the Retreat was to plan for the 1972 Calendar year on programs for the Conference, to be put into effect in the Districts represented. Other training and planning retreats are planned for the remaining seven districts to take place in Jan. 1972.

A Conference team led the session, presided over by Dr. J. W. Hearn, Louisiana Conference Program Council Director. Others in the training team were: the Rev. Garland C. Dean, Jr.; the Rev. Don C. Cottrill; the Rev. Howard L. Milo; Cecil Bland; the Rev. Robert Potter; the Rev. Lael Jones; Mrs. Katherine Gibbs; the Rev. John Lee; the Rev. William R. London, the Rev. Stone Caraway; the Rev. Tommy Bergeron, and the Rev. Rex Squyres.

Program areas of the District Program Councils in which work was done were: Evangelism, Missions, Adult, Youth and Children's Ministries, Worship, Camping, Health and Welfare Ministries, Christian Social Concerns, Town and Country Ministries, and Enlistment for Church Vocation.

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Willie Hartline of Vivion (left), o member of the Conference Board of the Loity for many yeors –ond who wos a member when Tom Matheny became Loy Leoder–soid his official goodbyes to the Conference Board preparatory to retirement from his job to move to Arkansas.

An authentic "happening." Young people of University United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, witnessed in song to the people in the lobby of the Romada Inn in Alexondrio. This unscheduled event took place at noon Sunday at the Conference Board of the Laity meeting there.

Earl Carpenter, leader of the Campus Crusade for Christ organizotion at LSU in Baton Rouge speaks to the Conference Board of the Laity during session at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria.

Miss Marjorie Landsnof, youth leader at University United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, leods group of 12 young people who presented the worship service Sunday morning at Conference Board of Loity meeting.

Conference Board of Laity meets

by Cecil Bland

An unplanned and unscheduled witness in song by a group of young people from a Lake Charles church highlighted the annual Louisiana Conference Board of the Laity meeting held at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria recently. Other events included a presentation of the Campus Crusade for Christ movement on college campuses across the nation and particularly in this state, and the farewell of a longtime member of the board.

Miss Marjorie Landsnof, youth leader with the University United Methodist Church in Lake Charles, led a group of 12 young people in a special worship service Sunday morning at the Board meeting. All parts of the service were handled by the group with Scott Fontenot delivering the sermon. Following the service, the entire assembly waited in the lobby of the motel while the noon meal was being laid.

Some of the people in the lobby were curious about the group of youth, and after some explanations, Hubert Blanchard, Lake Charles District Lay Leader suggested the group sing for the crowd—which they did in a most effective way for thirty minutes. The visitors to the motel were very appreciative and applauded the group several times.

Earle Carpenter, leader of the Campus Crusade for Christ movement on the LSU (Baton Rouge) campus presented the story of the Crusade and its aims. He stated that his group did not compete with the Wesley Foundations and other denominational groups at the university, since his group worked with every student, across denominational and non-denominational lines. Each member of the group, he said, provides his own source of income and pays his own expenses.

Willie Hartline of Vivian, who has been a faithful and active member of the Board for many years told his goodbyes to the group at the meeting since he is retiring and moving to Arkansas near Mena. He said that he intends to become very active in lay work in Arkansas since he now has the time to do so.

Other highlights of the overnight meeting which was presided over by Tom Matheny, Conference Lay Leader, included the following:

Announcement of the speaker and program for the Annual Lay Retreat at Centenary College to be held the weekend of Aug. 12-13, 1972. Dr. Mark Gibbs, internationally known Christian layman from Britain who heads the Audenshaw Foundation is to be the speaker and program leader. Theme of the Retreat will be "Ministry of the Laity."

Announcement of the publication of a Conference Newsletter for lay leaders in the churches which will be published periodically with important information for lay people regarding the activities in the church nationally and locally.

A resolution was presented to be given to the Conference Committee on Higher Education urging them to implement the directives given this Committee by the Board of the Laity and the 1971 Annual Conference to conduct a Conference-wide survey to determine what direction the Wesley Foundations are to go. It is to find out what students and church members think Wesley Foundations should do.

A short conference involving District Directors of Stewardship and Finance and Lay Life and Work to set goals and determine program is to be held at the Convocation of Boards in Alexandria Saturday, Jan. 22, 1972 at 2 p.m.

The ministry to the inmates at Angola State Penitentiary is to be examined and efforts made to make it more effective. Difficulties have arisen due to recent crackdowns on inmate privileges by the authorities due to a recent brief hungerstrike by the prisoners.

The meeting was attended by close to 60 persons. Guests included the wives and husbands of board members.

The next meeting of the Conference Board of the Laity will be a Saturday meeting, April 8, 1972 in Alexandria.

Editorial

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

In the delightful "Amahl and the Night Visitors" which has become an important part of our Christmas music within the past few years there is a song which asks the question, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" The small boy who is the central figure in this Yuletide opera addresses the question first to his mother and later to the oriental kings who have stopped at his humble home on their pilgrimage to Bethlehem. There are many conditions which influence the central message which we hear at Christmas. Usually it is interpreted for us most clearly by the children symbolized by Amahl.

There are truly many messages which come to us at Christmas. There will never be a time when we can expect all people everywhere to hear exactly the same thing, but there is something in the song of Amahl that makes us want to ask others around us, "Do you hear what I hear?"

There is the word of peace in the Christmas message. As we turn our minds back to other years, we recall so many of them have confronted us with world situations which threatened the "peace on earth" of which the angels sang. As we write these words the Security Council is struggling with the threat to peace in the India-Pakistan conflict, while other explosive frontiers cannot be put out of our consciousness. Far beyond the angry voices being raised at the United Nations and the continuing conflict in Southeast Asia comes the word of God challenging men of good will to dedicate themselves to peace on earth.

Although the pressures of Christmas close in upon us and make us sometimes wonder if it's worth it all, we are grateful for the fact that such thoughts come to us only occasionally. Even in the midst of the crassest kind of commercialism, we have a feeling that the secular world is reminded that "love came down at Christmas" and "Lo the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing." There is a proclamation at Christmas which we do not want silenced. "Do you hear what I hear?"

Then one hears the songs of sharing. Say what you will about some persons who place more emphasis on getting than on giving, but the fact remains that people still plan for long periods for the gifts they will give to the people they love. Some even establish special savings accounts in order that this part of their Christmas plans may be implemented. Maybe you do not hear what I hear in this connection. Surely you would rather see the birthday of our Lord still involved with the marketplace. It was our privilege a few days ago to ring the bell for an hour at a Salvation Army kettle. This was a rich experience as we witnessed the sharing of others, especially the young.

Then there are Christmas messages which speak to us of involvement. We can discount Christmas outreach as much as we like, claiming that many are acting out of a guilty feeling or trying to salve their consciences. The fact will still remain that there is a great deal of true involvement in the lives and needs of others at this time of the year. We are aware of an increasing number of local churches that are seriously seeking to discover their mission. We know that we are still a long way from seeing every individual member of every church become truly concerned about the unfortunate. We do not want to be guilty of "triumphalism" in this area, but what we see and hear at Christmas among our serious-minded fellow-churchmen makes us happy that it is Christmas. Do you hear what I hear?

One of my favorite poems of Robert Browning is his **Pippa Passes.** A poor Italian orphan, Pippa, dreamed of making New Year's Day a happy time by visiting some of the happiest people she knew. Unknown to Pippa, the people she thought were so happy were actually unhappy to the point of despair. Unaware of this, she made her pilgrimage, and as she passed down the street she sang: "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." With uncanny skill she attuned her song to the despair of each household and by her singing she transformed despair into hope, and tragedy into happiness and peace. At the end of her holiday she returned to her bare little room with unrestrained happiness. Do you hear what I hear?

There is a touch of the divine about Christmas, and for this we should all be thankful. We are grateful that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." This was the gift divine, and because of it we are drawn closer to God. The writer of the gospel of John announced that this Word which existed with God even before the creation entered into the world in the flesh of a man and has since that time been a real part of their joys and their difficulties. This is one of the songs of Christmas—do you hear what I hear?

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the Editor's Corner

Church News Just Before Pearl Harbor

One of my favorite pastimes is to read articles in old copies of the **Readers Digest,** especially issues in the period just before World War II. It is amazing to read some of the interpretations of world events leading right up to the outbreak of hostilities. From this side, it seems hard to understand how so many could have been so blind.

Religious News Service carried a feature story on Dec. 7, "Pearl Harbor Day," which said, "The Gallup Poll indicated this week that the majority of Americans, both church members and non-church members, want the pulpit to shun war topics."

The feature is really just a reprint of their "Week in Religion" for Dec. 6-7, 1941. It reported that Dr. William Lyon Phelps of Yale had pleaded with ministers, priests and rabbis to "stop talking about the war." He said, "I wish the ministers knew how sick and weary college students are of hearing the war dominate sermons."

In New York, at about the same time, Dr. Erwin Edman of Columbia University told an Institute of Religious Studies that the duty of a clergyman "during the present crisis" is to present to his congregation "the spiritual values," leaving discussion of temporal matters to public forums."

The RNS report (probably prepared a week before the Dec. 6-7 release date) also said that a church official who just toured the country in an ecumenical evangelistic program asserted that a decided majority of U.S. clergymen believed that the pulpit was no place for discussion of the war.

Another interesting sidelight in the resume of that week's religious news reported that on Dec. 5, 1941, the 100 Jewish soldiers at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. voted to forego Christmas furloughs so that more of their Christian buddies could spend the holiday at home.

The news of the past is sometimes as interesting as the news of the present.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Despite the confusion caused by the long dock workers strike, the Seamen's Church Institute in New York will distribute 10,000 Christmas boxes to sailors at sea or in foreign ports at Christmas. Organizations assisting seafarers in Houston, Montreal, Philadelphia and Norfolk are cooperating in the distribution. The Christmas packages are prepared by the institute's Women's Council. Each contains a hand-knitted woolen article and other small gifts of use to seamen.

The Greater Minneapolis Assn. of Evangelicals is making plans to raise the last $5,000 needed to build a "Chapel of Faith" on the grounds of the Minnesota State Prison in Stillwater. A total of $145,000 has been raised for the project according to Judge John T. McDonough, who challenged the Evangelical group to aid the cause.

Representatives of 40 national educational and religious bodies voted unanimously in New York to form a Nat'l. Council on Religion and Public Education. The decision to form the council is subject to ratification by the individual organizations involved. Such an agency would be established for the express purpose of facilitating "a constitutionally acceptable and educationally appropriate" way of including religion as an integral part of "secular programs of public education." This is said to be the first nationwide effort to bring together a large number of professional, educational, religious and civic organizations which have sought in various ways to include "the religious aspect" of the American heritage into the curricula of public schools within guidelines laid down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Three Hopkins, Minn. churches—Gethsemane Lutheran, First United Methodist and Mizpah Congregational—have begun a joint busing program from Westbrooke Apartments, a large development in south Hopkins. The churches provide a bus each Sunday morning which picks up both children and adults and delivers them in time to attend worship services and Christian education classes at their respective churches.

Nine of the 37 historic Anglican churches in the old City of London — one square mile — are no longer needed for parish purposes and should be put to some other use, according to a Church of England commission. Of the 28 other churches, 20 should be organized in seven groups and served by team ministries, the Commission said. Six of the redundant buildings are fine examples of Sir Christopher Wren's architecture. The commission does not feel it appropriate to convert the structures to "secular" use, but has suggested adaptations as concert halls, library and reading facilities, galleries and museums. The area, once residential, is now almost entirely commercial.

Dr. Kent S. Kuntson, president of the American Lutheran Church, has asked members of the denomination to offer special prayers for the success of the relationship looming between the U.S. and Red China. Pointing out that the ALC has had a "long and significant missionary relationship with China," he suggested that petitions be offered that the "doors of China" be opened to the Christian Gospel, that the peoples of the two nations may "reach out to each other," and that the people of Nationalist China may be blessed and "helped to understand their role in this hour."

Chaplain (Col.) Oscar L. Sylwester, chaplain at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, was named "Outstanding Base Chaplain of the Year" during the annual Air Force Chaplains' Conference at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. Sylwester, 48, was commended for his work at Osan Air Base in Korea. While there he achieved a 200 per cent increase in attendance at religious education classes as well as a 70 per cent increase in attendance at worship service. The honored chaplain was instrumental in organizing a monthly "Korea Friendship Service" which brought groups of Korean Christians to the base chapel to worship with the military personnel. He also turned brass rice and soup bowls into musical instruments, now registered with the Korean Ministry of Culture as "The Brass Bowl Bells of Korea."

A Christian revival which is more concerned about the "needs of people" than about the survival of the church is taking place in the U.S., a United Methodist conference on evangelism, meeting in Philadelphia, was told. The speaker was Dr. Lyle Schaller, a specialist in local congregation life who consults with about 300 churches each year.

The 431 students at the interdenominational Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. have pledged to raise $100 each to help cover the schools' operating deficit. The students launched the effort themselves, setting Jan. 4, 1972 as the target date for contributions. If an annual deficit, placed at under $100,000 by a seminary spokesman, is not made up—enrollment may be cut and a "freeze" placed on the hiring of faculty. William G. Abraham, student council president, said the seminarians were committing themselves to the fund drive to show their appreciation to the institution, administrators and faculty.

The president of the Evangelical Free Church warned the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society meeting in Nashville that the Churches' concern for "the world" may result in an unintended downgrading of Bible work. Dr. Arnold T. Olson told the 200 Council members that "to feed the poor and to uplift the downtrodden is certainly the responsibility of every Christian, but when it is done at the expense of providing hungry souls with the bread of life, one may well ask if we are not guilty of scrambling the priorities."

Artists Richard and Frances Hooks have created a series of paintings to illustrate Taylor's Bible Story Book, the Children's version of The Living Bible, Kenneth Taylor's paraphrase of Scriptures published by Tyndale House. The ABOVE, photographed by Religious News Service is one in a series of six which cover the story of Christmas. The text from The Living Bible follows:

"Eight days later, at the baby's circumcision ceremony, he was named Jesus, the name given him by an angel before he was even conceived . . . That day a man named Simeon, a Jerusalem resident, was in the Temple. He was a good man, very devout, filled with the Holy Spirit and constantly expecting the Messiah to come soon. For the Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen him – God's annointed King. The Holy Spirit had impelled him to go to the Temple that day; and so, when Mary and Joseph arrived to present the baby Jesus to the Lord in obedience to the law, Simeon was there and took the child in his arms, praising God. 'Lord,' he said, 'now I can die content! For I have seen him as you promised me I would. I have seen the Savior you have given to the world. He is the Light that will shine upon the nations, and he will be the glory of your people Israel!' Joseph and Mary stood there, marveling at what was being said about Jesus."

(Luke 2:21-28)

Members of the Ladies Quilting Club of the Marthaville, Beulah, Robeline Charge are shown with some of their handicraft. They make other items also, to sell to raise money for church work. Seated from left are Mrs. L. E. Place, Mrs. Willie James, Mrs. H. V. Miller; standing: Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Mrs. Ethel Wagley, Mrs. J. E. Waldon, Mrs. G. F. Fort, Mrs. Mandy Darr, and Mrs. Luvina Smith.

A Christmas project of the Aurora United Methodist Church was the entertainment of foreign students attending Tulane University. The group shown above were at a dinner in the home of Mrs. Clyde James, Aurora WSCS president. They are from Spain, Costa Rica, Iraq, India, and Japan.

Christmas Greetings

MACDONELL METHODIST CENTER, 1971

With the lighting of the Advent Star on November 28, a tradition from the days of our founder, Miss Ella K. Hooper, the Christmas season officially begins at MacDonell Methodist Center. The units will be decorated beginning on December 8 and the outdoor Christmas Pageant to which the public is invited will be presented by the children the evening of December 12.

We are proud of our progress here at MacDonell, not the least of which is the stability of the present staff and the professionalizing of the total program. The children reflect this stability by their sense of well-being and security. Of course, they get tired of being at MacDonell and want to be "at home," but one only has to walk on the campus to pick up the positive feelings of staff to children and children to staff. Perhaps we have reported in a previous letter or you have heard that MacDonell Methodist Center, like a number of other children's homes in this area, had a low census. This is no longer true since we have worked out other referral sources and are becoming increasingly better known as a child care facility with very high standards and remarkable results even with some rather emotionally scarred children.

We at MacDonell have the privilege and obligation of caring for the physical and emotional needs of children who for various reasons cannot be in their own homes. Child care is mission. What we say when we care for children is that we care because God cares. What you say when you support a child care center with your prayers and money is that you care for God's children.

Merry Christmas from the children and staff. We pray that the love and joy of Christmas will be with you now and throughout the coming year.

Seasons Greetings,

G. J. Bridges, ACSW
Executive Director

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER

MEMORIAL LIST
November 30, 1971

ALBERT MILES HAWKINS
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IN HONOR OF:

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WOMEN LEADERS ATTEND REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Four persons representing the Louisiana Conference were among 68 leaders of Conference Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds who met at Mt. Sequoyah Dec. 2-5 and engaged in a workshop on Designing Creative Ministries.

Representing the Louisiana Conference were: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Ardessie Prophet, Mrs. Louis Bennett and Mrs. Charles Smith.

The workshop was sponsored by the South Central Jurisdiction Society-Guild in response to a request from the Conferences. The Task Group which planned and led the event were: Mrs. R. M. McKinney of Little Rock, a former vice-president of the Woman's Division who chaired the workshop; the Rev. Earl Carter, associate program director of the North Arkansas Conference, who served as Process Leader; Mrs. E. L. Ferris, an officer in the Nebraska Conference, who served as Process Leader; Mrs. Alice Preston Murfreesboro, Ark; Mrs. Howard Wright, Ponca City, an officer of the Oklahoma Conference WSCS; Mrs. H. F. Meier, Jr. of Waxahachie, Central Texas vice-president; Mrs. Rubye Jones of Fort Worth, jurisdiction WSCS treasurer; Miss Dorothy Peery of Amarillo, Northwest Texas Conference officer; and Mrs. Robert May of Hutchins, Texas, North Texas Conference vice-president.

The focus of the enterprise was on assisting the local Society and Guild in the process of planning—identifying needs, concerns, setting goals, designing strategies, and evaluating process. The workshop also included a section designed to sensitize to the needs of the community in today's world, and to enable them to form a concept of women in service.

The uppermost question was, in view of the issues women face today, "How can the local Society and Guild plan most effectively for creative ministry on the part of women in the church and world?".

Each Conference Team planned a specific workshop which will be held in a specified local situation in the Conference. The local units may avail themselves of this same opportunity by contacting members of their Conference Team.

Mrs. Lilas Brandhorst, Jurisdictional W.S.C.S. president from Webster Grove, Missouri and Mrs. Bernice Davorak, new regional staff leader from Dayton, Ohio, attended the workshop.

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NEWS NOTES

A REUNION OF THE 1962-66 MYF group will be held in the North Highlands United Methodist Church of Shreveport on Thursday, December 23. Bill and Sue Cameron are hosting the get-together. The Rev. Lonnie M. Sibley is the present pastor at North Highlands.

A COMMUNITY CHORUS of fifty voices from various Slidell churches will be directed by Gerald Halley in a Christmas concert in the Slidell Civic Auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, December 19.

THE HAYNESVILLE CHURCH Chancel Choir will present a Christmas cantata on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, December 19. David Hardin is director of the group and Mrs. Rayford Sherman is the organist. The Rev. Jack Winegeart is pastor.

THE LAKEVIEW CHURCH Chancel Choir of Minden will present "Carol of Christmas" by Peterson at the 10:45 worship service, December 19. Ed Gulley will be narrator and soloists will be Mrs. Roy Hinton, Mrs. Dewey Small and Mrs. Ken Wayne Tripp. A men's trio will be by Jim Barnette, Bobby Cutrer and Roy Hinton. Mrs. Louis Coppage is choir director; Mrs. Ralph Chandler is organist; Mary Upshaw is pianist; the Rev. Louis Coppage is pastor of Lakeview.

"AMAHL AND THE NIGHT Visitors" was presented in Bain Hall at First Church, Shreveport, December 12, with Jay Allen and Jasmine Egan in leading roles. On December 5, Ron Nelson's "The Christmas Story" was presented by the 70-voice Chancel Choir accompanied by the organ and brass ensemble. James Simmons was narrator and Dick Hemmings was soloist. Dr. Will K. Andress is minister of music; Mrs. Glenda Collins is organist; Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is pastor at First Church.

NEW IBERIA PREPARES FOR LAY WITNESS MISSION

January 14, 15 and 16 is the date set by members of First United Methodist Church in New Iberia for a Lay Witness Mission. John B. Tubb of Pineville, lay leader of the Alexandria District, will be the coordinator. The Rev. Fred S. Flurry is the pastor.

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THE PLAQUEMINE CHRISTMAS Pageant will be presented in First United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 19 at 7 p.m. Mrs. Carolyn Hanks and Mrs. Tonya Kay Panepinto are directing the affair. The Rev. Robert R. Miller is pastor.

THE MOTET CHOIR of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, presented H. Alexander Matthews' oratorio "The Story of Christmas" on Sunday evening, December 5. Soloists were Mrs. Eva Glaze, Miss Cathi May, Miss Mary Frances Riggin, Mrs. Virginia Worley. John Sallinger and Dr. Dan Sholz. The choir is directed by Dr. Earl Redding. Melvin M. Ballard is organist.

DR. J. HENRY BOWDON, SR., retired minister living in Lake Charles, was the evangelist for the revival held last week, December 5-9, in the Holly Ridge United Methodist Church. The Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr., pastor of the Holly Ridge Church as well as First United Methodist in Rayville, led the singing.

A NATIVITY DRAMA was enacted at Trinity Church, Ruston, on Sunday evening, December 12. Dr. Marshall Bretz, Trinity music director, was in charge of the overall program. Assisting the Chancel Choir were The Crusaders, directed by Mrs. Marshall Bretz, the Carol Choir, directed by Mrs. Ben Andrews, and the senior high folksingers, Today's Disciples, led by Deborah Brown. Mrs. Fred May was in charge of stage direction. The cast included Susan and Wallace Martin, Jimmy Love, Mark James, Lew Burkhalter, Gil Garrison, Meg Burkhalter, Kelly May, Ann James, Lindy Ahrenhold, Joanne Galli, Merlin Merrill, Ben Andrews and Frank Miller.

THE REV. HARRY HARRINGTON, Jr., pastor of the Newellton Union Church, addressed the annual convention of the Arkansas Jaycees when the group was in session at Camden, Arkansas, the last week in November. His subject was "Christianity and Mental Health."

THE SOUTHSIDE Chancel Choir will present Peterson's "Joy to the World" on Sunday evening, December 19. Choir directors are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott. Mrs. Elaine Chapman is organist.

THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS Federation of Churches will honor retiring executive secretary, the Rev. George H. Wilson, at an Ecumenical Luncheon on Sunday, January 9, at 12:45 p.m. The event is scheduled for the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 1222 N. Dorgenois Street.

YOUTH OF ST. BERNARD and St. Claude Heights will present a live Nativity scene at the St. Bernard Church on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Dec. 21 and 22.

A LAYMEN'S DAY observance at First Church, New Orleans, on Sunday, November 28, was led by Peter Davidson, the associate lay leader, as the speaker, with Glenn White and Bert Loudon assisting.

"A SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE" directed by Mrs. LeRoy Tonkin, with a cast including the Rev. Robert Crichlow, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Ausburn, Gregory Ausburn, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Forbish, and Mr.. and Mrs. Ed Pringle, and accompanied by Wayne Hobbs, and a Manger scene presented by the fifth and sixth graders of the church school, were portions of "Hanging of the Greens" held at First Church, New Orleans, Sunday, Dec. 5.

A SPECIAL EDUCATION Class for children is being held each Saturday at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, for those who have need of special instruction. The program is being directed by professional personnel, Mrs. Roger Bassett, and Mrs. Larry Westbrook. Dr. Barry Bailey is minister of the Broadmoor Church.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Dec. 19—Sunday	I Tim. 2:1-6
Dec. 20	Mark 10:13-16
Dec. 21	Eph. 3.1-12
Dec. 22	Titus 3:1-8
Dec. 23	Luke 1:26-33
Dec. 24	Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 25	Luke 2:25-40
Dec. 26—Sunday	Luke 4:14-22
Dec. 27	Matt. 6:19-24
Dec. 28	II Cor. 2:14-17
Dec. 29	Rom. 8:32-39
Dec. 30	Rom. 2:10-16
Dec. 31	Mark 8:34-38
Jan. 1	Psalm 8:1-9
Jan. 2—Sunday	Eph. 4:1-16

At right is shown Clyde Taylor, president of United Methodist Men at Grace Church in Ruston, presenting a check for $100. to the Rev. Leo Beck, pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, for their building program.

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A SET OF 24 HANDBELLS will be dedicated in First United Methodist Church of Slidell on Sunday, December 19. In Memory of Miss Margaret Murphy, the bells were given by her sister, Mrs. Audrey Schneider. The Bell Choir, comprised of ten young people from the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, will perform for the first time at the dedication service. Francis Madison will direct the group. The Rev. J. Philip Woodland is the Slidell minister.

Henning Memorial Church of Sulphur held the monthly Family Night on Wednesday, December 1. Two scenes from the event are shown. At left is Mrs. Barry Russell with her little son, Beau. AT RIGHT: the Rev. and Mrs. L. Ray Branton (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dahlquist are involved in a gift wrapping contest.

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BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING

Thanks to the generous gift in memory of the late Mr. G. M. Anderson of Shreveport, everyone at the Methodist Children's Home enjoyed a most bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner. This Thanksgiving Gift from Mr. Anderson had been a custom of long standing. Shown is a group at Baughan Cottage.

Praise from Judge

A prominent south Louisiana judge has worked closely with one of our Methodist ministers and the Home in several cases involving children in need. We quote, by permission, from two of his letters:

> "I wish to acknowledge the excellent cooperation and work of your Home in assisting these young children for more than two years. I am confident they will carry into life the inspirations accorded them by your institution and church activities." . . . .
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> "Rest assured that I am fully cognizant of the wonderful service being rendered to our needy children by the Methodist Children's Home of Ruston, Louisiana. We are grateful to your church, Home, and sponsors."

Such a statement from one who really knows the needs in the field of child care, and who really knows the work of our Home, means a great deal to us. We believe they will mean a great deal to our Methodist people.

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How to Supervise Me

"Children may do a lot of play acting, but you can bet that they can spot a phony a mile away. It seems that a phony is one of the things children have never been able to accept in any generation." – From a paper written by House Parents concerning their own needs for guidance. We think it applies to more people than House Parents.

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Committee on Religious Life

A delegate from each cottage now works as a Committee with the Superintendent in planning campus religious activities. To date they have done an excellent job in planning and carrying out mid-week Chapel services. In this way we get a free and frank expression of the needs which they feel, and their help in seeking to fill those needs.

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We Do Thank You

To all of the people who do so much for us, in so many different ways, we say:

THANK YOU
MERRY CHRISTMAS
GOD BLESS YOU

Christmas

(Christ-Mass)

The worship of God
for the gift of Jesus, the Christ.

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Guests at Barksdale

Young people and staff of the Home were recent guests of the Junior Officers Club, Barksdale Air Force Base. They were given a grand tour of the Base, from missile sites to the interior of a B52, then were dinner guests at the Officer's Club. The Club even sent their own bus for transportation.

Prize Beef is Mighty Good

T. L. James and Co. bought a prize beef at the Fair, had it processed, and gave it to the Home. It will provide a lot of mighty good meals for a lot of children. We are grateful. Picture: Mrs. Harry Ezell and Mrs. C. A. Stuart receiving the beef, which was then distributed to the cottages.

A MEMORIAL LETTER

"The enclosed check – is our Christmas gift to the Home in memory of my parents. Wish it could be more, as I feel there's no better way to remember them and the birthday of Christ. May God especially bless you and all the workers and children at the Home in this holiday season."

Memorials

MRS. PAULINE STINSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Collins S. Thomas
W. B. COLE
by Mr. & Mrs. Collins S. Thomas
MRS. GRACE HEDGEPETH
by Mr. & Mrs. Collins S. Thomas
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by Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Johnson
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by Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Payne
J. C. O'NEAL
by Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Pratt, Mr. & Mrs. Stacy Williams and The Peoples Bank
MRS. T. L. GADDIS
by E. W. Taylor, Mrs. J.D. Gathright, R. D. Schaefer, Mr. & Mrs. Don Hargis, Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Johnson, Mrs. Lorraine Glass, Mrs. Sue Hicks, Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Hargis, Mrs. S. Willis Williams, Mrs. E. M. Shaw, Mrs. Evelyn Coats, Mrs. Al Johnston, Helen Perry, Earnest Workers Class.

To be continued

Faith United Methodist Church
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Reverend Harry E. Ezell
103 E. Vaughan Ave.
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Dear Reverend & Mrs. Ezell,
and Methodist Children's Home,

We, The Membership and Pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, want to say a very special thanks to all of you for being so nice to us for such a long time. I believe you helped us for four and a half years in this special way. But you have blessed us all many times and in many ways for as long as you have been at Methodist Children's Home. It is our prayer and best wishes for your success in all you ever do.

We hope our gifts for the Methodist Children's Home can multiply because we love you so much.

So for this Chapel you have let us use and for your fine spirit about everything we just say, thank you again for all you've done.

Please come to see us in our new building and feel at home because you are. There will always be a warm spot in hearts for all of you.

So thanks again.

Sincerely Yours,

Rev. Leo Beck, pastor,
and Membership of
Faith United Methodist Church

Please Remember
Methodist Home Hospital
Christmas Sunday

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 26: Victory Over Temptation

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-15

MEMORY SELECTION: Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' " (Luke 4:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain a better understanding of the way in which the divine and human were present in the personality of Jesus, and how by thus identifying himself with mankind through a real experience of temptation our Lord fulfilled his mission.

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Because we have all had so many experiences with temptation, we are made to feel closer to others who have had these same experiences. We cannot say that we would want to be free from temptation, because the only person who does not know this tension is the one who has no ideals or standards. Today's lesson carries us through the dramatic experiences of the baptism and the temptation of Jesus. You will see as we move along that these experiences were closely related.

Many people feel that temptation is a greater problem in our day than ever before. It is true that the high speed age presents many more opportunities for idealism to be shattered. But for those who have built up high standards there is still available the inward strength that persons have known since the days of Jesus and before. Certainly our major purpose in this lesson is to seek an answer to the question of how to meet temptation in whatever sophisticated forms it comes. Evil influences and suggestions cannot be avoided, but they can be conquered.

The episodes described by Luke in today's lesson mark the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. We do not know exactly how old he was, but most scholars assume that he was about 30 when he went from Nazareth to the Jordan to place himself alongside the work that John was doing there.

You may be asking why the stories of the baptism and the temptation form the basis for a single lesson. There is a real connection here, and we hope you will see it as we move along. Jesus went to the Jordan to publicly endorse the movement in Israel which John represented. We will never know whether he was aware in advance of all that would follow. Nevertheless, it was a time of special revelation, in which he became aware of his Father's acceptance and approval. The pronouncement from heaven and his dedication to its challenge immediately brought him to a crisis of identity which made it necessary for him to spend some time alone to find himself. It was the period of solitude with the awesome realization of his sonship that constituted the background for the temptation experience.

The consideration of the temptation of the Son of God is very significant when we think of it as related to our own times of great confrontation with evil, and also as we see ourselves often stamped with the challenge of divinity. Someone has said: "One sure proof of conversion is the tests you receive from the devil, in his efforts to sidetrack you from dependence upon the Lord Jesus."

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THE EXPERIENCE OF THE BAPTISM

One of the first questions about the baptism experience is why John was engaged in this activity at the Jordan. There is some divided opinion, but most interpreters seem to feel that he was employing the baptismal rite usually used for Gentiles as a means of dramatically announcing to his fellow Jews that they were not as pious and protected as they thought they were. It goes along with John's own dramatic life style which he thought was an essential means of preparing the way for the Messiah.

A more vital question concerns the reason Jesus allowed himself to be baptized. It was a part of his own quest for identity, and he wanted to publicly endorse the ministry of John. Both of them were making the same dramatic announcement of the approaching Kingdom, and they joined hands and hearts at the Jordan. Jesus had heard of the work that his cousin was doing, and he wanted to come and stand by his side.

However, Dr. Walter Russell Bowie suggests a deeper reason in Interpreter's Bible. He says: "It may be also that the expectation which John's message had aroused among the people was to him like a signal that the time had come for him to enter upon the mission which through long years in Nazareth he had been meditating. Even if all his life up to that hour was sinless, there was still the possibility of a subtle sin; the sin of shrinking from what might lie ahead, the conceivable sin of the lower rather than the higher choice."

When the baptism was completed, the Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove, and he heard a voice from heaven declaring, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased." The identity problem had been solved in a miraculous way, and he knew the commission from God and the power to fulfill it. Dr. Ellis H. Richards sums it up in Adult Bible Studies: "In his own experience Jesus' baptism was a time of special revelation. The presence of the Father, his acceptance and approval of the Son, and a flood of clarity on the divine significance of his life."

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WHAT LED TO THE TEMPTATION?

Jesus' dedication to God's purpose, and the feeling of power flowing into his personality through the revelation following the baptism created a new crisis in Jesus' life. In his mind questions began to appear immediately, and he was led into the wilderness to be tempted. This is one of the most desolate places on the face of the earth. There are several spots on both sides of the Jordan that guides identify as the site of the temptation. It is not known for certain, but all of them are as barren as any place I have ever seen.

The nature of the tempter is not clearly known from the story. Was it Satan, the spirit of evil, or was it God himself? We can only conclude that all of these were involved. However, we remember that Dr. Andrew Sledd used to tell us in seminary that it was really the sudden feeling of power within the personality of Jesus that led him to the wilderness. It was Dr. Sledd's conviction that Jesus had not previously been conscious of his position as Messiah, and it took these forty days of solitude to adjust to it. There were many tensions in his mind, not the least of which grew out of the popular concept of a kind of magic messiah who would instantly overthrow the Romans and usher in a new era for his people.

Having wondered for so long about the role he was to play among the people of his birth, Jesus now moved to the climax of his identity crisis. He knew he would have to decide whether to be a militant leader, as so many wanted, or to take the more difficult role of gentle persuader and passive resister. As we realize the turmoil in his mind concerning identity, we should be able to sympathize with him, because we face similar struggles as we seek to determine the mission of the people of God in our own day.

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THE TEMPTATION TO MEET PHYSICAL NEED

The first temptation came at the end of a long period of fasting. It was a simple suggestion that Jesus use his new power to meet his most immediate need—hunger. But it was more than a temptation that concerned his individual physical needs. It was related to just what priority the physical needs of all people should have. The suggestion was symbolic of our universal human tendency to yield to our appetites for pleasure and satisfaction.

Contained in this temptation is the suggestion of the danger involved in spreading the idea that Christians are supposed to get anything they want as a reward for being religious. You will remember the experience of Father Chisholm in **The Keys of the Kingdom.** Shortly after arriving in China to to serve as a missionary he was confronted with the existence of so-called "rice Christians"—those who joined the church just on the promise that they would regularly receive a ration of food from the mission. In varying degrees others have been led to profess their faith with the expectation of external rewards. Jesus affirmed at the beginning of the Christian era that such compromise was not to be tolerated. In the first of his responses to the tempter—all of these answers were quotations from Deuteronomy — he said, "Man shall not live by bread alone." How true we know this to be. Jesus knew that he could not take this short cut to popularity. In the all too-brief time that was to be his he knew that he must help men to hunger for God.

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THE TEMPTATION OF POWER

The second temptation was that of exploiting the divine power for temporal power. We are told that the tempter led Jesus to the highest point in the wilderness and showed him all the nations of the world and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will." Of course, we know that he had no such power, but the planting of the seed of ambition was accomplished.

As Dr. Charles M. Laymon says: "The lust for power is another taproot of temptation. Few persons want no influence with others. Even in Christian service it is sometimes hard to distinguish between the desire to serve and the subconscious urge to dominate."

Always Jesus was confronted with the questions of pragmatism and expediency. A great following was ready-made for him—the zealous ones who were waiting for a leader around whom they could rally to overthrow the Roman authority. Jesus had to decide whether he wanted to compromise to gain their following. But he was unmoved, believing that God alone was to be worshiped, and it was this conviction that aided him in overcoming this temptation to power. He answered: "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve. "

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THE SUGGESTION OF SENSATIONALISM

The final temptation was that he should use flamboyant and sensational methods to rally the people around him. The story says that the tempter took him from the wilderness to Jesrusalem and up to the pinnacle of the temple. Here he suggested that he throw himself down knowing that God would not allow him to be injured. This of course would have been quickly told abroad and multitudes would have come to see and hear this miracleworker.

This was a two-fold temptation. The first element was the suggestion that he exploit God to save him from the consequences of his own actions. The other was the implication of a cheap kind of evangelism and recruiting. When Jesus performed his miracles he was determined not to exploit them or use them for gathering multitudes of followers. In many cases he asked his followers not to tell anyone about the miracles, and on some occasions he left the vicinity so that there would not be an opportunity for a hysterical mob to gather just for the sake of seeing him perform wonders. We can all underscore what the German theologian, Johannes Eckhart, said: "If we seek God for our own good and profit, we are not seeking God."

The temptations which came to our Lord still come to us—to achieve personal power through religion and to use God for our own designs. He found his answers to the temptation in the scriptures, and we, too, can find them there, especially in his example.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JANUARY 2: Love Is . . .

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 6

MEMORY SELECTION: As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help people distinguish between the many inadequate concepts of love which one finds in our world and the teachings which Jesus gave us concerning love; to discover ways of expressing love toward others.

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Onc of the strange contradictions of our time concerns the many unlovely things which are taking place in the name of love. At the same time we should recognize that Christian groups are discovering new dimensions of love through sharing groups which are truly opening doors to a new spirit in the churches. "God loves you, and I love you" has become the password of the Lay Witness Movement.

A popular theme for books and cartoons is "Love is . . .", and there are as many ideas as there are authors and artists. The question has to be raised, "Which love are you talking about?" There are many definitions of the word, and many diverse patterns of conduct that are justified in its name.

In the Greek language there are three words, all of which are translated into English as "love"—"eros" was used when the reference was to physical encounter or sexual love; "philia" was used in referring to the love of friends and of brothers and sisters within a family; but "agape" was the word used most frequently in the New Testament to speak of that love which bound Christians together in community and in a common strength against the many persecutors and oppressors. It is not surprising that there is much ambiguity in the contemporary use of the word.

The material from the 6th chapter of Luke is very much in the same order as the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. The section is sometimes referred to as "the Sermon on the Plain," because in verse 17 we are told that after Jesus taught for a while on the mountain he then descended "to a level place." This establishes a close relationship between the two bodies of material and causes many to believe that the two evangelists are writing about the same event.

As we have indicated, love is many things. Love is an emotion, a feeling. But love is also a duty, an action. Jesus said, for example, that if you loved him you would obey him. This is a part of the love that is seldom discussed. But love in action is the kind that impresses people. Christians can talk about God's love and about the love of Christ for sinners, but if the sinners do not see that love in action they are not likely to be impressed.

Today's lesson carries us beyond the expected kind of love into the realm of the unexpected. We will be talking about impossible kinds of love; love for enemies, for persecutors, for offenders, for the repulsive. It is so easy to love people who are nice and loveable. But Jesus called his followers to a revolutionary kind of love, the kind that he himself demonstrated and the kind that he promised to give those who would turn to him in repentance and faith.

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THE IMPERATIVES OF LOVE

An important part of this chapter begins at the 12th verse. After an all-night vigil of prayer, Jesus chose twelve men from among his followers to be his disciples. The sermon which followed might be seen as an ordination sermon in which he described the character and conduct of a true disciple. Jesus never spoke with greater authority than he did here as he outlined the imperatives of love. He makes it clear that one does not keep these commands concerning love in order to be saved; rather, he attempts to obey them because he has committed himself to Christ.

Jesus says that at the heart of all a Christian's duties is the command to love. He begins by saying: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." Our Lord was holding up a new and revolutionary set of requirements seen over against other teachings which limited a man's obligations to those who were of his own kind. It was different to hear him call for a loving attitude toward all men—toward those who were regarded as enemies (even though they might not be) and even to those who were openly hostile.

Dr. Walter Russell Bowie says in Interpreter's Bible: "The loftiness of the challenge which Jesus here presents exalts us with the sense of the glory of God, and in the same moment humbles us to the dust with the consciousness of our utter inability to measure up to the ideal he set before his disciples."

A number of interpreters of this passage have called our attention to the fact that Jesus did not affirm that love involves an artificially created sentiment. It does not mean that we must first force ourselves to find all other persons congenial. As Dr. Bowie says, "To love is not necessarily to likc."

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LOVE RETURNS GOOD FOR EVIL

In verses 27 and 28 Jesus addresses four commandments about love to his disciples. They are: (1) love your enemies; (2) do good to those who hate you; (3) bless those who curse you; and (4) pray for those who abuse you.

Each of these suggests a reaction that does not come naturally. They represent the opposite of what we would naturally do. How can a person have this kind of love which will keep him from doing what his first impulses are? One writer has suggested that the first step is the recognition that our natural reactions are wrong. We cannot claim to possess the Christian faith if we insist on rationalizing unloving, hateful behavior on the basis that this is just the way we are.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in International Lesson Annual: "Some persons seem to find strength in hating; they are better at hating than they are at loving. They organize their lives around their hating, and they plan ways and means for striking back at their enemies."

In verses 29 and 30 Jesus suggests another set of commandments in the realm of love. These are more passive, longsuffering, patient. He says: (1) offer the other cheek to the man who hits you; (2) give your shirt as well to the man who takes your coat; (3) give to everyone who asks you for something; (4) don't try to get back what someone has taken from you. Involved here is a spirit of love, which we need to re-examine as we look at ourselves to see if we understand this kind of love. How would you rewrite these commands in an honest effort to reflect an understanding of Jesus' teaching about love?

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THE UNIQUENESS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Tucked away in verse 31 of today's lesson material is "the Golden Rule," introducing as it does the uniqueness of Christian love. This introduces what Jesus taught about what is really different in the Christian's stance of love, and how this manifests itself in the Christian's attitude and action toward other people, especially the unlovely.

First, we are told to treat others as we would want to be treated. In the 7th chapter of Matthew, Jesus says that this sums up what the law and the prophets were all about. This he suggests is the essence of love. It is the standard that is applied in the examples to follow. You would like men to love you, therefore love them, whether they love you or not.

Jesus is quite anxious to see that his standards of love are superior to all others. So, he says, in the second place, that we should not limit our love to those who love us. He told his listeners that anybody could do that. He said that Christian love must go beyond the ordinary else there is no credit in it.

Finally, he said do not limit your good deeds to those who can return the favor. Loving and lending are not for the purpose of repayment. He taught that we must be truly alert to the needs of others. But how do we love like this? How can we cver get outside the binding restrictions of our own self-centeredness? How can we ever completely measure up to the standards which our Lord has laid out for us? This truly becomes one of the great problems of our lives. Dr. Bowie suggests that the way to keep from being overwhelmed by this is to recognize that it is a lofty ideal above and beyond us, but that we should keep our eyes on thc standard and keep moving in the direction of it. Now and then some human being we read about does approximate these standards, and we feel drawn toward them and grateful that they have shown us that someone can love like this.

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THERE IS NOTHING EASY ABOUT CHRISTIAN LOVE

As we study the teachings of Jesus we are forced to cry out, "But this is not easy!" Our Lord did not mean for anyone to get the idea that following him was an easy way. But he had lived in the world long enough to see what was wrong with it — what was destroying it. He knew that it could only be made right with a rigid standard of lovc, and so he did not hesitate to tell them so.

As we look at our world and see the many divisions threatening us, we have no other option than that of taking seriously Jesus' teachings about love. It is the only force which has the potential for changing our world from the kind of place it is into the world God would have it become. This is the formula for making needed changes in our own lives and the lives of others.

When Mahatma Gandhi was nearly slain by a fanatical Moslem in 1908, he turned to his followers and said: "This man did not know what he was doing. I will love him and win his love." A year later the Moslem, against whom Gandhi refused to witness, wrote offering his apologies and admiration.

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LOVE PROVES OUR DISCIPLESHIP

The motivating force behind the kind of love Jesus expects of his disciples must be seen as the love which God has shown in many ways, but which reached its peak in the gift of his Son. In asking his followers to love without limit, our Lord held up the example of an all-loving Father. As Dr. Laymon puts it: "The real motive for expressing love is that God is love and that his children were created in love and for love. Only in such a relationship can they mature in health and happiness. Apart from love man cannot be truly man because he cannot fulfill his identity."

Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35) Love proves our discipleship. Rather than try to make excuscs for our lack of love, we should ask ourselves if we are really disciples of Jesus. Many of us do fall short of the ideal, but this lesson should serve to remind us of what is expected of Christ's followers, especially in this requirement of love.

Target date proposed for conference mergers

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UMI) — The 1972 United Methodist General Conference will be asked to approve legislation eliminating all remaining racially-constituted annual conferences and districts in the denomination by July of 1973.

If the church's top law-making body accepts the recommendations unanimously adopted by the Commission on Religion and Race here Dec. 1, it will complete a process begun some 20 years ago in the former Methodist Church to abolish the Central Jurisdiction created in 1939 to contain most of the denomination's Negro churches and members.

The Central Jurisdiction was formally terminated in 1968 when the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches were united. Black conferences existing at that time were assigned to the appropriate geographic episcopal areas.

Mergers since that time have reduced the number of black conferences to five. There is one black district which is part of an otherwise merged annual conference. Several other conference mergers are in various stages of negotiation.

The five remaining black conferences at present are in South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi (2), and Arkansas-Oklahoma. The district is in Georgia.

Under the proposal to General Conference adopted here, the jurisdictional conferences would draw the boundaries of its annual conferences without regard to race.

The mergers required by this provision would be effective at the close of the 1972 jurisdictional conferences, except that, where desired, the annual conferences affected could have until the conclusion of their 1973 session to merge districts, make pastoral and superintendent assignments, and complete other necessary details.

"We believe (this proposed) legislation is in harmony with the (United Methodist) Constitution, is within the authority of the General Conference, and will accomplish the goal of elimination of racial structure," the action states.

As a precaution, however, the proposal recommends the General Conference petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision as to its constitutionality and hopes that the decision can be handed down during the two-weeks session in Atlanta, Ga., so that further action can be taken if necessary.

"We cannot sufficiently emphasize that elimination of racial structure, an important and necessary step though it is, by itself does not achieve the real goal of a genuinely inclusive church," the Religion and Race proposal states.

"Structure and legislation by themselves cannot bring about brotherhood, but attention to structure can lead to understanding. It can facilitate sharing of responsibility and participation in determination of policy."

The proposal stresses that "members of minority groups coming into union or merger situations are especially sensitive to such matters as genuine inclusiveness. . . . It is essential that blacks be considered for all leadership positions, including appointment to District Superintendency."

Another part of the recommended legislation would give the former black conferences membership on annual conferences boards and agencies of at least twice the number they would have based on numbers of members, except that the rule would not be applied so as to give the black representatives a majority position on a board they would not otherwise have.

If the 1,000 delegates in Atlanta accept the Religion and Race proposal, it will be the first time that a definite terminal date for the mergers has been set. Even target dates were rejected until a resolution adopted by the General Conference in 1966 set a goal of 1972 for completion of the mergers.

"Now it is 1972," notes the proposal adopted here. "We are convinced that the intention of 1966 should become actuality."

Ministry Study Commission readying recommendations for General Conference

LAKELAND, Fla.—A 24-member commission of the United Methodist Church has completed a four-year study of the church's ministry, which will be reported to the denomination's 1972 General Conference when the top legislative and policy-making body opens its quadrennial session April 16 in Atlanta, Ga.

The special Commission on the Study of the Ministry was charged by the 1968 General Conference to "make a major study and report on such concerns as the nurture, enlistment, and education of the ministry."

Bishop Frederick D. Wertz, chairman, said the report will focus on two related concerns — "the best possible utilization and deployment of theological schools and other resources, and the appropriate promotional and administrative structure deemed most effective for the advancement of the church's ministry."

"The final draft of our findings and recommendations is ready for editing and we plan to mail copies of our report to General Conference delegates early in January," said Bishop Wertz, Charleston, W. Va.

Hosts for the commission's three-day meeting here, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, were Florida members Bishop James W. Henley and Dr. Charles T. Thrift Jr., president of Florida Southern College, both of Lakeland.

Continued participation in COCU to be asked of General Conference

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UMI)—The 1972 General Conference will be asked to authorize continued participation of the United Methodist Church in the 9-denomination Consultation on Church Union.

A resolution passed by the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs at its annual meeting Dec. 1-2 at St. Paul School of Theology asks continued participation in COCU "with a view to the perfecting of a plan of union upon which a future General Conference may be asked to vote," and calls for continuing review and response by United Methodist churches to a present draft plan of union.

At this meeting the general secretary of the Commission, the Rev. Robert W. Huston, stated that he believes that, contrary to some reports, ecumenism is not "losing steam." "However," he said, it has moved closer to the grassroots church."

Dr. Huston continued, "In my contacts with local church people, there is a greater interest in witnessing and working together for the sake of the gospel. The proliferation of spontaneous neighborhood clustering of churches, not just for survival but to join together in mission, is evidence that ecumenism is no longer in the hands of an elite few."

The Commission also voted to send a petition to General Conference supporting United Methodist participation in an "interim eucharistic fellowship," which the Consultation on Church Union has proposed as a present alternative to intercommunion among the COCU churches.

Responding to latest proposals from United Methodism's Structure Study Commission, the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs voted to request, as a first preference, separate agency status for itself or a successor ecumenical concerns body. The present proposal would lodge the group in a projected Board of Global Ministries. However, Dr. Huston and three other members were authorized to meet with other units proposed for inclusion in a Board of Global Ministries to work out possible legislation for such a board.

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Christian Family life strengths and needs under study

NEW YORK (UMI) — A study process to determine strengths and needs of Christian family life around the world was initiated at a meeting of the World Methodist Family Life enlarged executive committee here Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Questionnaires are to be sent in early January to members of the World Methodist Council Executive Committee, overseas delegates to the World Methodist Family Life Conference in Estes Park, Colo., last summer, a selected list of United States delegates, and to other persons proposed by members of the committee.

Persons queried will be asked to list what they consider to be the major strengths of Christian family life in their areas and also the major causes of family life breakdown. Opinions will be sought about what regional committees and the World Methodist Family Life Committee could contribute to solving problems. Resources such as people, agencies, materials and funds that are available to meet needs also will be requested.

Dr. Nalla Tan of Singapore, committee chairman, will analyze replies and report results to the committee by June, in time for the next executive committee meeting Aug. 25-27 in England. The committee will meet just before the World Methodist Council Executive Committee. It is hoped the survey will help determine the role and direction of the Family Life Committee in planning worldwide programs.

In other actions, the enlarged executive committee decided to initiate correspondence with some ecumenical agencies so as to become familiar with information available. These would include the World Council of Churches and possibly some Roman Catholic groups. The Rev. Eugene L. Stockwell of the United Methodist Board of Missions, a committee member, will carry on the correspondence and report at the next executive committee meeting.

The group accepted the resignation from the committee of Mrs. Norah S. Shipstone of India, who had served as secretary, and elected the Rev. Leonard Brown of Britain to replace her as secretary. It was agreed that nominations from Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan would be sought for her replacement on the committee. It also was agreed that the person nominated be a youth under 25 years.

Attending the meeting, besides Drs. Tan and Stockwell, were Dr. James Doty, Dr. J. Otis Young and Mrs. Betty V. Stith of AME Zion Church. Present in an advisory capacity were retired Bishop Hazen G. Werner and the Rev. Edward Staples.

"Prayers for Peace"

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists are among leaders of several religious groups—Jewish, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant—embarking on what is described as a nationwide interreligious movement "of witness concerning the moral issues in the Indochina war." Leaders say it will deal with the war and many issues related to it.

The new interfaith effort was launched November 28, first Sunday in Advent, with a service of "Prayers for Peace" in front of the White House in Washington. Fifteen churchmen of different faiths read the prayers. Leaders in the movement are urging the prayers to be used in churches and synagogues throughout the U.S. during December.

The movement, called "An Ecumenical Witness: The Calling of God, the Heritage of War and the Politics of Power," is sponsored by approximately 125 Protestant, Orthodox, Catholic and Jewish leaders.

Tom Stroud af Boy Scout Troop 51, Elton, who was recently advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stroud and a freshman at McNeese State University, he is the secand son in the family to become an Eagle Scout. His father is the scoutmaster of the traap. The ceremony was canducted by the Knights af Dumanus, an Eagle Scout fraternity.

Monroe District Preachers and Parsanettes met at Memarial Church, Manrae, Saturday, December 4, at 6 p.m. for the annual Christmas dinner and pragram. The meal was served by ladies af the hast church to 84 persons. Mrs. J. H. Sewell presided in the absence of Mrs. Fred Schwendimann, Parsonette president. The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bowden, Jr. and Mrs. M. K. McConnell presented the pragram. Gifts were presented to all present by District Superintendent and Mrs. W. D. Baddie. A linen table cloth and napkins were presented by ministers and wives to the Boddies. Some of the group are shawn above. At right are Mrs. McConnell (left) and Mrs. Bowden, wha presented the reading "Da You Believe in Miracles?"

Conference Treasurer's Report

as of December 1, 1971

WORLD SERVICE/CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

Alexandria	$ 33,332.00	$ 23,371.00	$ 9,961.00
Baton Rouge	63,739.00	29,683.00	34,056.00
Hammond	31,453.00	22,270.00	9,183.00
Lafayette	41,026.00	27,186.00	13,840.00
Lake Charles	43,818.00	35,392.00	8,426.00
Monroe	47,468.00	28,377.00	19,091.00
Natchitoches	24,226.00	18,539.00	5,687.00
New Orleans	66,245.00	42,546.00	23,699.00
Ruston	33,471.00	27,168.00	6,303.00
Shreveport	68,854.00	43,255.00	25,599.00
Total	$ 453,632.00	$ 297,787.00	$ 155,845.00

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION

Alexandria	11,186.00	6,672.00	4,514.00
Baton Rouge	21,668.00	6,574.00	15,094.00
Hammond	10,945.00	6,629.00	4,316.00
Lafayette	13,997.00	6,281.00	7,716.00
Lake Charles	13,811.00	9,205.00	4,606.00
Monroe	14,594.00	9,060.00	5,534.00
Natchitoches	7,713.00	5,124.00	2,589.00
New Orleans	26,789.00	14,103.00	12,686.00
Ruston	10,208.00	7,570.00	2,638.00
Shreveport	21,180.00	12,949.00	8,231.00
Total	$ 152,091.00	$ 84,167.00	$ 67,924.00

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Alexandria	13,606.00	10,049.00	3,557.00
Baton Rouge	27,118.00	14,573.00	12,545.00
Hammond	13,039.00	12,001.00	1,038.00
Lafayette	16,717.00	12,009.00	4,708.00
Lake Charles	16,251.00	13,337.00	2,914.00
Monroe	18,203.00	12,624.00	5,579.00
Natchitoches	10,598.00	8,943.00	1,655.00
New Orleans	30,916.00	19,872.00	11,044.00
Ruston	12,131.00	10,692.00	1,439.00
Shreveport	26,639.00	21,719.00	4,920.00
Total	$ 185,218.00	$ 135,819.00	$ 49,399.00

PENSIONS

Alexandria	35,632.00	26,653.00	8,979.00
Baton Rouge	69,977.00	33,688.00	36,289.00
Hammond	33,905.00	27,936.00	5,969.00
Lafayette	45,108.00	33,583.00	11,525.00
Lake Charles	45,230.00	37,523.00	7,707.00
Monroe	49,461.00	36,538.00	12,923.00
Natchitoches	26,721.00	20,466.00	6,255.00
New Orleans	77,855.00	44,600.00	33,255.00
Ruston	34,308.00	29,015.00	5,293.00
Shreveport	71,200.00	56,160.00	15,040.00
Total	$ 489,397.00	$ 346,162.00	$ 143,235.00

EPISCOPAL

Alexandria	3,034.00	2,554.00	480.00
Baton Rouge	5,900.00	3,141.00	2,759.00
Hammond	2,867.00	2,664.00	203.00
Lafayette	3,892.00	3,168.00	724.00
Lake Charles	3,919.00	3,375.00	544.00
Monroe	4,330.00	3,320.00	1,010.00
Natchitoches	2,343.00	1,989.00	354.00
New Orleans	6,144.00	4,542.00	1,602.00
Ruston	2,928.00	2,628.00	300.00
Shreveport	6,221.00	5,154.00	1,067.00
Total	$ 41,578.00	$ 32,535.00	$ 9,043.00

MINIMUM SALARY

Alexandria	1,647.00	1,171.00	476.00
Baton Rouge	3,363.00	1,586.00	1,777.00
Hammond	1,594.00	1,255.00	339.00
Lafayette	2,208.00	1,590.00	618.00
Lake Charles	1,922.00	1,507.00	415.00
Monroe	2,173.00	1,564.00	609.00
Natchitoches	1,390.00	1,254.00	136.00
New Orleans	3,823.00	2,346.00	1,477.00
Ruston	1,339.00	1,215.00	124.00
Shreveport	3,157.00	2,474.00	683.00
Total	$ 22,616.00	$ 15,962.00	$ 6,654.00

SIXTEEN CENTENARY STUDENTS NAMED TO SCHOLASTIC SOCIETY

Sixteen Centenary College students have been initiated into the Louisiana Alpha Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Scholastic Society. The society recognizes juniors and seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better.

The new Centenary members are: Carol Ann Bickers, Richardson, Texas; Kerry Gay Bruce, Monroe, La.; Martha Ruth Cooke, Shreveport; Debra Diane Cox, Alexandria, La.; Jess Carr Gilbert, Sicily Island, La.; Eleanor Camille Creve, Shreveport; Robert Nels Hallquist, Jr., Shreveport; Patricia Anne Hinnebusch, Shreveport; Julia Rhett Hutchinson, Metairie, La.; Betty Jo Sawyer Lenard, Shreveport; Francis Lorraine McAvoy, Shreveport; Jeffrey Scott Pender, Shreveport; Patricia Ann Thomas, Shreveport; Robert Reid Thownsend, Shreveport; and Kay Trevathan, Germantown, Tennessee.

The officers elected for 1971-72 are Bryan Garner, president; Mary Pate, vice president; Mary Ann Garrett, secretary; and Missy Howard, treasurer.

Faculty sponsors are Dr. Woodrow W. Pate, who is also a member of the National Alpha Chi Council; Dr. Lee Morgan and Dr. Viva Rainey.

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Tommie Warren Jr. (right), a sophomore art major at the Shreveport branch af Southern University is currently exhibiting a collectian of his drawings at St. James United Methodist Church under sponsorship of the Shreveport Metrapolitan Ministry. Shown with him are Art Instructor Roosevelt Daniel and Robert Lincoln, a fellow student. Warren, whose drawings basically are realistic in representation uses pencil, charcoal, scratch board and oil pastels, is Art Club president at Southern, and a member of the yearbaak staff.

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A Glimmer Of The Star

Beyond the clouds . . . yet far, so far,
I catch a glimmer of The Star!
Above the tumult of the throng
Come fragments of an angel song;
The age-old message once again
Of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."
Perhaps it may not be too late
To substitute His love for hate,
But we have uphill roads to climb
And little time; so little time!
Perhaps if each one really tried
To lay his prejudice aside,
It might be we could find The Way
That leads to that first Christmas Day.

–by Catharine W. Deaver

POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

"The thoughts you think," wrote Maeterlinck, "will irradiate you as though you are a transparent vase." And Wilfred Peterson, commenting on this thought, added, "Basically we give what we are." Our attitudes about Christmas and our Christmas wishes speak more eloquently of what we believe than all the gifts given.

For A Brighter Christmas

Shine, Christmas star,
With a new intensity;
Burn into the minds of
Men everywhere,
Exorcising their evil
Thoughts and intents!

Sing, Christmas angels,
With a new tumultuous joy;
Loudly and clearly let
The praises ring
That they might overwhelm
The tirades of false prophets!

Come to us again,
Christmas Child;
Be born anew in the
Hearts of men
That blessed and eternal peace
May descend upon the earth!

–by Deener W. Wardlow

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Good Will

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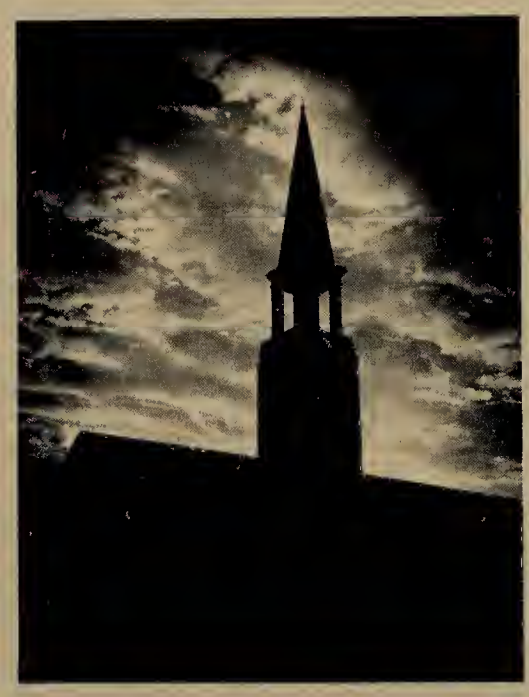
Kathleen Storey
Imogene Knox
Peggy Yarbrough
Jane Kayford



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Texas Corrections head to address Interchurch Assembly

An internationally recognized authority in penology and corrections will be the keynote speaker at the 1972 Assembly of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference, scheduled to meet January 13-14 at the First United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

Dr. George J. Beto, director of the Texas Department of Corrections and past president of the American Correctional Association, will address the opening session of the annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 12.

The Louisiana Interchurch Conference is the principal state-wide agency of cooperation between Louisiana's Protestant and Roman Catholic churches.

This year's meeting around the theme, "Prison Reform," will address itself to the churches' concern for strengthening the system for correction and rehabilitation of criminal offenders in Louisiana.

Scheduled for action is a positive program of cooperative action which will be recommended to the Interchurch Conference and its member communions by the conference's Prison Reform Task Force. Chairman of the Task Force is Mr. W. D. Beck, Jr., Baton Rouge attorney and president of Community Action for Corrections.

In addition to the address by Dr. Beto on "Prisoners in a Free Society: After Attica," Assembly participants also will hear presentations by State Senator Michael H. O'Keefe of New Orleans, on "Legislation for Prison Reform in Louisiana"; by a panel of chaplains in Louisiana correctional institutions; and by a panel of representatives from public and private agencies and groups that are responsible for aspects of criminal justice and correction.

On Thursday evening, the Assembly will invite the Alexandria community to attend a public worship service at

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Special guests at Lake Charles District Board of Missions meeting, left to right, Lyle Guth, chairman; the Rev. L. L. Haynes, guest speaker, and the Rev. Garland Dean, associate director of Conference Program Council office.

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Lake Charles District Missions Board elects officers

Dr. L. L. Haynes, Jr. of Baton Rouge, chairman of the Board of Missions of the Louisiana Annual Conference, was the guest speaker for the third annual meeting of the Lake Charles District Board of Missions on Dec. 3. Some 125 persons attended the meeting which was presided over by Lyle Guth, retiring chairman.

The Board adopted the recommendation of its district missionary secretary, the Rev. Eskel Tatum, that an Advance Special project be adopted by the district. Approved as this project was support for Fife Memorial United Methodist Church, a church of the Oklahoma Indian Mission in Muskogee, Okla. The money will go for the remodeling of the sanctuary of this church.

The following were elected trustees of the Board for the year 1972: **Clerical:** the Rev. Carey Martin, the Rev. Tom Crosby, the Rev. J. C. Wallace and the Rev. Lester Nance; **Lay:** Mrs. Howard Carter, John Morrish, S. B. Parry and Irving K. Abraham. Ex-officio members of the Board are: the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, district superintendent; the Rev. Eskel Tatum, district missionary secretary; and Fred Fanta, district treasurer.

Second area Communications Conference, January 4, Baton Rouge

by Cecil Bland

The second in a series of area "Communications Conferences" has been set by the Louisiana Conference for Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1972 at the Prince Murat Inn in Baton Rouge. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an arena for members of the public press, radio and television industries to sit down with leaders of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church to open lines of communication.

The first of these Conferences was held Nov. 2 in Shreveport. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton is host for the meetings, and the Rev. Hugh G. Baker of Shreveport is the chairman of the Louisiana Conference TRAFCO (Television, Radio and Film Commission).

Principal speakers on the program in Baton Rouge include: Dr. J. W. Hearn, Louisiana Conference Program Council director; Tom E. Gibbons, general manager of Television Station WAFB, Channel 9, Baton Rouge; Dr. Arthur West, director, United Methodist Information, Dayton, Ohio; the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, United Methodist Communications Council, Texas; and Dr. Gene W. Carter, Television, Radio and Film Commission, United Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Representatives of the press, radio and television industry across central and Southern Louisiana have been invited to the meeting, along with the district superintendents and district lay leaders of the Baton Rouge, Hammond, Lake Charles and Lafayette Districts. Other invited guests include Mrs. Florence Kirkpatrick, Conference president of the WSCS, and Tom H. Matheny, Conference lay leader.

Basic questions to be considered at the meeting are: "What does the communications media need to know to be able to tell the church's story to the people, and what do those in the organized church need to know to prepare their story for the media?"

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, speaking to the ministers and wives of the Hammond District at the annual Christmas party which was held at Lasseigne Memorial Church in LaPlace. Bishop and Mrs. Walton were special guests and were presented gifts from the group. Mrs. Walton received a purse which included paintings of the episcopal residence, the Methodist cross, and Louisiana magnolias and strawberries. Bishop Walton was presented a custom built fishing rod. Shown at the head table with the Waltons are the Rev. J. J. Caraway, district superintendent, and Mrs. Caraway.

Lake Charles District Camping Committee during recent evaluation and planning session. FROM LEFT: the Revs. Calvin Lapuyade, district director of camping, Carey Martin, Bob Lawton, Lester Nance, Leland Wade, and Raymond Crofoot—who met with District Superintendent Harvey Williamson.

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First United Methodist Church.

The preacher on that occasion will be the Most Rev. Philip M. Hannan, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New Orleans. The executive heads of the eleven dioceses and judicatories that make up the Louisiana Interchurch Conference also will take part in the service.

The Assembly keynote speaker, Dr. Beto, has served as a consultant to the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, as a member of the National Advisory Council on Correctional Manpower and Training, and is a member of the National Chamber of Commerce Panel on Crime Prevention and Control.

In 1970, the 55-year-old penologist was named a United States delegate to the 4th United Nations Conference on Prevention of Crime and Treatment of the Offender in Kyoto, Japan.

Before he became director of the Texas Department of Corrections in 1962, Beto served as president of Concordia College in Austin, Texas (1959-62). He is a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Eleven church bodies with a total constituency of 1.5 million belong to the Louisiana Interchurch Conference and will send official representatives to the Alexandria meeting. They are: the Louisiana Association of Christian Churches; the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana; the Texas-Louisiana Synod of the Lutheran Church in America; the Presbyterian Church U.S. Synod of Louisiana; the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Dioceses of Alexandria, Baton Rouge, and Lafayette; the New Orleans Association of the United Church of Christ; the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; and the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Synod of Texas.

The Louisiana Interchurch Conference is a Louisiana organization and is not affiliated with or supported by any organization or group outside the state.

The Conference was organized in February 1970 as the result of more than two years work by the Joint Committee on Christian Cooperation of the former, all-Protestant, Louisiana Council of Churches.

Officers of the Interchurch Conference are: Msgr. Charles J. Plauche (Roman Catholic, New Orleans) president; Dr. G. Leon Netterville, Jr. (United Methodist, Baton Rouge) 1st vice president; Rev. George J. Fischer (Presbyterian, Kenner) 2nd vice president; Mr. James W. Thokey (Christian, New Orleans) treasurer; Rev. John D. Payne (Episcopal, Opelousas) secretary. Chairman of the LIC's three program divisions are: Msgr. Robert Landry (Roman Catholic, Lafayette) Local Ecumenical Development; Dr. Ben Oliphint (United Methodist, Baton Rouge) Faith and Order; Rev. Arch McD. Tolbert (Presbyterian, Baton Rouge) Church and Society.

New officers will be elected at the Assembly in January.

The Rev. Lewis Wilkins was appointed Executive Director of the Interchurch Conference on January 1, 1971. Conference offices are located in Baton Rouge.

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Shreveport Metro Ministries take part in Day Care training program

The Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries, a project of the Fund for Reconciliation of the 1968-1972 Quadrenial Emphasis program of the United Methodist Church is currently taking part in a training program for day care center directors and personnel at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe. This program is being sponsored by the Department of Home Economics at Northeast and the Louisiana Commission on Extension and Continuing Education.

Consultants for these workshops are from the faculty at Northeast; Department of the State Fire Marshal; State and Local Welfare Offices; Ouachita Parish Health Unit; and Day Care Association of Dallas, Tex.

The training events are divided into six sessions as follows: 1. Administration, supervision, and record keeping, Sept. 25; 2. Understanding the needs of young children, Oct. 30; 3. Selection and use of supplies and equipment and making inexpensive play equipment, Nov. 20; 4. Program Planning and teaching techniques, Feb. 26, 1972; 5. Program planning and guidance techniques, March 18, 1972, and 6. Parent involvement, April 22, 1972.

The staff of the Baker Street Center in Shreveport, participants from the Fairfield Day Care Center, and the St. James Day Care Centers in Shreveport and Monroe, have been able to strengthen their day care programs as a result of this training.

Mrs. Ruth Brown serves as director of the St. James Day Care Center, Monroe; Mrs. Marie Douglas is director of the St. James Center in Shreveport; Mr. Maurice Monroe is director of the Baker Street Center; Mrs. Margie Stacey is coordinator of the Day Care Program at the Baker Street Center, and Mrs. Page is the director of the Fairfield Day Care Center.

FROM LEFT: Mrs. Truehart Paris, St. James Day Care Center; Mrs. Marie Douglas, director, St. James; Mrs. Margie Stacey, Baker Street Center—all in Shreveport. These persons were among those on the Metro-Ministry team attending the Day Care Training Workshop at Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe.

—Rev. James Graham,
Director, Shreveport
Metropolitan Ministries

Have you heard the latest gossip about Centenary College?

by Grayson Watson

1. that over the past few years Centenary students and faculty have participated in work-camps building and repairing churches and schools at Methodist mission stations in many lands.
2. that almost all Centenary students are taking courses in religion and biblical studies regardless of their own major.
3. that the students, led by the Methodist Student Movement, recently "fasted" (an old Methodist custom) to raise funds for the relief of starving Pakistani refugees.
4. that in 1975 Centenary will be 150 years old—the 43rd oldest college in America.
5. that the Centenary library houses over 100,000 volumes.
6. that 75% of the Centenary faculty hold the doctoral or terminal degree, **twice** the national average.
7. that Centenary has a distinguished "Center for Economics, Business & Management."
8. that 45% of all students at Centenary go on to graduate schools in medicine, law, divinity, other sciences, business, the arts, and many other humanistic studies.
9. that two chapel services are held weekly on campus.
10. that Centenary has been related to the Methodist Church since 1839 and received its name in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Methodism.
11. that Centenary has educated more pastors in the Louisiana Conference than any other single college or university.
12. that there have been no demonstrations or acts of violence at Centenary because of its response to students' needs, indicating the confidence of students in the college.
13. that 40% of all students work to earn part of their expenses, and that over half receive some form of scholarship or other financial aid from the college.
14. that the student-faculty ratio is 11 to 1.
15. that 50% of all new students entering Centenary in the Fall of 1971 had grade point averages of "B" or above.
16. that many students have been involved in constructive "people projects" such as a weekly breakfast program for undernourished children, creating a park in a poverty area, working in crisis counseling (Open Ear) and drug prevention programs with local youth, etc.
17. that about 50 Centenary students presently are preparing for church vocations.
18. that Centenary strives for personalized education through wide use of seminars, small classes, independent study, tutorials, interim studies, etc.
19. that Centenary students have won a disproportionate number of coveted graduate awards and fellowships including the Rhodes, Fulbright, Woodrow Wilson, Rotary, NDEA, and many others.
20. that the departments of religion and philosophy are among the strongest in the South, with professors prepared at leading graduate universities such as Edinburgh, Duke, Yale, Columbia and Emory. As a result, pre-ministerial students from Centenary are granted "advanced standing" in Bible and theology at seminaries such as Duke, Emory, SMU, etc.

Editorial

DECLARATION OF WORLD CHRISTIAN MISSION VENTURES

As we searched for a challenging word to be used as the editorial for this last issue of 1971, we decided not to do a rehash of the news of the year but to use instead a statement recently issued by Dr. John F. Schaefer who heads the staff of the World Division of the Board of Missions. As we read this statement at year's end we found ourselves caught up in the exciting possibilities in the church's witness around the world. AAK)

World Christian mission is the Christian's response to the mandate of the Gospel to be worthy witnesses to the Good News that God is alive in the world and in society. Christian mission affirms by declaration and in action God's perpetual care for all people and for His world.

1. **World Christian Mission Witnesses to the Universal Lordship of Jesus Christ.**

The imperative of the World Division is to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of all people and societies. Persons and communities must have the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ, to study the meaning of the Christ event for themselves and their world, and to respond in the commitment of faith and action to Him.

The Christian community will undertake the task of witness to Jesus Christ by word and deed, by preaching, individual conversations, worship, service, struggle in Christ's name for justice and freedom for all men, dialogue with persons of other faiths, participation in secular movements that seek fuller life for all.

The belief that Jesus is Lord is central to all we do in mission.

2. **World Christian Mission is Inter-Church Assistance and Mutual Support.**

Christian communities around the world, in the free exercise of their self determination, need assistance. Resources from areas of the world where Christian community shares in economic affluence and has many trained persons must be made available when these are urgently requested by some other Christian community of the world. Such resources are shared not to direct the life of another church, but to support that church in its life, growth and witness. The growing movement of overseas churches toward autonomy already is a fact in many areas, is a healthy development that puts direction of the church's life in the hands of those closest to the place of mission, but autonomy does not relieve us of support of those who continue to need and request assistance we can provide.

The Christian communities to which we relate are both denominational and interdenominational, and include the people of God at work in very secular and non-ecclesiastical programs.

3. **World Christian Mission is Liberation of People for the Transformation of Their Societies and for the Achievement of Their Highest Potential.**

The task of mission focuses continually on the preparation of persons to be what by God's grace they may come to be. Persons must be freed from weights of hunger, oppression, ignorance and fear in order to participate individually and collectively in the call God directs to each person. Education is central in mission, it being understood that education is meant in broad context, including formal and informal schooling, educational programs of the local church, and more.

Liberation is both personal and societal. One contributes to the other. The Christian community seeks to assist individuals and societies to find a multitude of expressions of genuine responsible freedom under Christ which will assist all towards a fuller human life of meaning and service.

4. **World Christian Mission is Participation in National and World Development.**

Loving service is inherent in Christian mission and witness. Such love seeks to perform the compassionate act where needed, and also get at roots of national and world problems which bear on human life. This Christian mission is deeply concerned with the difficult issues of social justice, self reliance and economic development. In national and international forums people seek corporate relationships which will contribute to the common good and to the liberation of all humankind. Christian mission seeks out the points where it can most helpfully identify with national and international searches for development in its widest meaning.

Participation in development is an expression of Christian faith in the midst of the affairs of peoples and communities. It goes far beyond mere social action to seek the abundance of life for which Jesus Christ lived and died.

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the Editor's Corner

New Bible Study Scheduled

I am sure that our readers will be interested to learn of a new Bible study which is being planned in the United Methodist Church. According to Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of church school publications, "Our Living Bible," a new comprehensive, systematic study of the entire Bible, will be released in 1973.

Dr. Horace Weaver, editor of adult publications, and Dr. James Hares, program director of the North Texas Conference, are writing the first unit which will examine how the early Church used the Old Testament.

The undated study will be released in twelve quarterly units, and the editor of the new study is the Rev. Lon A. Speer.

Dr. Bullock said recently that the series is being thoroughly planned and carefully pre-tested. "Devoted scholarship will seek to convey the meaning and message of the Bible as a whole to the hungers, joys, fears, and anxieties of adults in our confused day."

The study is being prepared in response to requests for comprehensive, systematic Bible study materials, Dr. Weaver said. Most United Methodists involved in Bible study now use either the ecumenically planned International Lesson Series or the United Methodist produced Adult Bible Course materials. "While both of these series are good, they do not deal systematically with the entire Bible," Dr. Weaver explained.

One goal of the study, according to Mr. Speer, is to have a "simple but not simple-minded vocabulary and approach which can convey profound truths."

Both Dr. Weaver and Mr. Speer stressed that the study will not dwell on information and historical facts for their own sake. "We hope to deal with spiritual values of the Bible which will help persons sense the presence of God today."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Thanks to the Salvation Army and the thousands who drop dollars and coins into the Army's Christmas kettles children of some 5000 inmates at Illinois correctional institutions found gaily wrapped gifts and a personal message from their imprisoned fathers or mothers when they awakened Christmas morning. "The gifts are strictly from their fathers" (or mothers), Army Brigadier Cecil Dye said. The children never know that the Army is helping them. Illinois' "Operation Toylift" is one of various similar projects at correctional institutions across the country.

Revolution can not guarantee a "good society" any more than it can guarantee the avoidance of anarchy, Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor-at-large of Christianity Today magazine said in an address at Trinity College, Palos Heights, Ill. The evangelical theologian also urged Christians to make revolution unnecessary by heeding biblical dynamism for a "just and orderly society."

Nine years ago a Mormon missionary in New Mexico sought a way to show destitute Navajo children what a Christmas present was. The concern of Richard L. Wheeler, now of Ogden, Utah, grew into "Project Navajo" which now delivers tons of goods to the 25,000 square mile Navajo reservation. Today Air Force C124s, supported by a loaned fleet of trucks, are needed to distribute the Christmas presents to the reservation. Last year more than 10 tons of goods were collected for "Project Navajo."

Eighteen physicians at the University of Minnesota have announced formation of "University Doctors for Life." Dr. James Moriarty, neurology professor and spokesman for the group, said the debate on abortion needs help from the medical profession. "The medical profession can't just wait this issue out on the sidelines while philosophers and moralists wrestle with it without knowledge of the scientific data bearing on abortion," he said. The group has announced its support of effort being made by 220 doctors around the country to submit a brief on the rights of the unborn to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Personal and financial goodwill toward U.S. and Canadian Churches is surprisingly high among members and pastors, and denominational leaders should be leary of reports to the contrary, according to findings for a study of agencies of the National Council of Churches Offices. The objective of the study was to determine why persons give to the church. The result was a broad profile of what the ministers and laymen think of the contemporary church. Approximately 3,500 laymen and clergymen in Canada and the U.S. were interviewed.

More emphasis should be placed on processes enabling Churches to grow together rather than on preparation of a plan of union, a group trying to merge the Anglican and United Churches of Canada was told at the ninth meeting of the General Commission on Church Union, meeting in Windsor, Ont. A resolution from the Anglican national executive council advised against "focusing almost total emphasis" on writing a union plan. Anglican and United leaders have discussed union since 1944. The Disciples joined the talks recently. The United Church of Canada resulted from a 1925 merger of Methodists, Congregationalists and some Presbyterians.

A theology professor, Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of Emory University, has charged that religion's age-old concern with the future is being absorbed by the secularists — scientists, technologists, planners and artists. In reporting his study of the future and religion's place in it, the theologian said concern with the future has always been a central concern of Western religion, through "visions, prophecies, dream interpretations, along with themes of judgment, the Apocalypse, salvation and future life." As the year 2000 approaches, he observed, studies of the future are increasing but mainly by secularist scholars, citing the Commission on the Year 2000. Other studies have been supported by the Rand Corp., the Defense Dept. and research groups.

A document has been released in New York by the Guild of St. Ives, a group of Episcopal lawyers, highlighting the issue of how "politically involved" Churches and religious agencies can become without losing their tax exemptions. According to the study, current tax laws give most Churches sufficient latitude for activities considered necessary to "social and prophetic witness." But Guild members feel the Internal Revenue Service has over the past two years narrowly interpreted regulations and gone to excesses in "threatening" religious organizations with loss of exemption.

Despite the racial turbulence of the 1960's, there has been a "steady increase in the proportion of white Americans willing to endorse integration," according to a national survey of racial attitudes. The study, conducted by the Nat'l. Opinion Research Center in Chicago found "little evidence for the existence of a white backlash among white ethnic groups." The study showed that more than 70 per cent of the nation's whites now express "integrationist responses" on the issues of integrated public transportation, parks, restaurants, hotels and schools.

Neither God nor the radio are dead, a CBS vice-president told the North American Broadcast Section of the World Assn. for Christian Communication, an interreligious agency during their annual meeting. "There are a lot of professions waiting to be enlisted in the communication work of the church," declared Maurie Webster, CBS-Radio services division.

Deposits of $20,000 have been made in each of five minority banks by the American Baptist Home Mission Society as part of a program that will place $600,000 in banks serving minority communities. The deposits are intended to increase the loan-making resources of the banks. Horace E. Gale, treasurer for the Baptist agency, said that additional deposits, usually amounting to $20,000 will be made in approximately 25 banks serving black, Mexican-American and Puerto Rican communities.

A group of "Dissident Baptists" in the USSR have appealed to United National Secretary General U Thant to act in behalf of their leader, G. K. Kryuchkov, sought by Soviet police for his religious activities. "We have already several times appealed to you (on similar occasions) . . . and for some reason we have never received an answer," they wrote in an open letter to U Thant. "We want to know how you and the world public stand with regard to those who are persecuted for Christ."

In 1957 First United Methodist Church in Baldwin, N.Y. invited a newly-formed Conservative Jewish congregation, which had been meeting in a storefront building awaiting construction of its permanent home, to use the Methodist facilities for its high holy days and other activities. The only Jewish marching band in the U.S. decided that it would return the favor this December. Its founder and director, Mandel Fogel, announced that the band would give two concerts on the Methodist lawn next to the "living creche," a nativity scene involving members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. "We just wanted to say 'thanks' to the Methodist church and show to the public that the spirit of ecumenism can be expressed in music," said Director Fogel.

The Rev. J. Grant Carlson, chaplain of Iowa Lutheran hospital in Des Moines carries an "electronic pager" that summons him when he is needed. While visiting two patients, he was asked to pray with them. Just as he began "Dear Lord," the gadget in his pocket went "beep, beep, beep." The patients smiled and one of them observed, "Never knew a pastor with such direct contact!"

RNS Photo

PHUCUM, Laos – On a hill above the refugee village of Phucum in Northern Laos, the Rev. Don Scott discusses possibilities for emergency relief with a camp medic. The village, which has 4,200 Meo refugees – almost all women and children – had already been moved three times as fighting drew near. Scott, a Canadian who has lived and worked in the hills of northern Laos for seven years, says he first came to the area only to "preach the Gospel." As the number of refugees grew, however, he turned his attention towards them. Recently-appointed director for Laos for World Vision of Canada, an international Christian relief organization, Mr. Scott has set up programs to feed the refugees and has instituted programs to train the Meo tribesmen so that they can begin to earn a living again.

THE REV. SIDNEY A. SEEGERS

The funeral service for the Rev. Sidney A. Seegers, 85, rctired member of the Louisiana Annual Conference who gave many years of his ministry to the program of pensions in the conference, were held Dec. 21 at the Columbia United Methodist Church.

Officiating ministers for the service were the Rev. George Sherman, the Rev. E. R. House and the Rev. W. D. Boddie. The Order of Eastern Star also conducted a service at the church.

Mr. Seegers was admitted on trial in the Louisiana Conference in 1917 and took the retired relationship in 1957.

He was a member of the Columbia Kiwanis Club, the Methodist Men's Club, and was past Grand Patron of the Grand Order of the Eastern Star, State of Louisiana.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Georgine Flanders Seegers of Columbia; one son, Sidney A. Seegers, Jr. of Monroe; three daughters, Dr. Winnifred Seegers of Littleton, Colo., Mrs. Katherine S. Mouser of Monroe, and Mrs. E. W. Williams of El Dorado, Ark; two sisters, Mrs. G. H. Sherman and Mrs. Claude Lee, both of Haynesville; one brother, Robert L. Seegers of Ruston, and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were members of the Methodist Men's Club of the Columbia United Methodist Church.

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MISS SOPHIE KUNTZ

Sophie E. Kuntz was born in New Orleans, Nov. 17, 1889. After her years of childhood, growth, and education, she taught school for ten years. Then she felt led to full time Christian service. Up until that time, her work in her church (Carrollton Methodist in New Orleans) was with the beginners in the morning and the Epworth League at night.

In the fall of 1922 she entered Scarritt Bible Training School at Kansas City, Missouri, for specialized training. In the spring of 1924, she was consecrated a deaconess at Tampa, Florida. Her first assignment was to the Wesley House in Biloxi, Mississippi. It was there that she came into a completely new environment. The work was different from her previous teaching experience, but it was rich in relationships that enriched the lives of people. There she found a friend in the person of Sallie Ellis. Their lives were closely related and their joys were shared for the rest of their lives.

Miss Sophie worked in Biloxi, Knoxville, Tenn., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Nashville, Tenn. She then spent a year at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn. After that she returned to Biloxi for a happy twenty-year period of service. She then was transferred to Montgomery, Ala., where she worked for three years.

After thirty-two years of service, she asked to be retired. She stepped out of the life of a community center in 1956 and went back into private life. She spent the remainder of her life in Carrollton United Methodist. Miss Sophie stepped into the higher realm on August 29, 1971.

—Rev. J. Pierce McKeithen

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Mrs. Joann Chumney and Mrs. Jeanne Morris, newly elected members of the MacDonell Center Board, have given active support to the Ella K. Hooper Endowment Fund and MacDonell's work with children.

Mrs. A. N. McIntyre, Mrs. G. J. Bridges and Mrs. Beldon E. Fox Sr. are shown welcoming Donald Dowling of Child Welfare League of America during coffee which preceded the Fall Board meeting.

Report from MacDonell Fall Board meeting

Mrs. A. N. McIntyre, vice president, officiated at the Fall Board meeting MacDonell Methodist Center in the absence of Mr. Fred Davis, board president. Mr. Donald Dowling was in Houma doing a survey to determine the value of MacDonell to the community and to make recommendations for strengthening of service. After talking to heads of several social agencies, he concluded that MacDonell should continue and broaden its services to include more extensive services for families and children.

Child Welfare League of America is the agency that sets standards for good social work practice in the United States and Canada. The preliminary report to the board was complimentary, the quality of care at MacDonell was praised, the professionalizing of the agency commended, and the quality of professional staff recognized as meeting the criteria and standards recommended by Child Welfare League.

MacDonell is a home for children who for various reasons cannot live in their own homes. It was founded in 1919 by Miss Ella K. Hooper and has been helping in meeting the needs of children in Louisiana for more than 50 years.

— G. J. Bridges, ASCW
Executive Director

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Conference Treasurer's Report

as of December 1, 1971

	Apportioned	Paid	Balance
WORLD SERVICE/CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES			
Alexandria	$ 33,332.00	$ 23,371.00	$ 9,961.00
Baton Rouge	63,739.00	29,683.00	34,056.00
Hammond	31,453.00	22,270.00	9,183.00
Lafayette	41,026.00	27,186.00	13,840.00
Lake Charles	43,818.00	35,392.00	8,426.00
Monroe	47,468.00	28,377.00	19,091.00
Natchitoches	24,226.00	18,539.00	5,687.00
New Orleans	66,245.00	42,546.00	23,699.00
Ruston	33,471.00	27,168.00	6,303.00
Shreveport	68,854.00	43,255.00	25,599.00
Total	$ 453,632.00	$ 297,787.00	$ 155,845.00
PENSIONS			
Alexandria	35,632.00	26,653.00	8,979.00
Baton Rouge	69,977.00	33,688.00	36,289.00
Hammond	33,905.00	27,936.00	5,969.00
Lafayette	45,108.00	33,583.00	11,525.00
Lake Charles	45,230.00	37,523.00	7,707.00
Monroe	49,461.00	36,538.00	12,923.00
Natchitoches	26,721.00	20,466.00	6,255.00
New Orleans	77,855.00	44,600.00	33,255.00
Ruston	34,308.00	29,015.00	5,293.00
Shreveport	71,200.00	56,160.00	15,040.00
Total	$ 489,397.00	$ 346,162.00	$ 143,235.00

	Apportioned	Paid	Balance
CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION			
Alexandria	11,186.00	6,672.00	4,514.00
Baton Rouge	21,668.00	6,574.00	15,094.00
Hammond	10,945.00	6,629.00	4,316.00
Lafayette	13,997.00	6,281.00	7,716.00
Lake Charles	13,811.00	9,205.00	4,606.00
Monroe	14,594.00	9,060.00	5,534.00
Natchitoches	7,713.00	5,124.00	2,589.00
New Orleans	26,789.00	14,103.00	12,686.00
Ruston	10,208.00	7,570.00	2,638.00
Shreveport	21,180.00	12,949.00	8,231.00
Total	$ 152,091.00	$ 84,167.00	$ 67,924.00
EPISCOPAL			
Alexandria	3,034.00	2,554.00	480.00
Baton Rouge	5,900.00	3,141.00	2,759.00
Hammond	2,867.00	2,664.00	203.00
Lafayette	3,892.00	3,168.00	724.00
Lake Charles	3,919.00	3,375.00	544.00
Monroe	4,330.00	3,320.00	1,010.00
Natchitoches	2,343.00	1,989.00	354.00
New Orleans	6,144.00	4,542.00	1,602.00
Ruston	2,928.00	2,628.00	300.00
Shreveport	6,221.00	5,154.00	1,067.00
Total	$ 41,578.00	$ 32,535.00	$ 9,043.00

	Apportioned	Paid	Balance
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS			
Alexandria	13,606.00	10,049.00	3,557.00
Baton Rouge	27,118.00	14,573.00	12,545.00
Hammond	13,039.00	12,001.00	1,038.00
Lafayette	16,717.00	12,009.00	4,708.00
Lake Charles	16,251.00	13,337.00	2,914.00
Monroe	18,203.00	12,624.00	5,579.00
Natchitoches	10,598.00	8,943.00	1,655.00
New Orleans	30,916.00	19,872.00	11,044.00
Ruston	12,131.00	10,692.00	1,439.00
Shreveport	26,639.00	21,719.00	4,920.00
Total	$ 185,218.00	$ 135,819.00	$ 49,399.00
MINIMUM SALARY			
Alexandria	1,647.00	1,171.00	476.00
Baton Rouge	3,363.00	1,586.00	1,777.00
Hammond	1,594.00	1,255.00	339.00
Lafayette	2,208.00	1,590.00	618.00
Lake Charles	1,922.00	1,507.00	415.00
Monroe	2,173.00	1,564.00	609.00
Natchitoches	1,390.00	1,254.00	136.00
New Orleans	3,823.00	2,346.00	1,477.00
Ruston	1,339.00	1,215.00	124.00
Shreveport	3,157.00	2,474.00	683.00
Total	$ 22,616.00	$ 15,962.00	$ 6,654.00

NEWS and NOTES

BILL MANN, known among United Methodists of the South as "the Sweet Singer of Methodism" will present three gospel music concerts in the Alexandria area during January. Appearances will include: First Church, Boyce on Jan. 10, the Rev. C. D. Pinkard, host pastor; LeCompte United Methodist, Jan. 11, the Rev. Spiller Milton, pastor; Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria, Jan. 12, the Rev. Warren Blakeman, pastor. Each of the services is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and will be open to the public. Mann is also known as a top gospel singing recording artist.

THE JOINT CHOIRS of four churches in the Lakeview area of New Orleans presented Saint-Saens "Christmas Oratorio" on Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Other choirs were from St. Luke's United Methodist, Lakeview Baptist, and Grace Lutheran Churches. The groups were under the direction of Neal Tidwell.

PINEVILLE'S FIRST UNITED Methodist Church was host to the Chorale from Louisiana College at the 11 a.m. service, December 12. The 56 voices of the Chorale presented a varied program of Christmas music under the leadership of Dr. Donald E. Marcase, chairman of the college music department. The Rev. Richard Walton was host pastor.

Mrs. Jock Perry has been selected by the youth of Wesley Church, Sulphur, os the Outstanding Member of the Month. Mrs. Perry helped to organize Wesley ten years ogo. She ond her two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Hoffpouir ond Mrs. Sheldon Bertrond roised some of the first money for the building by preporing and serving o meal at $100 per plate, a feat which received notional publicity. Mrs. Perry served as the first WSCS president ond was aworded the first Life Membership pin. A former school teacher, Mrs. Perry believes in the importance of the church school and hos led in recruiting teochers for vocation school until this year.

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THE WESLEYAN BELL CHOIR of First Church, Lake Charles, presented a program in First United Methodist Church at Iowa on Wednesday night, December 15. The group also played at Pearl Watson Junior High School on December 17. Earlier appointments included DeQuincy United Methodist Church, Dec. 5, and First Baptist Church of Lake Charles, on Dec. 8.

THE TRINITY SUB-DISTRICT UMYF met in First Church, Lafayette, on Saturday, December 18, from 3-5 p.m. The Rev. Kenneth McDowell, district superintendent, was the speaker. Chipper Hamm is sub-district president.

THREE GUEST SOLOISTS assisted the Chancel Choir of First Church, Lafayette, in the presentation of Bach's "For Unto Us A Child Is Born," December 12. They were Mrs. Fred Shirley from Opelousas, Jerry Broussard and Cornell Pipkin.

THE MANSFIELD CHURCH Chancel Choir under the direction of Mrs. J. Warren Harris presented the cantata "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson, at the evening worship service December 19. Kathy Kemper and Mrs. J. C. Ferguson, Jr. accompanied the group. Following the service, three separate groups had fellowship: the young people at the parsonage, the children in fellowship hall, and the adults in an adjoining room. The Rev. George Harkins is pastor.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT in First Church, Alexandria, featured the dedication of the new harpsichord. Miss Frances Huffman played several sonatas on the instrument and the choir presented a special Latin American Folk Mass for Choir, Harpsichord and Percussion. The choir also sang a Christmas cantata for flutes and voices, with Miss Carole Martin and Randall Hageman accompanying. Mrs. Al Vahlkamp played organ music preceding the concert.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Jan. 2—Sunday	Matt. 2:10-15
Jan. 3	Luke 2:25-32
Jan. 4	Luke 2:33-40
Jan. 5	Luke 2:41-47
Jan. 6	Luke 2:49-52
Jan. 7	Mark 1:9-15
Jan. 8	Matt. 4:7-11
Jan. 9—Sunday	Matt. 5:17-20

SINGERS FROM SHREVEPORT'S First United Methodist Church participated in the Pageant of Peace on the White House lawn. The Chapel Choir, which includes the Handbell Ringers and Cheerful Givers, left for Washington, D.C. on Dec. 14 and returned home Saturday, Dec. 18.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS of Wesley United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches, both in DeRidder, presented a Christmas cantata in the Presbyterian Church Sunday night, December 12. The groups were under the direction of Mrs. Wayne Taylor, Wesley choir director. Ladies from both churches served refreshments afterwards.

MRS. HENRY B. SHEPARD, first vice-president of Greater New Orleans Church Women United, will fill out the remainder of the term of presidency of the late Mrs. James Thokey. Mrs. Shepard will also serve as second vice-president of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches by virtue of her office with CWU.

AT LEFT:
Receiving five-year perfect attendance pins at the Mer Rouge Sunday School ore Craig and Allison Moss. Gole Carter, at left, church school superintendent, makes the presentotion as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moss observe. The Rev. Larry Robertson is ot right.

AT RIGHT:
The Pearl River Arts ond Crafts Show was sponsored by the United Methodist Church ond held in the Town Holl. The Rev. Willis Dear, postor, ond Mrs. Jone Overstreet, choirman of the show, are shown with some of the items.

Sabine Index photo

Young people of the Pleosont Hill, Pelicon ond Mitchell United Methodist Churches are shown in o proyer circle during the recent Lay Witness Mission. Lindo ond Tim Moon from Shreveport were visiting witnesses, os were some youth from Mony.

Visiting witnesses at the recent Loy Witness Mission in Shongaloo Church ore shown obove. The weekend mission, held Dec. 10-12, wos coordinated by Jay Lawhon of McCrory, Ark. The Rev. James M. Corter reports "the church came olive for Jesus os the members studied, proyed, torried, and received power from on high, filled with the Holy Ghost."

COMMENT

Mrs. Kirkpatrick

When given an opportunity to begin again, how do you do it? With the coming together of two conferences, we have a new Louisiana Conference (and districts) Women's Society and Guild. Within a few weeks, we will begin a new year. There seems to be some parallel. We will remember much of the past and draw upon its reserves, for in it are our roots. We cannot, however, be limited by what we were. In many ways the new days will call for new decisions and we are free to make them in the light of the present and the future. We may dream our dreams of yesterday, but we are called upon to live our todays so that tomorrow they may be recalled with rejoicing because we have lived them in love and faith.

Through these days and months ahead we will, in some ways, be treading new paths; but our purpose will remain constant. We are the organized women of the church, dedicated to the mission of God as understood through Christ. Ours is a world task, and it begins as close as our own home. We cannot call ourselves successful if we fail in either place.

As a team, the Conference officers are dedicated to the concept of development through unity. In the next few weeks, through this paper, you will be meeting these women. As soon as mailing lists are completed, we will be writing your society or guild — and we will be seeing you in person as we move about the state.

May this be a good year for you. It will be if you want it enough to help it happen.

How shall we begin the new conference and the new year? With hope! Join us.

Joy and Peace,
Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick
President, Louisiana Conference

Laskey Fund grant goes to student at Perkins

The Rev. Claire Elaine Smith, Malvern, a probationary member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, has been announced as one of 21 recipients of grants from the Laskey Fund for Theological Education of Women, according to an announcement made at the recent meeting of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions at its meeting in Minneapolis.

She is a graduate of Hendrix College and is studying toward a master of theology degree at Perkins School of Theology.

The fund was established by the Women's Division in 1968 in the amount of $50,000 to honor Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., president of the Division from 1964 to 1968. Its announced purpose is "to make a contribution to the ecumenical movement" through theological training of women."

In announcing the grants, two Women's Division officials, Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, president, and Miss Theressa Hoover, associate general secretary, said: "More women are needed to pursue training in theological education. The insight of women can add a healthy quality to theological understanding about life, death and the meaning of personhood."

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Pictured here is a large photo of the Rev. John Sawyer Arbuthnot, a Methodist "Circuit rider" who was born July 24, 1806 and died Aug. 18, 1878. The photo hangs in the new Activities Building of First United Methodist Church in Hammond. It was presented to the church by Miss Ruth E. Nesom of Metairie, great granddaughter of the Greensburg Circuit Rider who served the Hammond area during the early days of the Methodist Church. Miss Nesom, now a member of Munholland Memorial Church in Metairie, was formerly a member of the Hammond Church.

Dr. D. L. McGuire, at left, and Mrs. McGuire, center, entertained ministers and wives of the Baton Rouge District at the district parsonage, Thursday evening, Dec. 9. Dr. Dana Dawson, 2nd from left, is shown presenting the McGuires a gift from the district. Sharing in the presentation are the Rev. W. C. August, pastor of Scott Chapel in Port Allen, and the Rev. Clarence Hillard, pastor of Mt. Zion ond St. Paul Churches in Clinton.

Lake Charles District ministers and wives held their Christmas banquet on Friday, Dec. 10 at First Church, Lake Charles. The Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, district superintendent, and Mrs. Williamson, hosts for the event are shown (right) with gifts presented to them by the Rev. Stone Caraway, on behalf of district ministers. Program participants included Mrs. James Ailor, Parsonettes' president, Mrs. R. R. Branton and Mrs. George Pearce. Mrs. E. O. Harrell of McNeese College faculty, gave the Christmas story in first person as Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Lafayette District ministers and wives held the Christmas party at the district parsonage. Hosts for the 66 persons ottending were the Rev. and Mrs. Ken McDowell, shown at left with the Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Bergeron, center, and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Taylor. Mrs. Bergeron is president of Lafoyette District Parsonettes.

Center photo: An atter-lunch discussion includes the Rev. Ed Haug, the Rev. R. M. Bentley, the Rev. Eldred Blakeley, the Rev. Fred Shirley and the Rev. Jerome Coin.

ABOVE: The Rev. George Ross enjoys a plate full of food as McDowell and the Rev. T. E. McElroy look on.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JANUARY 9: Our Compassionate Christ

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 5:27-32; 7:11-23; 36-50; 10:25-37

MEMORY SELECTION: Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentence." (Luke 5:31-32)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To reveal the compassionate concern which was at the heart of Jesus' character, and to gain an understanding of this concern as a pattern for our lives.

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It is natural that the physician Luke should want to communicate the compassion which he saw at the heart of Jesus' ministry. He presented him as one who was obsessed with the desire to reach out into the lives of the outcast and underprivileged and place there a spark of hope. Today the followers of Jesus are being challenged to demonstrate that they understand this spirit and that they are willing to go in his name to places of need.

In the presence of the need that is all around us, our compassionate Christ calls us to go in his name. When this challenge is heard and heeded today there are people who question whether there should be such an emphasis. Those who would minimize the social implications of the church's mission need to look at Luke's Gospel carefully and see how Jesus challenged the established structures of his day at those points where he saw the needs of people being neglected. He not only reached out a healing hand to alleviate distress when he saw it, but he also rebuked those who were a part of a system which was discriminatory.

As we seek to discover our mission as Christians today, we will find that there is much for us to do if we are willing to pray for the same spirit of compassion which motivated our Lord. Jesus still challenges people as he did in those days when he walked beside the Galilean Sea. He challenged Levi the publican to follow him and leave behind the practices which contributed to the hardships of many. He called the other disciples to leave their work and join him in a greater work. He ate with sinners and sought out the outcasts of society who were shunned by respectable people. Jesus challenged the stilted conformity to tradition that so characterized the religious establishment of his day.

Jesus also tried to alleviate as much physical suffering as he could. In the healing experiences described in today's lesson material we can see clearly that he did not use this divine power to attract a following. The miracles were his way of responding to a great need when he met it face-to-face. One writer has said: "While it is gloriously true that his basic mission was spiritual and redemptive, on his long journey to the cross he demonstrated the father's concern for the total person by countless deeds of love."

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DEMONSTRATING HIS CONCERN FOR LEVI

In Luke 5:27-32 we read of the way in which Jesus disregarded the great feeling which the people had against Levi because of his occupation as a tax collector for the despised Romans. (There is a parallel passage in Matthew 9:9-13 which is especially pertinent because Matthew was another name for Levi.)

This is one of the stories that we cannot fully understand unless we recall the system of collecting taxes which the Romans used. Persons submitted bids for the job and, once they had been named and given the full authority of the Roman government, they could charge exorbitant taxes and keep a large part of the money for themselves. Because the money collected went to the Roman establishment and because the taxes were thought to be so unfair and exorbitant, the tax collectors were especially detested by orthodox Jews. This was particularly true when one of their number sold out to the Romans and agreed to collect taxes from his own people. This is why we find the tax collector's title linked throughout the gospels with the worst kind of sinner—"an heathen man and a publican," "publicans and harlots," and "publicans and sinners."

Against the intensity of the prejudice concerning publicans, we can see the true nature of Jesus compassion in the acts of eating with Levi in his home and then expressing his confidence by calling him to join him as a disciple. To the Jews of his day it was bad enough to ask Levi to be a disciple and still worse that Levi invited him into his home as a guest. It is interesting to note the way in which they carried their antipathy into their social life, holding that the most shameful thing Jesus and his disciples could do was to eat and have friendly fellowship with such a group.

The established religious community has so often found it impossible to include the social outcast in the circle of their concern. However, Jesus saw such a situation as the background for fulfilling his life's mission. When his critics asked, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered them by saying, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Dr. Walter Russell Bowie reminds us in The Interpreter's Bible that: "Whenever the fellowship of Jesus as expressed in the Christian church lets that supreme motive slip away, it is no longer Christian."

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HELP FOR A TROUBLED MOTHER

Luke also had a great deal to say about the status of women and was anxious to honor them to every possible occasion. Luke 7:11-17 tells the poignant story of the raising from the dead of the son of a widow of Nain. Luke tells the story simply, but leaves no doubt as to why he included it.

Jesus reached the city just as the funeral procession was leaving. The mother was walking ahead of the open casket. As he came to her he expressed his sympathy for her loss. Then he ordered the bearers to stop and he addressed the deceased as though he were alive.

There are two things to notice about this story. First, Jesus did not act in response to a cry for help or a profession of faith. What he did was a gesture of pure sympathy for a distressed woman. How often we look for the meeting of prior conditions before we reaeh out our hands to help. Compassion does not limit itself to a particular class of people nor does it wait for certain conditions to be met before we reach out our hands to help. Then, having restored the young man to life he did not call him to follow him as one of his disciples, but gave him back to his mother in order that he might once again support her. His whole purpose in this miracle was to exhibit concern in the face of human tragedy.

We are told that fear seized all the people when they saw what had taken place. Frequently we read in the Bible that fear is the reaction to the demonstration of the divine power. Often this fear is paralyzing, but sometimes it causes us to seek the means by which we might also become the channel of divine power. When we see the hand of God at work in any great deed the result is a wholesome fear that draws us in the direction of God.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says: "The person who laments the misfortunes of others yet does not seek to alleviate them is only shedding crocodile tears. This kind of indulgence in sentimentality has a show of religious concern but actually holds back the coming of the Kingdom; it is not compassion."

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APPRECIATION FOR THE GRACIOUS ACT OF A SINNER

A third story which demonstrates the compassion of Jesus is recorded in Luke 7:36-50. It gives us another view of this deep feeling which he had for people. The setting is in the home of Simon the Pharisee and tells of the woman who entered and broke an alabaster jar of precious ointment and anointed the feet of the Master.

Dr. John Knox, writing in The Interpreter's Bible calls this story one of the most beautiful and appealing in the gospels, and one of the most characteristically Lukan. He says: "Many of the important and distinctive interests of this writer are expressed in it—Jesus' sociability and enjoyment of hospitality; his sympathy with the lowly, and in particular with women; his love toward sinners; and the forgiveness of sins."

Luke apparently included the story in his gospel to explain not why the woman was forgiven, but why she loved. Her acts of devotion were a sincere challenge to all the men in the room to re-examine their own feeling of him. Sensing the adverse criticism around the table, Jesus used the occasion to tell a parable which pointed out that there is greater repentance when a great sin has been forgiven. Reading between the lines, we get the impression that he did not really think that the sin for which the woman was guilty was as great as the sin of callous judgment of which the men around the table were all guilty. The proud Pharisee had no sense of guilt and therefore realized no need of forgiveness. The convicted woman knew the depth of her iniquity and the greatness of her pardon. Dr. Donald F. Ackland says: "Hardhearted people such as Simon will never understand the Godlike compassion that condescends to the fallen and lifts them up to become children of the highest."

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MANY SIDES OF JESUS' NATURE

Today's lesson reveals a number of characteristics of Jesus that were greatly admired by Luke. As he spells them out for us, he is saying clearly to us that we have a great responsibility to see the people in our time that are in need of Christian concern and to do something about it.

The challenging nature of Jesus' appeal to men is vividly seen in the calling of Levi. Here was a man of considerable influence in his community, and Jesus demonstrated that he had a need for his talents. Levi followed Jesus openly and used all of his talents to witness for him. Jesus still calls men to his service today. It is encouraging that many outstanding laymen are finding a new meaning to Christian discipleship and witnessing for him today.

Luke points out that Jesus' course of action touched off criticism. It was in the midst of this that he was able to spell out the true nature of his mission—that he had not come to call the righteous to a new life—but sinners. The Pharisaic doctrine of separation from all contact with evil and all sinners was, Jesus felt, wrong. He moved among such people constantly, and we should not forget that it was of such that he built his church.

Again we should return in closing to the emphasis on the compassion of Jesus—his real concern to heal human hurts. Jesus' heart went out to people, and it was through his interposition in human problems that his sonship with God was revealed. Can we be with Jesus unless we, too, face up to the needs and hurts of people?

The Missionary Child in Rhodesia —A Dilemma

by Sue Messenger

Mrs. Messenger is the wife of Franklin H. Messinger, a lay co-missionary worker in Rhodesia . . . both now on furlough with their five children while Messinger attends St. Paul Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. and pastors the United Methodist Church in Camden, Mo. Mrs. Messinger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan of Shreveport, active members of the North Highlands United Methodist Church. The Messingers' mailing address is Box 85, Camden, Mo. 64017.

Missionary parents always have difficult decisions to make concerning the welfare of their children. Questions of adequate schooling and housing must be dealt with. But in Rhodesia, and all of Southern Africa, the questions are becoming more and more difficult.

The missionary in Rhodesia is white — therefore his children are treated as privileged, superior children. Their schools are large, tree shaded campuses with lush lawns and gardens. Laboratory equipment and textbooks are provided, although these are much below U.S. standards. Following the British tradition, education is basic and strict, and there is special emphasis on sports and on individual development. Education for the white child is provided by the government from the age of five and is compulsory to age sixteen. A high percentage are able to go on to college—either in Rhodesia, South Africa, or elsewhere.

The white child in Rhodesia is used to a carefree existence centered around school, sports, and — in town — the cinema. He associates with other white children, lives among whites, and goes to school with whites. Often the only black Africans he comes in contact with are laborers and domestic help.

In stark contrast to the world of the missionary child is that of the child of the missionary's colleagues. African children have inadequate facilities for school. Their parents must buy their own books, build their own schools, furnish their own classrooms. Recently they have also begun to provide a percentage of their teachers' salaries. There is tremendous competition among African children for a place in school. Their whole interest is devoted to academic attainment. They have little time for frivolous activities. Because of the lack of facilities, only a few of those African children starting school will finish secondary school. Competition is stiff, as every year the class becomes smaller and smaller. African children take the same exams as white children, yet the textbooks are different and inferior, and the teachers are not as well trained. Any spare time is spent in manual labor helping poor parents raise large families. The picture is depressing.

Despite the fact that Africans outnumber whites nearly twenty to one in Rhodesia, the African is the "minority group" in terms of being underprivileged. He lives in a much smaller house than the white person. In the cities he is forced to live in a crowded "township" area of rented low cost housing, often in slum condition. These living areas and provisions are set by law. Most teenagers have nothing to do—no school and no work.

How does the missionary parent grapple with these issues? How does he feel when his child comes home with racist or bigoted views picked up from his classmates? How does he create opportunities for his children to make African friends? What does he do about irate neighbors following a multiracial social gathering he hosted?

Within the past year several national events have made it even tougher for children of missionaries in Rhodesia. Last October the entire school system in Rhodesia was made to observe Pioneer Day ceremonies. Since this day signifies the beginning of white suppression for the Africans, many missionary parents decided not to allow their children to attend school for this ceremony. The effects were devastating. In one school where missionary children held positions of leadership, the absence was noted with disgust and there followed a decision that no missionary child could hold any elected office in the school or clubs. This became a real heartache for the missionary teens. "Why do I have to be treated badly?" "I didn't choose to be a missionary, my parents did!" Due to the mounting church-state conflict, missionary children are being discriminated against more and more.

Yet, in many ways missionary children are missionaries themselves — acting as true reconcilors. A calm reasoned word here, a witness of friendship with an African there, an assurance about physical safety when walking in an African Township, or a Christian witness someplace else. Every day, in many small yet significant ways, the missionary child is influencing the white citizens of tomorrow's Rhodesia.

On the one hand, missionary children as a whole have a negative witness with the Africans as representing part of the privileged elite; on the other hand, they are serving as a real bridge between peoples when often their parents have no such "in" with the white society. It is possible the indigenous church tolerates missionary children—whatever their witness—because of the need for their parents. Not only missionary parents, but the church as well, must study the pros and cons of allowing missionary children to continue to live with the privileged few—but witnessing both to the white children and to the black. Is their positive Christian witness worth the possible corruption of their outlook on other races? Or should parents and church bear the added cost of sending them out of the country to multiracial schools?

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Aid to elderly studied

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — An action plan to aid older persons by providing services to them in their own homes was approved here November 12 by a United Methodist Interboard Staff Committee on Health and Welfare.

The goal of the plan, which has been submitted to five United Methodist boards for approval, is to make needed services available to all older people wherever they may live and to give older people an opportunity to make a contribution to society if they desire. "Only about 5 per cent of the United States, older population is being cared for in institutions. . . . There is a tremendous need to serve the other 95 per cent," said Miss Virginia Stafford Board of Education staff member and a member of the Interboard Committee.

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President commends United Methodist missionary project

NEW YORK (UMI) — President Nixon has commended a college student-airplane pilot who flew three small planes solo across the Atlantic this fall to Zaire (Congo) for use by United Methodist flying missionaries.

The President told Rex Damschroder, Fremont, Ohio, in a letter that "your generous concern for others and your willingness to contribute in such a meaningful way to these missionaries merit the admiration of every American." Mr. Damschroder is an experienced ferry pilot and a student at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University. He piloted three single-engine Cessna 180s, named Phoenix I, II and III, on 61-hour, 8,000-mile trans-Atlantic ferry flights.

The planes are being used for such varied service as carrying the sick to hospitals, taking mission workers to field assignments, getting representatives to church meetings, and carting supplies and equipment in and out of bush country. Harry Greenberg, New York, associate treasurer of the World Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, said Phoenix I, II and III are "doing needed jobs of all kinds" and are serving as "enablers of mission." Provided by United Methodists through the Advance Special plan of missionary giving, the planes are piloted by flying missionaries William Davis, Kenneth Enright and Fay Smith.

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the British scene

by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

I am not sure whether it is a myth that one of the great aspects of British life for Americans is the Royal Scene. At least people in Britain believe that it is whether people in America do or not.

At all events when the Changing of the Guard takes place and the broad Mall up to Buckingham Palace is jammed with traffic the American accent is clearly noticeable.

Once upon a time the mystique of Royalty was such that one assumes that people believed that, Royal Parsonages like folk in a fairy tale, lived on love and air. Certainly in good Queen Victoria's day when, it is said, modest ladies put mini skirts upon piano legs because they felt that modesty must be carried out to a logical conclusion, any public discussion of how Royalty gained or spent its money would have been considered to be improper.

Not so today. In the Open Society government means to introduce a resolution to double the Queen's income and to increase amounts of money paid to other principal members of the Royal family. This will mean that the Queen will receive almost a million pounds a year and the Queen Mother and other members of the Royal family will have increases which add up to very considerable sums of money. The argument rages fast and furious. On the one hand those who see a need for an increase point out that there has not been an increment for a very long time and those who are against it make noises about such high sums of money being made available to the Palace. Perhaps the most vocal objector is Mr. William Hamilton Labour M.P. for West Fife who thinks that the request for a review of money for the Queen 'represents the most insensitive and brazen pay claim made in the last 200 years'.

All kinds of fascinating side lines appear. Would you have known for instance that the Queen's mail runs to 120 letters a day? That she is a "Practical Farmer" with 5,000 acres to worry about. That two or three hours of every day of her life is spent in reading memos for the Cabinet and reports from the Commonwealth. The Duke of Edinburgh, her husband, last year had no fewer than 807 official engagements and Princess Anne is now averaging 140 public appearances a year.

Television has brought the Royal Family closer into everyones lives and even those who grudgingly admit that they have a real role to play also think that a President or similar Head of State would not only be a dubious change for the Queen but also might be just as expensive.

It is all very disillusioning. Royalty has stepped out of the picture frame of fairyland into the hard economic world of 1971 and it seems that even in the glittering State Coach with the Guards standing at attention you only get what you pay for.

. . . Program Council directors . . . By Arthur West

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — What person is supposed to combine the skills of a coordinator, an interpreter, an enabler, an administrator, a resource broker and an innovator? And at the same time to have the gracious gifts of reconciler with ability to diagnose and solve all problems at the drop of a hat?

Answer: an annual conference program council director.

At least this was one impression gleaned from attending the National Fellowship of Conference Program Directors of the United Methodist Church, meeting here Dec. 6-9.

As the directors faced up to what seems to be expected of them by their constituencies, these were some of the answers given. Obviously along with such abilities as organizing and directing a staff and being a planning expert, the program council director needs to have most of the qualities of a seer and a saint.

Some 70 program council directors, along with about 25 district superintendents and a score of executives of general boards, explored their roles and sharpened their skills at the three-day meeting.

The Rev. Dale Pitcher of Bloomington, Ill., chairman of the Fellowship, welcomed the group and presided at the opening and closing sessions. Dr. Pitcher is program director of the Central Illinois Conference.

Serving as leader of the group's activities and thinking during three plenary sessions was Professor Charles H. Ellzey of Naperville, Ill. Dr. Ellzey is director of the Center for Parish Development at Evangelical Theological Seminary and is an associate in the training and consulting network of the National Training Laboratories Institute of Applied Behavioral Science.

Other principal speakers included the Rev. Virgil Wesley Sexton of Dayton, assistant general secretary for planning in the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning; the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick and the Rev. Paul McCleary of Evanston, Ill., chairman and staff executive, respectively, of the Structure Study Commission; and the Rev. Glenn Evans of Nashville, Tenn., Department of New Life Ministries of the General Board of Evangelism.

One evening was devoted largely to a presentation by the Rev. Gene Carter of Dayton, staff member of the Division of Television, Radio and Film Communications (TRAFCO) of the Program Council, who reported on 21 telephone and face-to-face interviews with program directors in all of the church's five jurisdictions relative to communications and relationships between annual conference personnel and general agency personnel.

Following Dr. Carter's presentation, there was opportunity for the directors to confer with executives of the several boards and agencies about matters of mutual concern.

Those attending were able to attend three of a wide variety of interest groups on such practical topics as "Emerging New Styles of Conference Programs and Structures," "How Do We Work With the Local Church?" and "Effective Use and Assignment of Personnel."

Leaders of interest groups included the Rev. Robert Clemmons of Nashville, assistant for program design and coordination, Division of the Local Church, Board of Education; Dr. Sexton; Dr. Kirkpatrick; Dr. McCleary; Dr. Riddle; the Rev. Wayne M. Lindecker, Jr., Nashville, executive director of the Section of Services to Designated Leaders, Division of the Local Church.

Also, the Rev. Paul V. Church, Dayton, general secretary of the Program Council; the Rev. Donald App, Denver, Colo., program director of the Rocky Mountain Conference; the Rev. Clay Lee, program director of the Mississippi Conference, Jackson; the Rev. Austin R. Whitmore, Columbus, Ohio, program director of West Ohio Conference; the Rev. J. Woodrow Hearn, Shreveport, program director of the Louisiana Conference; and Dr. Pitcher.

In addition to Dr. Pitcher, presiding officers at the several sessions were the Rev. Earl W. Riddle, Portland, Ore., program director of the Oregon-Idaho Conference; the Rev. Wayne E. Shoemaker of Des Moines, program director of the Iowa Conference; and the Rev. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., Dayton, assistant general secretary for coordination in the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning.

Chairman of the program committee was the Rev. S. Duane Bruce of Lubbock, Texas, who also led the opening worship service. Dr. Bruce is program director for the Northwest Texas Conference.

On the eve of the meeting, the group was greeted and welcomed to Dayton by staffs of the general agencies having offices at the United Methodist building, 601 West Riverview Avenue.

BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL

The funeral service for retired Methodist Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 86, was held Dec. 1 in Atlanta, Ga. A native of Holly Grove, N.C., he died Nov. 29. A second funeral service was held Dec. 2 in West End Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and the burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in that city.

He was elected a bishop in 1948 after serving for a number of years as pastor of West End Church, Nashville. He had also served pastorates in Raleigh, N.C., Durham, N.C., Wilson, N.C., Norfolk, Va., Richmond, Va. and Atlanta, Ga.

He was widely known for his work in church organization and his studies of the Bible and worship. He served as Bishop of the Charlotte Area from 1948 to 1956. After his retirement he became a professor at Emory University's Chandler School of Theology where he taught courses in worship, church polity and discipline and preaching until two years ago.

Bishop Harrell entered the ministry in 1911 when he was ordained a Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was a leader in that denomination before the merger into The Methodist Church in 1939.

The Bishop's wife, the former Amy Patton Walden of Athens, Ga., died three years ago. He is survived by four nieces and one nephew.

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METHODIST INFORMATION LEADER NAMED TO DISCIPLES PANEL

INDIANAPOLIS (RNS)—Dr. Arthur West, executive secretary of United Methodist Information, has been named one of seven advisers to the Office of Communication of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

He is the first non-Disciple to serve on the panel. Dr. West, whose offices are in Dayton, was selected by Disciples Moderator Walter D. Bingham.

Mrs. James R. Craddock of Centralia, Ill., is chairman of the advisory group.

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Archives and History Commission approves plan for new center

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UMI) — Approval of Nashville, Tenn., as a new center for the archives of the United Methodist Church was announced here Dec. 2 at the annual meeting of the denomination's Commission on Archives and History.

The decision was the culmination of a three-year study by a special subcommittee on the location of the archives and a mail ballot which overwhelmingly favored consolidation of the Commission's present depositories at Lake Junaluska, N. C., and Dayton, Ohio, into one central archives and history center in Nashville, Tenn. The proposal calls for leasing floor space in the present Board of Evangelism building at 1908 Grand Avenue in Nashville.

Professor Frank Baker of Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C., headed the six-man committee which drew up criteria for the selection of a site and sifted seventeen applications before recommending Nashville.

A separate proposal to be submitted to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta calls for the establishment of a sixteenth historic shrine to include the community of Oxford, Georgia, and Emory College there as "a cluster of historic significance."

Action by the Commission was prompted by a petition from the North Georgia Conference, which calls attention to the unique establishment of a Methodist College, chartered in 1836, in a location which subsequently became "a Methodist-tinctured town." The document calls attention to "the symbolic significance of Oxford as a center of Methodism in the South", to identification of some 23 historic sites which have been organized into a walking tour in the Oxford community, and to the cemetery as the resting place of several bishops and other church leaders of the past.

The Rev. John H. Ness, Jr., executive secretary of the Commission, pointed out that the decision to locate in Nashville could be altered by subsequent action of the 1972 General Conference relative to restructuring general boards and agencies.

Court issues new ruling on Publishing House property

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Tennessee State Court of Appeals has ruled that Methodist Publishing House equipment and buildings here which do not "exclusively" promote "religious belief and worship in accordance with the doctrine and practices of the United Methodist Church" are to be taxed.

The decision, written by Judge Henry F. Todd and affirmed by Judges James W. Parrott and Charles Nearn, overturned a ruling by the Chancery Court that allowed the taxes on church property to be prorated according to that portion of the church business not related to strictly religious purposes.

John E. Procter, president and publisher, said the latest ruling will very likely be appealed to the State Supreme Court. "We will seek the advice of legal counsel and the members of the United Methodist General Board of Publication before making this decision," he stated.

The tax issue began in 1969 when Metropolitan Nashville Tax Assessor Clifford Allen placed an assessment for taxation of nearly $5 million on two buildings and personal property owned by the Publishing House in Nashville.

The case was ordered back to the State Board of Equalization so it could be decided what equipment and portions of buildings are used exclusively to promote United Methodist beliefs and, therefore, are not taxable.

The latest ruling, however, says any buildings in which strictly religious and non-religious activities are carried on simultaneously are to be taxed. If it can be shown that the non-religious activity is limited to a certain portion of the structure, then only that portion would be taxed.

Any equipment — a printing press, for example—would be subject to taxation if it is used at any time for a purpose not exclusively related to promoting that church's doctrine.

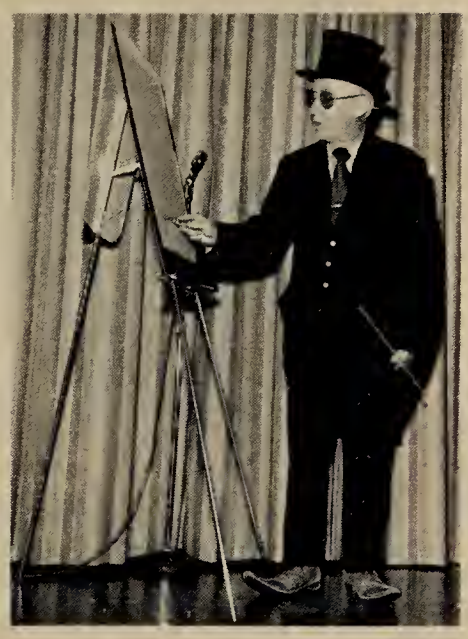
The ruling said that Methodist Publishing House property is to be taxed unless the activities are "properly restricted to the production and distribution of that literature which is inherently Methodist literature, prepared and distributed to instill and propagate Methodist doctrine."

The specific guidelines set down by the three-judge panel may establish a precedent in court determination of taxing church-related property, depending on the outcome of the expected appeal.

For the first time in Tennessee, the court also upheld the State Board of Equalization's contention that the religious activity must apply to a particular faith before it is eligible for a tax exemption. The court noted that many private businesses are engaged in producing materials of a general religious nature and both must be considered in the same light.

–TOWN TALK Photos

ABOVE: The Advent scene at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria included wreath and banners to mark the season. For the first time in the history of the church, its membership has oversubscribed its operating budget–this year's goal, $190,000. At latest count pledges amounted to $198,-000. RIGHT: Dr. Bentley Sloane, pastor of the Alexandria church donned oversized shoes which he designed during college days, as he presented skit at recent "fun night" at the church.



Members of the choirs of First Baptist, First United Methodist, First Presbyterian and Calvary Baptist Churches of Homer photographed during joint rehearsal for the cantata, "Night of Miracles" by Peterson, which they presented at First United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 19.

SIMPSON CHURCH NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

Bobby Marshall, a pre-ministerial student and freshman psychology major at McNeese State University, has been named as director of youth ministries at Simpson United Methodist Church in Lake Charles. He succeeds Miss Mickey Rentrop who filled the post for three years.

Marshall was 1971 valedictorian at Hathaway High School, and achieved the Eagle rank in scouting. He served as president of his church's Youth Fellowship, and is currently vice-president of the MeNeese Wesley Foundation Student Council.

A three-year sports letterman, Marshall will initiate participation in the Church Basketball League, and plans include the organizing of handbell choirs. The Rev. Stone Caraway is minister at Simpson.

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Dr. Thomas J. Kerr, IV, has been installed as the 18th president of United Methodist-related Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio.

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The prize-winning float fashioned by the United Methodist Youth Fellowship at Springhill for the recent Annual Springhill Christmas Parade. The second place winner which used the theme, "Infant Holy" earned $50 in cash for the group. The Rev. William F. May is pastor of the Springhill Church.

Methodist Children's Home

(Memorials list continued)

MRS. W. C. COOKSTON
by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kelley & Family
MAX ALLEN
by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kelley & Family
DEBORAH HALL
by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kelley & Family
FRED UTLEY
by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kelley & Family
MRS. ADA CLARY
by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kelley & Family
JOHN DUNN
by Mr.& Mrs. James O.Webb
MRS. ROSA TURNBOUGH
by Bill Zimmerman Family
HENRY L. HINCKLEY
by Mr. & Mrs. Willie Allen
MRS. SUSIE DUPREE
by Mrs. Fern C. Reid Family
ADRIAN GRAY
by Mrs. Fern C. Reid Family
RUTH MORRIS' FAMILY
by Mrs. Fern Reid
REV. J. B. McCANN
by Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Barr III
GEORGE ESKERINE
by Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Robinson
MRS. J. C. KELLY
by Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Robinson
MRS. KATE MARTIN
by Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Robinson
MRS. KENT THOMPSON
by Dr. & Mrs. J. T. Thompson
MRS. NELLIE P. KILPATRICK
by Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Posey, Jr.
JACK OLMSTED
by His Wife and Children
GEORGE T. HEARD
by Mrs. H. B. Maxwell, Mr.& Mrs. John Maxwell, Mr.& Mrs. J.D. Naremore
HOUSTON H. LACOBEE, SR.
by Dorothy Cook
MRS. ADDIE ROGERS
by Alexma Discb Gill
MRS. NELLIE KILPATRICK
by The Family of Mr. & Mrs. D.M. Stovall, Sr.
by Mr. & Mrs. F. Thorn-Thomsen
by Officers & Directors of Pioneer Bank & Trust Co., Shreveport
by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Chadick
by Mrs. James S. Reily
by Dr. & Mrs. Keith Mason, Sr.& Jr.
B. N. JOHNSON
by Mrs. Price Calhoun
NEWTON B. BADGETT
by Corbin UMC
NETTLES WALES
by The Josie O'Brien Church School Class, Ethel, La.
W. B. COLE
by Mr. & Mrs. Manfred Gustafson, & Mr.& Mrs. Bob Gaumnitz
MRS. CARRIE GRIMMETT
by Mrs. Maud Tinsley
SAMUEL BALLARD SWEENEY
by Mrs. Maud Tinsley
MRS. IRENE NORSWORTHY
by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hussey
TOMMY & BARBARA WINN
by Rachel Boies
STEWART C. SMITH
by Mrs. F. T. McKinnon
MRS. OLA ELEY
by Mr. & Mrs. D.B. Chance & Mr. & Mrs. Jack O'Niell
MRS. M. DeVILLE
by Glenmora W.S.C.S.
MRS. J. W. HINES
by Minnie B. Tracey
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One Year with Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation

by Mark and Lillie Tullos

I am looking back today, back over a thousand experiences held together in the framework of twelve months, three hundred sixty-five days of service with LMCF. Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation . . . an arm into high schools, colleges, civic Clubs, shopping centers, jails, hospitals . . . wherever people are working, playing, learning, or being rehabilitated.

As I turn mental pages back through a myriad of experiences, some are bright and beautiful accounts, while others reek with the stark reality of the ugliness of sin.

Here is one that is set in the damp, dark solemnness of the parish jail. A group of teenagers, mere children as I look into their faces, have been brought in on dope charges. As I speak to them, they immediately "turn me off". But quickly "tune in" as the tape recorder begins a fast number. Oh, so familiar are they with the tempo, for they immediately recognize it as rock. Then we begin to sing, but our songs are not familiar rock words. Still they listen as we sing of the Rock of Ages, Friend of the Friendless, Lover of men's souls. Only briefly am I able to speak to them about a definite commitment of life.

Weeks fly by, and as I stand to present a patriotic program in a local shopping center in this same town, I look into the sea of faces and my eyes fall on one. Animated with excitement, the young man presses toward the inner circle.

"Sir, do you remember me? I'm one of the boys from the jail. I took Christ as my Savior that night. Simultaneous with my decision the judge gave me a new lease on life too. I've enlisted in the army. Thanks, and goodby!"

How reluctantly I turn the page. Yet another story claims my attention. And what a jubilant scene it presents.

"Say, what can we do with this stuff? We've all made commitments to a new Life today and so what's with this?"

The "stuff" referred to was a whole case of beer, cleverly concealed in the back of a pick-up truck. A case of beer and a gang of teenagers . . . what a combination for reaping disaster!

"Well, why not have a beer bust . . . a real one?" I replied. What a hilariously exciting experience . . . as each case is opened and poured in a most appropriate place . . . the bathroom sink!

Now a story of adult appeal catches fast in my mind. I see standing before me once more a mother with lovely but anxious face. "My daughter left us one year ago. On the last day of the month we carried her to the hospital and on the next day, she was with us no more. Leukemia had claimed her earthly life. Though I try very hard to avoid it, on the last day of every month, I mentally get into that ambulance, ride with her to the hospital and re-live the events that followed. Until this month . . . I attended this rally on the last day of the month and continued to come the next three evenings. Here I gained strength to look upward instead of backward!"

In the next story the principal character is a young, tall, dark-haired girl. "I came here tonight because my whole life has been geared to astrology. My reading for today was that I would meet some one exciting that would change my whole life. Since the day had almost come to a close and I'd not encountered anyone special or unusual, I came to this meeting still searching . . . and here I found Him. The One who can change my life . . . Jesus Christ!"

As these stories, full of varied emotions, continue to unfold, I remember my childhood. Almost invariably when reading an exciting book, the temptation overwhelmed me to turn to the final page and read the conclusion.

Praise God! I don't have to do that for this great adventure of life. I have been privileged to know the magnificent climax. . . . "And the Devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire. . . . And there were great voices in heaven saying "The kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER.

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Government authorities estimate that Americans will spend well over Twenty-two Billion Dollars on alcohol this year. The amazing and shameful fact is at least 40% of this expenditure will take place between Thanksgiving and New Years Day to "celebrate" Christmas.

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As tragic as the drug use in our public schools, let us never forget about alcohol. Seventy-one percent of these youth use alcoholic beverages. Did you know adults and youth consumed 345,000,000 gallons of spirits; 205,000,000 gallons of wine; and 111,000,000 barrels of beer in one year? Is it any wonder our young people this Christmas are smoking "pot" and drinking alcoholic beverages as the best way to have FUN during the Christmas Holidays. Their parents do!

FROM LEFT: the Rev. Oda W. Roberts, pastor of Culbertson Baptist Church, Farmerville, La., and coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Alert Program for Union Parish; the Rev. Leon C. Scott, pastor of Farmerville United Methodist Church and president of Union Parish Ministerial Alliance.

Union Parish Drug Alert

The Union Parish Drug Alert, under the direction of The Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, was held December 2-6. Any way you look at it —it was a success!

On December 2, 1971, Mr. Bob Anderson, Youth Director for Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, arrived to begin a most stimulating drug program in the schools of Union Parish. On December 3 Mr. Anderson continued his schedule in the schools. Monday, December 6, he was joined by Mr. Mark Tullos as they concluded their program that was presented in every school in the parish. Over 3,000 young people were reached through this series of assemblies. Many have said that it was one of the most helpful programs that has ever come to Union Parish. The response of the youth and faculties was most rewarding.

On Sunday, December 5, Bob Anderson and Dr. Mark Lower spoke in eight different churches, reaching many adults (parents) with a most timely message. They brought love, concern, conviction, and inspiration to our people.

Then came the rain and the rally! In the rain the Farmerville High School Auditorium was rushed by an over capacity crowd of young people! The school cafeteria was filled with adults. Over 1,000 people attended this remarkable program. The rally could be spelled SUCCESS!

Inspiration and entertainment was brought to us by the Foundation Singers. It is a blessing to be around this group of talented youth. Miss Carol Lynn Almand, Miss Louisiana of 1970 and George Stone, of the Atlanta Braves, touched every heart with their convincing remarks and dedicated spirit.

Dr. Philip Jobe, Northeast Louisiana University Professor, was leader of the Medical Panel that met with the adults.

Those responsible for the program were more than pleased. The Steering Committee was composed of Stein Baughman, Jr., Chiles Carpenter, Van Salley, Rep. James P. Smith, and Lavelle Silman. The Rev. Leon Scott is president of the Union Parish Ministerial Alliance and the Rev. Oda W. Roberts served as the Coordinator of the program.

We feel that seed were planted and directions given to many youth and valuable information to our adults that will continue to help them to steer clear of the problem and destruction of drugs and alcohol.

We appreciate the fine cooperation of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation and the fine program and approach that they use in their alerts.
Oda W. Roberts, Coordinator
Union Parish Alert Program
Leon C. Scott, President
Union Parish Ministerial Alliance

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IN RE: THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM

ALCOHOL IS:

—The fourth major American problem. Some contend it is closer to first place.
—The third leading cause of death.
—40% of all arrests associated with alcohol. One third of all arrests are for simple drunk.
—75% of marriages break up because of alcohol.
—33⅓% of suicides are alcohol related. (50% in New Orleans).
—Alcohol addiction is No. 1 social problem.
—7% of the driving population cause 50% to 70% of all auto accidents.
—75% of delinquents in Caddo Parish have alcoholic father or mother.
—130,000 alcoholics in Louisiana. Increasing at rate of 3,500 per year.

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